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Good Shepherd E-News (4 May 2017)

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 May 2017 Fourth Sunday of Easter & Good Shepherd Sunday



8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Adult Forum: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Upcoming Church Events

Spring Clean-Up Day with Lunch: Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Adult Forum: Sunday, May 7, 9:00 a.m., Hobson

Sunday School: Sunday, May 7, 9:30 a.m., Nehls Hall

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, May 9, Julie Nehls

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, May 10, 12:00 noon

Choir Picnic: Wednesday, May 10 (no rehearsal)

Adult Forum: Sunday, May 14, 9:00 a.m., Hobson

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, May 17, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, May 23, Lois Wagner

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Worship service time change: Sunday, June 11,
8:00 and 9:30 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, June 13, Doris Green

Area Confirmations: Saturday, June 17, 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, June 27, Zelma Coleman

Parish Spring Workday (May 6, rain or shine)

Break out your gardening gloves and pruning shears, put on your gardening togs, and come join us on Sat., May 6, 9-12 am, for a workday to spruce things up around the church. The Marthas will provide a light lunch for those who participate. Some of the tasks are to weed the flower beds, weed around the columbarium, prune/trim dead branches from the holly bushes in the yard, mulch the flower beds, and do some deep cleaning in the kitchen and the back choir room. There'll be a sign-up sheet in Nehls Hall after church for the next two Sundays. Jr. Warden David Burton will try to answer your questions.



Patron Saints and Good Shepherd Sunday

When he retired as Rector at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Waupaca, Wisconsin, my friend and mentor who had served as rector for fourteen years, said that every time he climbed into the pulpit in St. Mark's he was aware that St. Mark was looking over his shoulder. This made him aware of his responsibility to preach a Gospel-centered sermon. What my mentor said about St. Mark looking over his shoulder was true figuratively and literally, as the location of the pulpit in that parish is near a stained-glass window depicting St. Mark the Evangelist, and the stained-glass saint does appear to be casting an eye over the shoulder of the preacher in the pulpit. My mentor's reflection also speaks to the connection a parish has to its name, and how the name can serve as a reminder to the parish to live into what that name stands for. My mentor felt that responsibility every time he preached; he was and still is known for his Gospel-centered and meaningful sermons. That is one reason why many Episcopal and Roman Catholic parishes, and those of many other denominations as well, name their parishes after saints like the Gospel writers. The patron saint, as it is called, is a reminder to the parishioners and a message to the community. Many parishes named after a saint will have special celebrations on their patron saint's feast day as a way to lift up the parish's mission, dedication, and life.

The 4th Sunday in the Season of Easter is called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because

the collect, readings, psalm, and Gospel all include references to God or Jesus as a shepherd, or to Jesus' referring to himself as the Good Shepherd. Since our parish is named Church of the Good Shepherd, this is the closest we will ever get to having a patron saint's feast day. While we don't have a visual image of the Good Shepherd in our building to focus on, perhaps instead we can listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd, which Jesus talked about in his parables, saying that the sheep know the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow that voice.

This Sunday, May 7, is the 4th Sunday in the season of Easter and is Good Shepherd Sunday. As we gather together to worship, we can do so with the spirit of celebrating our life in the Risen Christ and reflect on how we as individuals and as a parish are following Jesus where He is calling us. I am delighted to share the day, celebration, and calling with you!

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Adult Forum (9:00 a.m.) (April 30 - May 14)

Adult Forum: The Spiritual, Historical, and Missional Episcopal Church April 30, May 7, and May 14 at 9:00 am in the Hobson Room.

Curious about the Episcopal Church? Want to learn more about the Episcopal Church and the people who contribute to it? Please join the clergy of Good Shepherd--the Rev. David McCoy, the Rev. Katharin Foster, and the Rev. Deborah Woolsey--as together we share spiritual journeys, the history of the Episcopal Church, and ways in which the Episcopal Church is unique among Christian denominations.

This forum is for anyone who wants to learn more about the church. Anyone desiring confirmation or reception in the Episcopal Church when the Bishop visits on June 18 is strongly encouraged to attend.

Sunday School (9:30 a.m.)

This Sunday we will talk about two of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances in which he feeds his disciples, first the two whom he meets on the road as they travel to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), and then on the shores of Lake Tiberius, in Galilee, when, early in the morning, he cooks breakfast for seven disciples as they come in from fishing (John 21:1-14). We will (quickly) prepare and eat our own breakfast as we talk about these stories and what they mean to us. 9:30 to 10:15, Nehls Hall.

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Altar Guild: Sally Spero and Hailey Luellhoff

Coffee Hour: Dygas family

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector/Prayers: Doris Green/Joanne Larson

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Jane Unger

Eucharistic Ministers: Gregory Proctor (Prayer Leader) and Jack Flemming

Ushers: Lynn Graham and Bruce Martin

First Crucifer: Bella Martin

Second Crucifer: Ana Martin

Gospel Book: Ella Cottrill

Lessons: Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23 (sung), I Peter 2:19-25,
John 10:1-10. <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 the Congress.

In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for Ascension and Holy Trinity, Wyoming.

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. Katharin Foster and the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray also for the Parish Life Committee.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, Bill, Stephen, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Chris, Sally, Ann, Sally and Sambu, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Clif, William, Patricia, Paul, David, Mitchell, Holly, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, Elliot, John, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, Suzan, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Doug Dygas (5/12), Steve Steward (5/13)

The Altar Flowers: To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for my daughter

Connie Gilkey's birthday by Lois Wagner.

* Full names for this section are not published online but are in the Sunday bulletin and will be read at the 10:30 service.

If you have a name to be added to the prayer list, Lynn Graham maintains this information. Lynn may be reached at 740-593-5098 or grahammowery@aol.com.

NAMI Speaker Series - Randy Montgomery

**NAMI Athens Speaker Series
The Athens Public Library**

**The Trauma of War,
PTSD, Recovery and Service Dogs**

Speaker: RANDY MONTGOMERY



Ironically, though war-inflicted Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) will not win you a Purple Heart, it is the most common serious injury produced by war and - if left untreated (as in the majority of cases) - the afflicted veteran will lead a troubled, angry and normally dysfunctional life. After the First Gulf War - having seen

and done things that no one should experience, Randy Montgomery was a haunted, changed and very dysfunctional man for over two decades. Eventually, however, determination, treatment, a good partner, fatherhood and a great service dog have put him into recovery. Now a local farmer, Montgomery will discuss his experiences with war, his PTSD, his recovery and his interest in, and work with, service dogs. For a preview of his talk, listen to his NAMI interview at namiathensohio.org/radio-program

Time: 6:30-8:00 PM

DATE: MAY 11, 2017

Location: Athens Public Library, 30 Home Street, Athens, OH 45701.

Nurses can submit social work certificates to the nursing board for full credit.

.15 CEUs available for Athens Public School Teachers

1.5 CEUs available for social Workers and Counsellors

On Saturday, June 17, The Church of the Good Shepherd will host the Regional Confirmation and Reception, and we will welcome Bishop Breidenthal and members of area Episcopal parishes for a Confirmation and Reception service. If you feel it is time for either your Confirmation or your Official Reception into the Episcopal Church, please let Mother Deborah know by emailing her at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

Gospel

Fourth Sunday of Easter John 10: 1-10



Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On May 3, Group 1 fed 45 people 60 servings.

The menu was chicken noodle casserole and egg-salad sandwiches. Fresh tossed salad greens, fresh fruit, cookies, and juice beverages were also served.

The volunteers were Gregory Proctor, Norm Fox, Lia Knox, and Phyllis Dean.

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.

* Note: last week's details were correct, but the date was wrong.

The altar flowers last week were particularly striking, provided in memory of Edward and Goldie Nehls by their daughter Julie Nehls.



Below is a related page from the Memory Book in the Narthex.




All glory ^{to} God

Memory of

Curt & Eva Baker

Green Frontal & Bible Marker

by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Clifford



Memory of

Edward & Goldie Nehls

Chalice & Paten

by Daughter

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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