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Good Shepherd E-News (6 April 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: 9 April 2017 Sunday of the Passion: Palm 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

Upcoming Church Events

Palm Sunday: April 9

Lenten Small Group: Sunday, April 9, 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, April 11, Betty Larson

Tenebrae: Tuesday, April 11, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch: Wednesday, April 12, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.
(Watch all night).

Ecumenical Good Friday Service: Friday, April 14, 12:05 p.m.,
Christ Lutheran Church

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 14, 7:30 p.m.

Decorating the Church: Saturday, April 15, 9:00 a.m. - noon

Great Vigil of Easter: Saturday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.

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Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 16
Early Easter Service - 8:00
Easter Breakfast and Flowering of the Cross - 9:00 a.m.
Easter Service - 10:30 a.m.
Easter Potluck at the Fosters - 1:30 p.m.

NO choir rehearsal: Wednesday April 19

Kairos Cookies due: Saturday, April 22

Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesday, April 25, home of June Wieman

Kairos weekend: April 28-30

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Palm Sunday

Altar Guild: Sally Spero and David Burton

Coffee Hour Hosts: Sharon Huge and Sally Spero

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: Alex Buckley

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carlson (Prayer Leader) and Marsha Dutton

Ushers: Anne Braxton and Bruce Martin

First Cross: Bella Martin

Second Cross: Ana Martin

Lessons: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16 (sung), Philippians 2:5-11, The Passion according to Matthew. <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.

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 Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and the choral scholars.

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, Jan, Pat, Doris, Sharon, Clif, William, Roxie, Patricia, Paul, David, Mitchell, Don, Holly, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, Pat, Elliot, John, Mark, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, Suzan, Bill, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Pat Smith (4/9), Grant Smith (4/10), Sharon Huges (4/12), Jane Unger (4/13), Mackenzie Lackey Childers (4/13), Nikhil Dhinagar (4/15)

* 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.

Renewal in Holy Week

We are days away from the most important time in the Church Year. I find myself busy with preparations and deeply longing for the opportunities for renewal that are intricately woven into the week-long liturgy of Holy Week. Palm Sunday begins the week and can be an emptying experience after the blessing of palm branches and the reading of the Passion, listening to the betrayal, violence, abandonment and death of Jesus. I often feel like that after the Good Friday service, too. Yet the week-long liturgy takes that emptiness I feel and leads me to an opportunity to be renewed.

Priests, deacons, bishops, and religious are given time for renewal during Holy Week to come together for a special service called the Renewal of Vows. All ordained clergy persons and religious makesvows during their ordination (you can read them for yourself in the Book of Common Prayer, pages 512-46), and once a year we are required to attend a service where before God and each other we renew our vows and our willingness to say yes to God's call to serve in the ministry God called us to.

I enjoy this service, even though attending it means a whole day away from the parish, because it helps shift focus from all the things that need to happen during a busy week to the reason I am here. It isn't just a time to remember that I am a priest, but to renew my yes to God. Following God's will is what Jesus recommitted

himself to in his prayers in the garden in Gethesmane. We all have that opportunity at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday evening, when we can renew our yes to God as individuals and as a parish.

As we approach another Holy Week together I want you all to know that I continually give thanks for you, for this time as your priest-in-charge, and for the ministries we are doing together. That is the prayer I will offer up during the Renewal of Vows service at Procter Center on Tuesday. I am forward to another Holy Week with you.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

THE UNITED STATES NAVY BAND TO PERFORM (Tonight, April 6)



Please accept this message as an invitation to attend an exciting event sponsored by the Ohio University School of Music as part of the year-long 100th Anniversary Celebration.

The United States Navy Band from Washington, D.C., will present a free concert at Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium at Ohio University on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Under the baton of Capt. Kenneth Collins, the band will present a variety of popular and classical favorites. This special performance by the Navy's premier musical organization is the final performance of the Navy Band's national tour. The band performs frequently at the White House and the U.S. Capitol Building, and has participated in 21 presidential inaugurations.

Members of several local high school bands will join the Navy Band on stage to perform John Philip Sousa's Washington Post March.

The concert is free, but tickets are required. Tickets are available now at the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium Box Office (East Union Street Entrance) and may be picked up in person or reserved by calling (740) 593-1780. Business hours are Monday through Friday from 12 noon to 5 PM and one hour prior to the event.

Any unclaimed seats will be available to non-ticket holders just prior to concert time. For more information about tickets call the Templeton-Blackburn Alumni Memorial Auditorium Box Office at (740) 593-1780. For more information about the concert call Dr. Andrew Trachsel, Director of Bands at Ohio University at (740) 590-7847.

We hope you can join us for this incredible concert! And hope to see you again this summer! Details will be released next month.

Best,

Andrew Trachsel, DMA
Director of Bands, Ohio University

Palm Sunday (April 9)

Weather permitting, we will gather outside near the Columbarium for the first part of the Palm Sunday liturgy at the 10:30 am service.

The 8:00 am service will be in the Chapel.

Palm Sunday Passion Narrative Readers - 2017

* Matthew - Jennifer Hastings

* Jesus - Alex Buckley

Peter - Lia Knox

Pilate - Curt Sherman

Judas - Annie Crawford

High Priest - Terrie Sherman

Disciples - Women choir members - coordinated by Lois Wagner

Priests and Soldiers - Men choir members - coordinated by Allyn Reilly

Crowd - congregation

Servant girl and witness - Lynn Graham

Centurion - Michael Luellhoff

* Will read from the front of the church - Matthew on the Epistle side and Jesus on the Gospel side.

All others will stand up and read from where you are sitting. You may sit down after you are done reading.

If you have any questions, please let me know and many, many thanks for your participation.

Sincerely, Lynn Graham

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Matthew 26: 14- 27:66



Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So

they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another, "Surely not I, Lord?" He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd,
the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and

prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you,

From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying, "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you." Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by

betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits

who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

Music Lovers

Upcoming music programs at Christ Lutheran Church, 69 Mill Street.

Saturday, April 8, 8:00 An organ recital by Rod Gorby.

Rod Gorby, organist, composer, and onetime OU student, returns to Athens from Florida to perform at Christ Lutheran Church, Saturday, April 8, 8:00 pm. He will include his own arrangements and improvisation.

Sunday April 23, 4:00 A voice recital by Nick Nesbitt.

Decorating for Easter

All are invited to come Saturday morning, April 15, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., to help clean and decorate the church for Easter. There is plenty of work for all ability levels. We may need a couple of strong men to bring up the lectern from the chapel for the Easter Vigil and then put it back in the chapel after the Vigil.

If you have any questions please contact Lynn Graham (grahammowery@aol.com).

Easter Breakfast

Easter Breakfast will be served Sunday, April 16, 9:00 a.m. Assistance will be needed to help cook, set up, serve and clean up as well as donating food items. All are welcome to come and enjoy breakfast in Nehls Hall. A signup sheet is available in Nehls Hall.

Flowering of the Cross



Everyone is invited to come at 9:30 a.m., Sunday, April 16 and help the children of the parish flower the Easter Cross. Flowers will be needed for this event. Flowers may be dropped off at the church on Saturday, April 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. while the church is being decorated. This will give us an idea of how many flowers we may need to purchase for Sunday morning.

HOW DO FAITH COMMUNITIES HELP PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND THEIR FAMILIES (April 22)

HOW DO FAITH COMMUNITIES HELP PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND THEIR FAMILIES?

OHIO HEALTH AND THE ATHENS CHAPTER OF
THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)

A half-day FREE workshop to assist faith communities in reaching and giving hope to people with mental illness and their families.

“Bring Mental Illness Out of the Shadows”

April 22, 2017

Starts @ 12:00pm

Basement of OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital
Athens, Ohio

(Lunch provided by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital)

REGISTER: NAMI Athens 740-593 7424
spaces are limited

Adult Forum, April 23

Judas Iscariot Discussing One of Jesus' Disciples

Mother Deborah received an email from an OU student in film school asking for thoughts and opinions on Judas for a film project he is doing centering around the person and actions of Judas and exploring the themes of forgiveness and sacrificial love. Mother Deborah invites you to join her for a discussion around the questions the student sent her:

- Who was Judas Iscariot?
- What are your opinions about Judas?
- Did Judas betray Jesus, or did he fulfill His ultimate plan?
- Is what Judas did forgivable?

- Do you think Judas is in Heaven or in Hell?

As we move through the events of Holy Week, please keep these questions in the back of your mind and then join Mother Deborah in Hobson Lounge on Sunday, April 23, at 9:00 am for coffee, tea, and discussion.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report

MEALS



On April 5, group 1 had 60 people and 80 servings.

The main menu was mac & cheese with sausage and vegetarian mac & cheese. The volunteers were Phyllis Dean, Norman Fox, Gregory Proctor, and Giovanni Esquivel.

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.

Repeated Information Below

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.

Altar Flowers



Ordering Altar Flowers

Over the last several years, some of the folks who ordered altar flowers have left the area or prefer not to donate flowers as often. I hope that this new procedure will give you an opportunity to look at open dates on the calendar and give you a procedure to follow to order them.

I have placed a calendar on the church bulletin board in the stairway across from Hobson Lounge. There is a pen on a string that you can use to add your name to an open Sunday of your choosing. I need at least one week in advance to get the flowers ordered and to make sure the wording of your dedication is as you choose.

The procedure:

- 1) Write your name on the calendar;
- 2) Email me (huge@ohio.edu) or phone me (740-592-5178) to give me your dedication.
- 3) I will order flowers through Hyacinth Bean Florist and give your name and address for billing. The cost is \$60 for the arrangement; \$10 delivery fee; \$4.90 tax. Total: \$74.90.
- 4) I will relay your dedication so that it appears in the e-news and bulletin.

If you wish special flowers or a more elaborate arrangement you can call Polly Creech, our florist, and make those arrangements with her. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

Thank you for your generous donations to keep our altar flowers coming.

Sharon Huge

If you wish to have special colors or specific flowers, you may call Polly at Hyacinth Bean (740-594-9302) to discuss your wishes. If you want to go to the shop to discuss special arrangements, Hyacinth Bean Florist is located at 540 W. Union St. in Athens. There is ample free parking in the lot outside the shop.



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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