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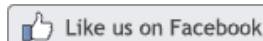
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in St. Luke's
Episcopal Church
in Mérida,
Mexico.

"José's Weekly



Good Shepherd E-News (6 December 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, 9 December 2018



Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

(Second Sunday Brunch)

Upcoming Events

Second Sunday brunch - - Sunday, December 9,
12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Breakfast - - Tuesday, December 11,
Bob Evans

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec. 12, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m.

Discretionary Sunday - - Sunday, December 16

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec. 19, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m.

Preparation for Christmas services - - Sunday,

Reflection"

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CrossRoads Cafe



Open:

7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, Friday.

Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Closed:

Wednesday and

Saturday.

[Big Read Schedule](#)

To this week's
United Campus
Ministry
[Happenings](#)

December 23, 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Family service - - Monday, December 24,
4:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve service - - Monday, December 24,
10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day service - - Tuesday, December 25,
11:00 a.m.

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Dec. 26, 12:00 noon

No Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, December 26

No Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, January 2

Choir Rehearsal - - Wednesday, January 6, 9:30
a.m.

Area Holiday Concerts

Choral Union - - Saturday, December 8, 8:00 p.m.,
FUMC

Athens High School Choir - - Sunday, December 9,
2:00 p.m.

Darlene Love, Performing Arts - - Tuesday,
December 11, 7:30 p.m.

Local Girls, Historical Society - - Sunday, December
16, 3:30 p.m.

Communiversality Concert - - Sunday, December 16,
4:00 p.m., Mem. Aud.

SATB Concert - - Sunday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.,
Arts West

Donate



Note: the above donate button will take you to the church's PayPal account. The first step will ask you how **much** you want to pay. The second step ask **how** you want to pay. The third step allows **instructions**, and here if you wish to designate "organ restoration fund," or whatever, the contribution will be used for that purpose. For regularly scheduled donations, arranging for electronic checks directly thru your bank is the best option.

Season of Advent



The new Church Year begins with the Season of Advent. Advent is a word that means "coming" or "arrival." While it is often connected with preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, Advent is also a time when we make space for our longing for Jesus to come again. It is a time when we acknowledge that we are still waiting for God's Kingdom to be fully realized in a world of sin, loneliness, and pain.

The color for the season is purple or blue. The Advent Wreath is how we keep track of where we are in the season and can remind us how we wait for Christ's coming again: with hope, peace, joy, and love.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 9 December 2018, Second Sunday of Advent

Altar Guild: Suellen Denton and Lynn Graham

Altar Flowers:

Second Sunday Brunch: set up Lynn Graham and Lois Wagner

Eucharistic Visitor week of December 9 - The Rev. Katharin Foster

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Bella Martin

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Flemming (Prayer Leader) and Allyn Reilly

Ushers: Curt and Terrie Sherman

First Crucifer: Lynn Graham

Second Crucifer: Owen Buckley

Lessons: for the Second Sunday of Advent - Baruch 5:1-9; Canticale 4 (sung); Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

<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 asylum seekers, immigrants, and 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 Rector, 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. We pray also for Alex Buckley, secretary for the Vestry.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: * Chic, Don, Jennifer, Jody, Jonas, Karen and Rayna, Kris, Kristi, Weston, Linda, Pam, Andrew, Jane, Louise, Stephen, Stephen, Zelma, Julie, Chris, Sally, Mary, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Carolyn, Lalena, Bill, Miriam, Wayne, William, Patty, Sharon, Monya, Patricia, Dan, David, Doug, Mark, Robert, Andrew, Don, Jim, Laura, and Consuelo and family, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Jesse Pyle (12/10), Jim Karageorge (12/12)

Those who have died: The Rev. Clarence "Dutch" Decker

* 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.

Gospel

Second Sunday of Advent

Luke 3:1-6



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Pre-Order Christmas Poinsettias Now Through Dec .16



Anyone wishing to pre-order a poinsettia to decorate Good Shepherd for the Christmas season may do so by completing an order form along with a check or cash. Checks should be payable to Church of the Good Shepherd. Order forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex. Each poinsettia will cost \$18 and needs to be paid for in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Huge at huge@ohio.edu or 740-592-5178.

"Ask Sebastian"

The "Ask Sebastian" column answers questions about our historic Aeolian-skinner pipe organ.

Anyone with questions may submit them to "Johann Sebastian's Question Box." There are two boxes-one in Nehls Hall and one in the narthex.

Question: How is the organ tuned?

Answer: The basic answer is that the pitch is raised or lowered as necessary by gently tapping the wood stoppers, metal caps, and metal scrolls to slightly change the length of the pipes.

It requires two people to tune: one to hold the keys down as the other person in the chamber gently makes the adjustments necessary.



Outreach Fundraising

I am pleased to report that Good Shepherd earned a profit of \$129 through the recent sale of "Christmas" coffee. This exceeds our last year's profit of \$114. We are also on track to sell 135 books on Amazon in 2018. Along with our book sales off the front porch, I anticipate that we will earn at or near \$1000 in 2018. And from these sales we have also been able to provide \$150 to the June Black Fund.

The money we earn in this way is dedicated to our Outreach ministry on the campus and in the local community. And none of this would be possible without your generous donation of books. Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd.

(Jack Flemming)

Big Read with the Diocese of Southern Ohio: Luke and Acts

Starting the first of the new Church Year, we have been invited to join our diocese in the new Big Read. It is the hope of our bishop that by everyone in the diocese reading the same books of the Bible together we will grow as a diocese and be part of the Beloved Community initiative that focuses on reconciliation. This is



also part of the Presiding Bishop's challenge to Practice the Way of Love by devoting time to Learn, Turn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Rest, Go.

This year, the Big Read will be on Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. We will participate in the Big Read by publishing the weekly schedule that breaks each book down into sections. On each Sunday, Mother Deborah will facilitate a conversation on the weekly reading after the 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to read along and participate in the weekly conversations.

Big Read Schedule Week of:

Dec. 3 Luke 1-3
Dec. 10 Luke 4-6
Dec. 17 Luke 7-9
Dec. 24 Luke 10-11
Dec. 31 Luke 12-14

Jan. 7 Luke 14-17
Jan. 14 Luke 17-20
Jan. 21 Luke 21-23
Jan. 28 Luke 23-Acts 1

Feb. 4 Acts 2-4
Feb. 11. Acts 4-6
Feb. 18 Acts 7-9
Feb. 25 Acts 10-12

March 4 Acts 12-14
March 11 Acts 15-17
March 18 Acts 18-21
March 25 Acts 22-27

Christmas Services at Church of the Good Shepherd

There will be three opportunities to attend worship services celebrating Christmas at Church of the Good Shepherd this year. Each is a different and unique service that celebrates the joy and wonder of Jesus' birth.

Please note that Mother Deborah and Marsha Reilly have heard the feedback that the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service is too long. In response, they are working together to change that service to make it shorter and still retain a sense of joyful wonder that they hope is accessible to people of all ages.

Christmas Eve December 24

4:00 p.m. Early Service

Abbreviated service that still celebrates the joy of the day features

favorite carols and Holy Eucharist.

10:30 p.m. Traditional Christmas Service
Beautiful Christmas hymns, candlelight, sermon, Holy Eucharist. A glorious celebration of Christ's birth.

Christmas Day December 25

11:00 a.m. Said Service
A quiet Holy Communion service.

Whichever service or services you attend, each offers an opportunity to come close to the Mystery of the Incarnation, and we hope you will join us this Christmas.

Join us for the "study special"

\$3 bottomless cup of coffee thru December 13th



CrossRoads Café

Open Hours: 7 – 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday mornings
1 – 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

Closed: Wednesday and Saturday.

Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace

FREE Advent Gift

Please take a copy of the free Advent daily devotional *Living Well Through Advent: Practicing Generosity With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. These books are free to you because Mother Deborah



used to work for Living Compass, the Episcopal ministry that writes and prints them. Mother Deborah worked with Living Compass in its earliest days and producing an Advent devotional was one of her ideas and contributions to

the ministry. She and the Rev. Scott Stoner (who started Living Compass) wrote the first two Advent devotionals. Now the writers come from all over the Episcopal Church. This year's Advent devotional features contributions from clergy and lay people actively involved in Christian Formation. The reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Advent was written by the Rev. Shannon Kelly, who used to be in our diocese and celebrated a few Sundays here at Church of the Good Shepherd. We hope this daily devotional helps you engage the season of Advent a bit more deeply this year.

Better Hurry -- they were nearly gone last Sunday!

Wednesday Free Lunch Report

On December 5, Group 1 served 48 people 63 servings.

There were 48 people and 63 servings. The menu was Spanish rice with venison and vegetarian Spanish rice along with fresh salad, fresh fruit, desserts, and beverages.

Phyllis reported that the venison was donated from an organization called Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, and the venison was a big hit.



The volunteers were Thad Semsel, Gregory Proctor, Dana and Richard Carlson, Norm Fox, and Phyllis Dean.

By the looks of the walnut shells on the bench, squirrels also prepare lunch but are less prone to share it than we humans.

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, or David Burton.

Dishes

If you have left any dishes in the kitchen and have not collected them, please do so by Sunday, Dec. 16. Since the kitchen will be undergoing a major remodeling in December and January, anything left on the window ledge above the chest freezer or any other place in the kitchen will find a new home.





A crew started repainting the classrooms today.



(Top) The just after the procession at the Advent Festival this past Sunday, and (Bottom) there was also a nice crowd at the reception.

Repeat Material Below

The Work of the TARDIS

Since September, there has been a big blue box on the front steps of Church of the Good Shepherd. Fans of the long running BBC science fiction television series Doctor Who are quick to recognize it as a replica of the TARDIS, the vehicle The Doctor uses to travel through space and time. Our intended purpose for creating this replica was to advertise our fall Gospel According to Doctor Who series. And while that purpose has been accomplished, we have been pleasantly surprised by the powerful and unexpected interactions we've had with our neighbors because of the TARDIS.



Joy and Excitement:

The most popular reaction from passers-by has been positive.



Inviting:

We have observed people of all ages taking pictures of themselves with the TARDIS. Student groups who meet with Mother Deborah ask about it, and she uses it as a way to answer them that introduces them to the Episcopal Church. A few students have attended church services because they saw the TARDIS.

Iconic:

People of all ages recognize it, even people who are not fans of the television show. While visiting Athens during Homecoming weekend, an alumnus who own a business in Dayton saw the TARDIS, took a picture with it, posted the picture with a description of the church, and promoted the Gospel According to Doctor Who program on their business's Facebook page.

Welcoming:

The TARDIS has been the viewed as welcoming by parishioners and people who do not attend church. Example: During the parish book sale, a young woman stopped by and bought two books because when she saw the TARDIS, she said it felt like a sign she would be welcomed. She also said she doesn't think about church very highly because of the stories you see in the news about predator priests, but

the presence of the TARDIS makes her realize not all churches are bad.

Fun Way to Interact:

One day we found a quarter in the call box part of the TARDIS (where the phone is). It is a playful way of engaging with us by saying they paid to use the phone.

Community building:

OU's Music Department borrowed the TARDIS for this year's Hallowpalooza for area school children.

Connection:

When we took the TARDIS across the street for Hallowpalooza, several passersby expressed concern that the TARDIS was leaving. When it returned, several students applauded as we reassembled it on the church steps.



Conversation:

The Senior Warden was stopped by a colleague who asked about the TARDIS, which turned into a positive way to talk about the parish and learn more about a colleague. There have been many times passersby have stopped to talk to the priest or parishioner outside the church and ask about the TARDIS, and it has been a way for them to learn about the Episcopal Church.

Commonality:

It has been a wonderful opportunity to explain that when the Church is at its best, it is very much like the TARDIS: symbolizing hope, a place for help, and bigger on the inside, which means it shows us something larger than ourselves and has room for all people.

Discovery:

Several parishioners who did not know about Doctor Who have been delighted to learn something new, and appreciate learning to look for the sacred in the secular. And we have discovered a way to make a positive connection, be authentically present to our neighbors, and send a message of hope without using words.

The TARDIS is amazing and has given us at Church of the Good Shepherd a new and surprisingly effective way to engage in campus ministry.

SCAM EMAIL ALERT!



There is a SCAM email going around that mimics Mother Deborah's email address. It will usually have the word "Hello" and your name in the subject line. The email will ask for help in the form of iTune cards (or something similar). If you get an email that fits this description, **DO NOT OPEN IT. DO NOT REPLY TO IT. DO DELETE IT.** If you do engage it, expect more emails to

come.

The mimic is **NOT** connected to Mother Deborah's account, so it will not help to contact her. If you want to report it, please contact the Athens Police.

Episcopal Shield Stickers Are Back!

For just \$1 you can get a new Episcopal Shield sticker for your car, house, computer, tablet, anywhere at all you want to display our denomination.

This year we have two styles: window cling for clear windows and the same sticker style we had in the past. Get 'em while they last! Proceeds will go toward campus ministry. Thank you!



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 cell number is 937-689-8895.

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 (<https://facebook.com/deborah.woolsey.12>) and on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/DeborahWoolsey>).

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 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 David Burton, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5634 or by e-mail at drabeja02@yahoo.com

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at carlsondana@hotmail.com. **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). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877 or barbara@chogs.org).

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