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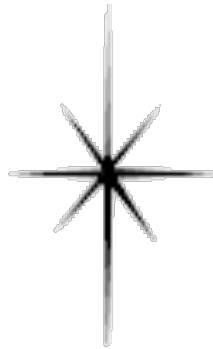


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Good Shepherd E-News (4 January 2018)

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio--seeking to know and serve Christ in loving service to the campus, the community, and the world.

This Sunday: 7 January 2018



First Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite I

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite II-A

Upcoming Church Events

Prayer Shawl - Tuesday, January 9,
home of Jude Pizzolato

Free Lunch - Wednesday, January 10, noon

Second Sunday Brunch - Sunday, January 14, noon

Free Lunch - Wednesday, January 17, noon

Vestry - Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m., Hobson

Prayer Shawl - Tuesday, January 23,
home of Stephanie Goldsberry

Free Lunch - Wednesday, January 24, noon

Free Lunch - Wednesday, January 31, noon

Annual Meeting - Sunday, February 18,
following 10:30 a.m. service

From our friends
in St. Luke's
Episcopal Church
in Mérida,
Mexico.

"José's Weekly
Reflection"

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Godspeed to Parishioners Journeying to St. Luke's in Merida.



Please pray for the safe travel and good relationship building for our parishioners who are continuing our growing friendship with a new Episcopal parish in Merida, Mexico.

<https://stlukesmerida.org/>

The parishioners traveling to Merida are: David Burton, Phyllis and Dick Dean, Zella Nisley, Marsha Dutton, Chris Eaton, April Knox, and Jonathan Sweeny.

We can't wait to hear about their experience when they return!

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Baptism of Jesus

This Sunday is the day the Church remembers how Jesus began his ministry. He didn't begin with a ceremony, a party, or a seminar. He began his ministry with baptism, with the washing away of the sins of the world. In honor of this day, we will all renew the vows we made (or were made for us) at our baptisms, for as it says on page 292 in the Book of Common Prayer, "we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life." Therefore, as the calendar year begins anew, and we recall how Jesus began his work in the world, we will (as the Prayer Book suggests on page 312) start this new year by renewing our promises to keep living into the work Jesus started for us to follow in our ministries and in our lives. The Renewal of Baptismal Vows will take the place of the Nicene Creed.

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday, Jan 7 2018 - First Sunday after the Epiphany

Altar Guild: Sally Spero and Hailey Luellhoff

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Dana and Richard Carlson

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant: The Rev. Leslie Fleming

Lector: Joanne Larson

Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Zella Nisley

Eucharistic Ministers: Gregory Proctor and Allyn Reilly

Ushers:

First Crucifer: Sharon Huge

Lessons: for Epiphany 1 - Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29 (sung); Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11. <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Please Include in Your Prayers

In our world, we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, and for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; we pray for peace with justice throughout the Middle East. We pray for all people affected by natural and environmental disasters. We pray also for the people who are suffering from war, especially all refugees. We pray for Donald, our president, and John, our Governor, the Supreme Court, and the members of Congress.

In our diocese, we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop.

In our parish, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Associate Priests, the Rev. Leslie Flemming, the Rev. Katharin Foster, and the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray for our friends at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Jackie, Linda, Pam, Jill and family, Jane, Louise, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Chris, Sally, Ted, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Ann, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Emma, Sharon, Bill, Ron, Clif, William, Ernst, Monya, Patricia, Julie, Paul, David, Robert, Holly, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, The Spero family, Ann, Elliot, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Laura, Anne Walker and family, Arvin, Sandi, June, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Julie Spero (1/7), Sophia Karageorge (1/7), Ella Cottrill (1/12), Emilie Walker (1/13)

Anniversaries: Deborah Woolsey and Michael Luelloff (1/7)

Gospel

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Mark 1:4-11



John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Jubilate 2018 (Jan. 20)

Jubilate!

A Conference on Liturgy & Music

Saturday, January 20, 2018 * 9:30 - 3:30 (doors open at 9)

Procter Conference Center * 11235 OH-38, London, OH 43140

2018 Theme

Exodus & The Great Vigil of Easter



Jubilate is part of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio's EXODUS YEAR— a year-long radical commitment to immerse our common life in a common reading of Exodus. We welcome friends from other traditions to join us and journey with us! To learn more about the Exodus Year, see dsobigread.org.

► Please REGISTER ONLINE at dsojubilate.org Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

► ECUMENICAL GUESTS WANTED! Join the conversation! ► Questions? Email associate@stgeorgeohio.org or marcillyl@columus.rr.com

► Topics include: The Exodus Narrative and the Celebration of Easter; Practical Suggestions for the Liturgies of Easter for both Large and Small Congregations; Workshops and Resources for clergy, musicians, and everyone who plans or participates in the Paschal Mystery of EASTER!

*Plus: A roundtable with our speakers and Bishop Tom Breidenthal on the subject of changing worship patterns and prayer book revision.



Speakers include:

Ellen Johnston, M.Mus.

Director of the Center for Liturgy and Music at Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA

The Rt. Rev. J. Neil Alexander, Th.D., D.D.

Dean of the School of Theology at the University of the South, Sewanee, TN
Former Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta



Bishop Neil Alexander, dean of the seminary at Sewanee, TN, and Ellen Johnston from the [Center for Liturgy and Music at Virginia Seminary](http://www.vts.edu) will join us for an exciting day of exploring all aspects of the Easter Vigil - historical, theological and musical. Their biographies can be found at the Jubilate link below. I want to encourage members of Good Shepherd to support this exciting conference, which is the 3rd part of the Diocesan "Big Read." Cost is only \$10.00.

Registration is easy at dsojubilate.org.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On **January 3**, Group I fed 25 people 34 servings. The menu was mac and cheese with sausage and the vegetarian option was mac and cheese. Salad, fresh fruit, dessert, and beverages were also served.

The volunteers this week were Phyllis Dean, Norm Fox, Dana Carlson, Richard Carlson, and Kelsey Gerard.

Please remember the hungry in our community in your prayers. To become involved in one or more of the four lunch teams, please speak to Phyllis Dean, Zelma Coleman, Joanne Larson, or David Burton.

Repeat Material Below

Disaster Relief (via ERD)



There are ways we can help those in the path of disaster. One way is to pray. Another is through Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD is one of the first relief organizations to arrive at locations hit by disaster and to stay to help with recovery. They have an excellent reputation for fund distribution and volunteer coordination.

Please visit their website, episcopalrelief.org, to donate, volunteer, and learn more.

Pastoral Care

Because of health care privacy laws, hospitals are no longer able to call your priest or parish when you are in the hospital. That means that if you want a visit from Mother Deborah or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor (a parish member who has some training) you need to call and ask for a visit. For emergencies please call Mother Deborah's cell phone 937-689-8895. If you would prefer prayers instead of a visit, just call and ask for prayers.



Mother Deborah's home phone is 740-249-4497, and her cell number is 937-689-8895, for emergencies.

Her personal email is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <revdebwoolsey@gmail.com>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <revdeborah@chogs.org>.

Mother Deborah has found that people like to communicate in many ways, so she is reachable on Facebook (<http://facebook.com/deborah.woolsey.12>) and on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/DeborahWoolsey>), and you can check out her blog at (<http://www.revvedupwoolsey.com/>).

Also, here is the link to the Church of Good Shepherd's **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Episcopal-Church-of-the-Good-Shepherd-45701/554345594588086?fref=ts>. Once you get on the page, just LIKE it if you are already a Facebook person. Otherwise you will need to create a Facebook account first.

And the Church of Good Shepherd's Twitter account: <https://twitter.com/CHOGSofAthens>.

Contact Information

For pastoral needs, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 740-249-4497 (H) or 937-689-8895 (C) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters, please contact Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-592-2596 or by e-mail at reillya@ohio.edu.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Allyn Reilly, Senior Warden, at 740-818-5476 or by e-mail at reillya@ohio.edu.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

NOTE: NON-emergency messages can be left on the church answering machine (740-593-6877).

Office Hours:

10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed Friday and Saturday).
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