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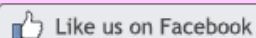
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## Good Shepherd E-News (7 December 2017)

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: 10 December 2017



### Second Sunday of Advent

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev.  
Katharin Foster

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev.  
Deborah Woolsey

## Conversation on Wonder Cancelled

There will be no meeting in Hobson this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the Advent reflection. Please accept apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Prelude Note for 10:30

Choral Scholar John Faulconbridge will be singing the Recitative "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley shall be exalted" from the Messiah as the prelude this Sunday.

## Second Sunday Brunch (Dec. 10)

Following the 10:30 service this Sunday is the

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Second Sunday brunch. Please bring a dish to share. Help will be needed for clean up after the brunch.

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

**"José's Weekly  
Reflection"**

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## ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS NOW THROUGH DEC. 11

Anyone wishing to 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 Hüge at [hüge@ohio.edu](mailto:hüge@ohio.edu) or 740-592-5178.



[Altar Flowers  
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## Upcoming Church Events

Second Sunday Brunch - December 10, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl Meeting - Tuesday, Dec. 12, Bob Evans

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 13, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 20, 12:00 noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 p.m.

Last Sunday of Advent - Sunday, December 24, 10:30 a.m. (no 8:00 a.m. service)

Christmas Eve Services - Sunday, December 24, 4:00 and 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service - Monday, Dec. 25, 11:00 a.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, December 27, 12:00 noon

## Upcoming Community Events

December 8 - Readings and Carols, University Singers, First United Methodist Church, 8:00 p.m.

December 10 - Holiday Concert to Benefit the Athens County Food Pantry, Arts West, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

December 15 - Messiah Sing-along, Good Shepherd, 6:00 p.m.

December 17 - Communiversy Band Holiday Concert and ACMS Children's Chorus, Memorial Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.

## Season of Advent

For the Church, the days leading up to Christmas are called Advent, from a word that means "arrival." More than a time of preparing for the celebration of Christmas, the season of Advent is a time for practicing awareness of the distractions that prohibit us from recognizing when Jesus is in our midst. It reminds us that Christmas is about more than the birth of a baby; it is about the arrival of Jesus--Emmanuel, God With Us--not just once in history, but every day. Therefore the Church invites you to practice awareness during this season, to learn to recognize distractions for what they are, and to look past those distractions for the Holy Presence of Jesus.

### Practicing Advent

There are several ways we invite you to participate in the Season of Advent at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

### Sunday Services

Will include the Lighting of the Advent Wreath, a prayer and practice we do together as part of our corporate worship to tell the time of the season, and to practice seeing the Light of Jesus in the darkest parts of life. We encourage you to light a similar wreath or candles in your home during the week as part of your personal or family devotions.

### ***Practicing Wonder With All Your Heart, Mind, Soul, Strength, and Mind***

A FREE gift to you, this little book contains brief readings for each day in Advent intended to help you practice letting go of distractions and re-connecting with the gift of wonder. Featured contributors include the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement, the Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, and others.

### Conversations of Wonder

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Hobson Room you are invited to join Mother Deborah to discuss the day's readings and reflection in the Advent book, *Practicing*

Wonder. No need to read the reflection beforehand.

## Participants scheduled for

This Sunday, Dec. 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

**Altar Guild:** Sally Spero and Hailey Luellhoff

**Altar Flowers:**

**Second Sunday Brunch:** Buckley family set up

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Katharin Foster

**Lector:** Joanne Larson

**Prayer Leader:** Earl Stump

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

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Lector:** Jennifer Hastings

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

**Ushers:** Norm Fox and Lynn Graham

**First Crucifer:** Sharon Huge

**Second Crucifer:** Pely Brient

**Lessons:** for the Second Sunday of Advent - Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; (sung), 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8. <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. We pray also for Christ Church, Xenia; and St. James', Zanesville.

**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. We pray also for the Finance

Committee.

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

**Birthdays:** Jesse Pyle (12/10), Jim Karageorge (12/12), Abi Morgan (12/14), Andy Morgan (12/14)

**For those who have Died:** Joanne Prisley

## Gospel

## Second Sunday of Advent

Mark 1:1-8



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

"See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

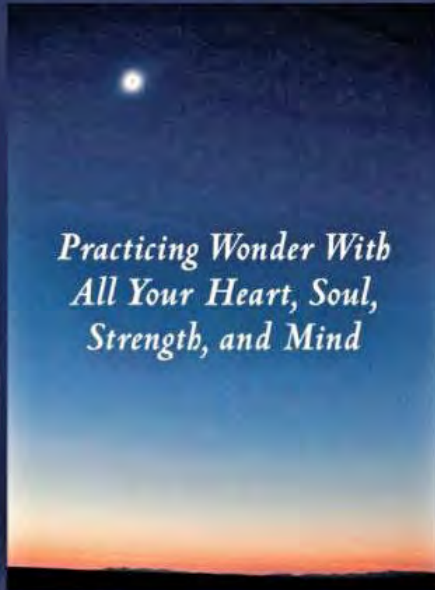
John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed 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."

## FREE Advent Resource Now Available

**Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind**

You are invited to join contributing authors The

## LIVING WELL THROUGH ADVENT 2017



A Living Compass Seasonal Resource

Rev. Scott Gunn (Executive Director of Forward Movement), Wendy Claire Barrie, the Rt. Rev. Gregory Rickel, and the Rev. Scott Stoner to consider and practice the spiritual art of wonder during the Advent season with a new daily devotional resource from Living Compass. This free devotional is a gift from a growing ministry in the Episcopal Church that Mother Deborah used to work for. Its brief daily readings are intended to give you the opportunity to set aside daily distractions in order to focus on the wonders around you. This can be a helpful way to practice resiliency and prepare to once again receive the wondrous gift of Jesus we celebrate at Christmas.

## Sale of Christmas Coffee Update O-O-O-O-G-A-A-H! O-O-O-O-G-A-A-H!

I have been in contact with Silver Bridge Coffee to verify that my order was received. It has been. However, in years past they delivered on Friday, but now they deliver on Tuesday. And, as luck would have it, they will not be delivering our coffee until next Tuesday, December 12. This means that I will not have your coffee until Sunday, December 17.



But on a brighter note, we have earned a profit of \$114 for Good Shepherd. This will be applied to our Outreach Ministry. Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)

## Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On **December 6**, Group I fed 70 people 84 servings. The main dishes were Mac & Cheese with sausage and Mac & Cheese without meat. Salad, fruit, desserts, and beverages were also served.

The volunteers were Dana Carlson, Phyllis Dean, Norman Fox, Gregory Proctor, Ronda Clark, Rosemary Stephens, and Amora Albano.

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.

Soul Biscuits

Handel's Messiah Sing-Along Dec 15

# Handel's Messiah

## Sing-Along

December 15, 2017

6:00 pm

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

**Come and Sing or Come and Listen!**

Come and celebrate the Holiday season with an audience favorite, a *Messiah* Sing-Along. The community of Athens, students and faculty are all encouraged to be part of this choral event. Soloists from Ohio University School of Music will join the community in a sing-along of the choral numbers in Part 1 of *Handel's Messiah*. No singing experience is required. All voices and ages are welcome!

### Featuring

Lena Daitz, *soprano*

Anne Yuan, *soprano*

Alexandra Bruno, *mezzo-soprano*

Jeralayne Ruiz, *mezzo-soprano*

Kelly Burns, *tenor*

John Faulconbridge, *baritone*

Andrew Ryker, *baritone*

Tony Bruno, *organ*

Jeff Daubenmire, *organ*

Marsha Reilly, *organ*

&

Kyle Berkley, *music director*

Free and open to the public.

Scores will be supplied or you may bring your own.

For more information contact Kyle Berkley, [berkleyk@ohio.edu](mailto:berkleyk@ohio.edu)

Bring your non-perishable food donation to help the Athens Food Pantry.

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Poster creation credit: Kyle Berkley

Soul Biscuits and the Church of the Good Shepherd invite you to participate in--or just come and listen to--a community Messiah Sing-



Along. Please see above poster. Join us after the Dec 15 performance for a reception with cookies and punch.

This event is free. Donations are gratefully accepted. Church of the Good Shepherd is located at the corner of University Terrace and Park Place.

Soul Biscuits is a non-profit, secular community series hosted by the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 64 University Terrace, as a way of promoting community connections, relaxation, and artistic and intellectual nurture. Please contact Elizabeth Thompson at [elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeththompson1004@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Christmas Services

# Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

## Comfort and Joy



### Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 2017

**Traditional Family Service**  
4:00pm

Favorite Christmas hymns  
everyone can sing.

All children will be invited to  
participate in an interactive  
telling of the Story of Jesus's  
birth.

A special Christmas sermon  
for all ages.

Holy Communion

**Christmas Music Recital**  
10:00pm-10:30pm

Relax and enjoy the  
music of Christmas.

Where tradition and beauty  
meet to bring  
comfort and joy to all.

**Traditional "Midnight" Service**  
10:30pm

Traditional Christmas  
hymns and music.

Holy Communion

Candlelight singing of  
"Silent Night."



### Christmas Service

#### December 25, 2017

**Christmas Day Service**  
11:00am

Celebrating the birth  
of Jesus Christ with hymns, Holy  
Communion, and sermon



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#### 4:00 pm Family Service

This service for the whole family features an Interactive Gospel where all the children are invited to participate in telling the story of Jesus' birth, favorite Christmas carols, an intergenerational sermon, and Holy Communion. A joyful celebration full of Christmas Spirit.

#### 10:30 pm Traditional Christmas

This service features the beautiful traditions of Christmas, including soaring Christmas hymns, candlelight, a sermon, and Holy Communion. A glorious celebration of the birth of Christ.

## Christmas Day December 25

#### 11:00 am Said Service with Holy Eucharist

A simple, quieter celebration of the birth of Christ will feature the reading of John's Gospel instead of the birth narrative from the Gospel of Luke as we embrace the Mystery of Incarnation on this Christmas Day.

With each service distinctly different, it is possible to attend more than one to experience a deeper sense of Christ with Us. Whichever service or services you attend, it is our hope that you will come close to the Incarnate Christ this Christmas.

## Advent Festival (Late afternoon sun)





**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](http://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](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com)>, and the email through the church is the Rev. Deborah Woolsey <[revdeborah@chogs.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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).  
The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877  
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