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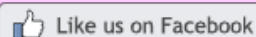
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Good Shepherd E-News (7 September 2017)

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 September 2017



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Sermon: The Rev. Jason Leo

Upcoming Church Events

Gifford Doxsee memorial service - Saturday, Sept. 9, 2:00 p.m.

Visit of the Rev. Jason Leo - Sunday, September 10

Interfaith Peace Walk - Monday, Sept 11, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Group - Tuesday, September 12, Zelma Coleman

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

Choir Rehearsal, Wednesday, Sept 13, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Exodus Convocation; Toward the Promised Land - Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Proctor Center

Adult Forum: The Big Read, Sunday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.

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

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, Sept 20, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Donate

Vestry Meeting - Thursday, Sept 21, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Forum: The Big Read, Sunday, September 24, 9:00 a.m.

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

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, Sept 27, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Welcome Fr. Jason

We are glad to have the Rev. Jason Leo with us at the Church of the Good Shepherd today. Fr. Leo is the Missioner for Congregational Vitality in the Diocese of Southern Ohio (our diocese) this Sunday. Before serving on the bishop's staff, Fr. Jason served as a parish priest and worked in other ministries in the diocese. He enjoys building houses with Habitat for Humanity, spending time with his family, and baseball. Fr. Jason will be preaching at the 10:30 am service and facilitating a parish discussion after the service about the bishop's invitation to the Church of the Good Shepherd to work with the diocese on a pilot project involving opening a cafe/coffee shop in the parish hall. Please plan to attend the discussion and learn more about this project.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Altar Guild: Sally Spero and Lynn Graham

Altar Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Dygas family

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

9:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey
Sermon: The Rev. Jason Leo
Lector: Zella Nisley
Eucharistic Ministers: Allyn Reilly (Prayer Leader) and Lynn Graham
Ushers: Daniel Dygas and Chris Eaton
First Crucifer: Peter Buckley
Second Crucifer: Owen Buckley

Lessons: for Pentecost 14 - Exodus 12:1-14, Psalm 149 (sung), Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20.

<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 Christ Church, Ironton; St. John's, Lancaster; and St. Patrick's, Lebanon.

In our parish,

we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for our Priest Associates, 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 Worship Committee.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Pam, Isaiah, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, Bob, the D'Andrea family, Chris, Sally, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Sharon, Bill, Clif, William, Patricia, Paul, David, Holly, Robert, Zack, Don, the Sheets family, Elliot, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Arvin, Sandi, June, Suzan, and Sister Elise, and we pray for all who care for them.

Anniversaries: Roland and Mary Anne Swardson (9/10), George and Jing Semsel (9/12), Bob and Ann Shelly (9/12), John and Kelsey Lackey Becker (9/15)

Birthdays: Mary Anne Swardson (9/10), Sophia Karageorge (9/12)

* 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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every



word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose

on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Reading Exodus Together: Sunday, September 10

E X O D U S

We've been invited on a journey, a journey that will simultaneously take place in parishes around the diocese in the present day and that is the remembrance of one that happened long ago. No one really knows for sure what will be discovered on any journey, even if you've taken the same journey before, and there really aren't any shortcuts. Journeys are to be taken, one step at a time; it is up to you if you will accept the invitation and journey through Exodus. No one can force you to do it. Will you join us?

This Sunday's reading: **The Passover**

It's a significant part of Exodus, this Passover, and Passover remains an important holy day for Jewish people around the world. Whether Christian, Jew, Muslim, or other religion, all religions have holy days, days set apart from the days of the year dedicated to focusing on God. Each holy day has its own rituals, most of which have been passed down from generation to generation.

Why do you think it is important to have and observe holy days?

What are some rituals connected to holy days you have inherited? How were they passed on to you? How do you plan to pass them on?

You are invited to share your reflection on the special pages found in your pew. These reflections are just for you; you do not have to share them. If you choose to share your reflection, please put it in the box near the door marked "Exodus." Thank you for being part of the journey.



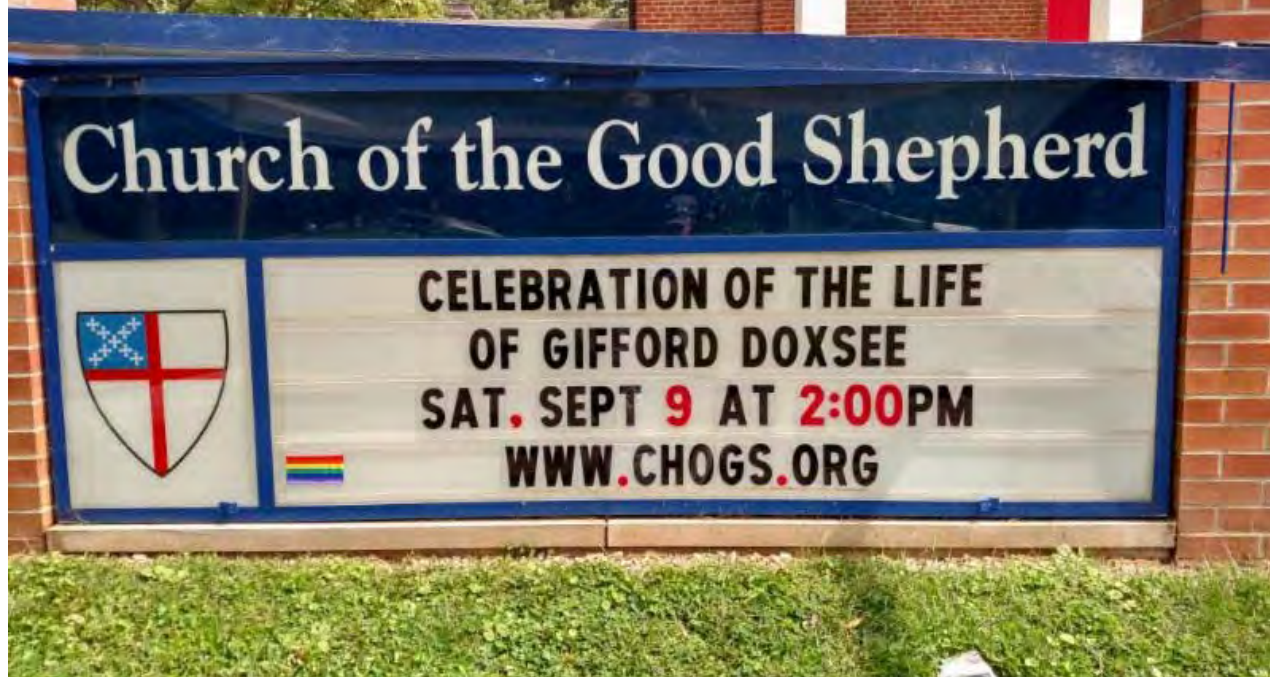
The reflections will be posted on the bulletin board in the stairwell by the office.

Here are reflections from the Diocese -- [Wisdom of the diocese: Articles, podcasts and reflections on Exodus from the week of Aug. 27](#)

Leaders Needed for the Journey

We will all be able to participate in the Big Read on Sunday mornings in the Adult Forum, from 9 to 10, in sessions led by a variety of leaders. We invite you to volunteer to take your turn in leading for three weeks each, using the resources provided by the diocese. If leaders are interested, we could schedule an opportunity for group planning. Please speak to Mother Deborah, Allyn Reilly, or Marsha Dutton if you are willing to lead!

Service for Celebration of Life for **Gifford Doxsee**



We are pleased to announce Gifford Doxsee's service will be Saturday, September 9, at 2:00 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

A reception in Nehls Hall hosted by the Marthas will follow.

Sunday, September 10, Cafe Talk

Please join us after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, September 10, for an all-parish gathering to talk about the Diocese's invitation to partner with it in a pilot project that involves opening a cafe/coffee shop in Nehls Hall. It is hoped that we will be the first parish to engage in this new ministry, which would be a natural extension of our already-successful Wednesday Free Lunch and other campus ministries. In addition, it is also the goal of this project to provide jobs and job training for people in the area. The Rev. Jason Leo has already spoken with the Vestry and Mother Deborah about this new opportunity and will be with us on September 10 to help answer any questions we might have, listen to our thoughts, and talk about the steps involved. Please keep this project in your prayers and plan to join us and Fr. Leo.



For an article on the cafe/coffee shop, please see the [25 May 2017 eNews](#) on our website.

September 11 InterFaith Peace Walk 7:00 pm



Please join us for an Athens tradition and lend your feet to the Annual Peace Walk, where we will join with people of many faiths to walk together in peace. The half-hour walk starts on the steps of the Church of the Good Shepherd at 7:00 pm, Monday, Sept. 11, and follows a route through uptown Athens, ending at the Islamic Center. It's a beautiful opportunity to be a good neighbor while getting to know some of our neighbors in our diverse neighborhood.

For full details, below is the UCM: Center for Spiritual Growth and Social Justice news release.

Seventh Annual 9/11 Interfaith Peace Walk

On Monday, September 11, Better Together at Ohio University and United Campus Ministry will hold the seventh annual 9/11 Interfaith Peace Walk. Now more than ever, the walk's message of peace as a value that spans religious and philosophical difference is sorely needed.

This year Better Together is pleased to be able to welcome Ohio University's new president, Dr. Duane Nellis, to offer opening remarks and to participate in the walk.

The Better Together Campaign, which plans and coordinates the Peace Walk, seeks to engage people of all faith traditions and philosophical and ethical orientations in action for the common good as a means of building community and trust across religious divisions. "The tragedy in Charlottesville happened when we were at the Interfaith Leadership Institute in Chicago, working to plan our campaign for the year," said Better Together Campaign co-coordinator Aspen Wilson, an OU senior. "We want this year's Peace Walk to show that our community stands united against hate and fear, and we're hoping everyone can come together in a peaceful and positive demonstration of our

common commitment to peace and justice."

Co-sponsors of this year's Peace Walk include: Ohio University's Office of the President, United Campus Ministry, the Muslim Student Association, First United Methodist Church, the International Student Union, Better Together at Ohio University, Hillel at Ohio University, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Athens, Christ Lutheran Church, the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Ohio University's LGBT Center, and Athens First Presbyterian Church.

Through an arrangement with Ohio University's Office of Equity and Civil Rights Compliance, ASL interpreters will be present at the Peace Walk. Also, for those with mobility concerns, transportation has been provided from the start of the walk at Good Shepherd to the endpoint at the Islamic Center.

The walk will begin at 7pm on Monday, September 11, in front of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on University Terrace, and will end with a candlelight vigil and song at the Islamic Center on Stewart Street. In between, it will thread through the OU campus and uptown Athens, passing many of the faith communities that co-sponsor the walk. As in past years, co-sponsoring faith communities and organizations are bringing some candles to share at the end of the walk, but participants are encouraged to bring candles to the vigil if they have them.

Wilson said the march also marks the start of this year's Better Together campaign at Ohio University. This year's Better Together campaign are currently in the planning stages; students interested in working on the campaign should "like" the Better Together at Ohio University Facebook page, or email ucm@midohio.twcbc.com to get connected.

For more information on the Peace Walk and other upcoming interfaith events, email Rev. Evan Young, Campus Minister at United Campus Ministry, at evan@ucmathens.org.

UCM's mission is to engage the Ohio University and Athens Communities in spiritual growth, work for social justice and community service guided by socially progressive and interfaith values.

Save These Dates



Saturday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m. A Choral Celebration
Choir members of the downtown churches will gather at 3:00 p.m. for a time of making music together with the new OU Director of Choral Activities, Bradley Naylor. At 5:00 there will be a brief public program.

Each choir is invited to sing a favorite anthem as well as participate in the combined choir. The event will take place at First United Methodist Church.

Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m. 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Hymn Festival at First Lutheran Church in Parkersburg, WV. Singers who wish to participate in a combined choir should arrive at 2:30 p.m.

Hurricane Relief



There are ways we can help those in the path of Hurricane Harvey. 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 natural disasters; it is able to provide

immediate rescue and relief 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.

Fall 2017 Parish Directory

We are in the process of updating the parish directory. For the next few Sundays, pages from the most recent edition will be spread out on a table at coffee hour for review. Please check your information. A good many of us are due for new photographs because of family additions and personal age. Ted Foster will be available for taking photographs, or if you have digital copies you can send them to Ted. (fosterth@ohio.edu).

Jack Flemming (noblegasjf@yahoo.com) has contacted reachable parish alumni and friends listed in the current edition, but if you have not heard from Jack and wish to be included in the "Friends" section, please contact Jack or Ted. If you wish, you can send a photo as well.

Entries include your name, that of family members as appropriate, and a mailing address. Phone and email addresses are optional. The Parish Directory is not published on-line but is made available to parishioners and friends.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On September 6, Group 1 fed 58 people 79 servings.

The menu was mac & cheese with sausage and mac & cheese without sausage for the vegetarian option. They also served veggie salad, fresh fruit, beverages, chips, and dessert.

The volunteers were Ed Burns, Phyllis Dean, Norman Fox, Dana Carlson, Richard Carlson, and Gregory Proctor.

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.

Re: Free Lunch Program Volunteer Alert!

We have had good results and many thanks to the several who have volunteered. If anyone is still interested you are certainly welcome, please see below.

For more information please see program coordinator, Phyllis Dean, after church on Sunday, or contact by phone (740-593-8487) or email (phyllis.d.dean@gmail.com).

Planning Your Celebration of Life Service

We want to make every celebration of life service beautiful. It can be a tremendous help to your family if you take the time to plan your celebration of life (funeral) service. Such thoughtful planning, no matter your age, helps your family know your wishes, favorite readings or hymns, the type of service you want, even where you would like the service held. Planning the church service is different from plans you make with a funeral home. To help you with this process, we have worksheets available for you to fill out. Both Mother Deborah and Marsha Reilly are willing and available to meet with you and go over the worksheets together, or you can fill them out on your own. Please email Barb Martin, our Parish Administrator, at barbara@chogs.org for the worksheets or call the church office at 740-593-6877. Please return a copy of completed worksheets to the church office so we can keep them on file; you may want to keep a copy for your own files. Thank you for prayerfully considering making these plans now; God willing, it will be a long time before another funeral and when the time for another does come, having something like these plans in place can be a help.

Also, please remember the Church in your will. Thank you.

Coffee, Doughnuts, and First Days

For the second year in a row, several volunteers joined me in giving away free coffee and doughnuts to the Ohio University community on the first two days of class. In my eyes, the purpose of this endeavor isn't giving away free food and drink. Nor were we up early to bribe students to enter our doors. For me, it was a way to embody our beliefs, to live into our mission of serving the university. The coffee and doughnuts are just an excuse to help justify why we were on the sidewalk greeting people and wishing them a good day, hoping that the day, the week, the year goes well.



This year I observed some interesting differences from giving away coffee and doughnuts last year.

First: while plenty of people said no, or ignored us, or avoided us by crossing the street, it seemed as though there were fewer people who rejected our presence. More folks greeted us, some before we greeted them, wished us good morning, thanked us for being there. To me, it felt like acceptance.

Second: more people recognized us. One young woman commented she knew who we are, she said, "You guys are out here all the time." She named our ministries like Wednesday Lunch. We listened as she told us who we are, instead of us telling her.

Third: in addition to being recognized, it felt as though we were trusted. We watched a few students come out of their way to take a doughnut or cup of coffee. These folks

were not hesitant to tell us where they were going, where they were from, or share common interests with the volunteers and me.

Fourth: gratitude. I heard many expressions of gratitude, some for the coffee and doughnuts, especially from students who skipped breakfast or had a mishap with their coffee maker, others just for our being there.



Who stopped by: students from the local area, from all over Ohio, international students, non-traditional students, professors, administrators, staff of OU. One woman stopped and told us how she felt "awkward" on her first day because it had been 39 years since she'd been to school, and her oldest child is nearly the age of her classmates. We met a volunteer from the UK who was in town to promote a teaching abroad program. Some were quiet, some eager to talk; it seemed to me our little station of card tables, coffee cups, a donut box, and cheerful Episcopalians was received as a place to pause, rest, catch their breath, be seen and valued.

I watched with delight as everyone who helped offer good wishes, coffee, and doughnuts was open to receive whatever each person brought to us. There were smiles and attempts to help give directions as well as encouragement and a lot of empathy when students told us they were on their way to or from a challenging early-morning class.

I believe this year's experience shows us our increased efforts to be visible are working. We were recognized as not just a church; we were recognized as safe, accepting, generous people.

The first day we didn't offer doughnuts this week, a student saw me on the sidewalk putting out the chapel sign and stopped to talk with me. That's natural follow through and makes me wonder about the next steps. I wonder if there is a need for offering opportunities to engage with the campus community in addition to worship that isn't overly programmatic. Something that builds on our hospitality and provides ways for listening.

Please join me in praying for how God may be calling us forward.

Thank you to David Burton for organizing this event again this year, especially ordering and picking up the doughnuts and making coffee. Thank you to everyone who joined me early in the morning: Julie Nehls, Gregory Proctor, Allyn Reilly, Michael Luelloff, Alex Buckley, Michael Wooten, and Lia Knox. You all did wonderful ministry, and I enjoyed sharing the mornings with you. Let's do it again next year!

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah

Mérida Church Trip:

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Mérida, Mexico, has invited a group from Good Shepherd to visit them January 10-15. With Vestry approval to move forward, we're looking for a diverse group of no more than 10 who would be interested in participating in this encuentro (meeting) with fellow Episcopalians in Mérida who yearn for a relationship with like-minded Christians. This is a trip where we have been invited to stay with families from St



St. Luke's Anglican mission in Mérida, Yucatán

Luke's, to deepen our bonds of friendship, and to share in their remarkable journey in establishing a permanent Episcopal church in Mérida. We'll not build houses or churches but rather friendships. The cost would be only airfare to Mérida and perhaps some extra spending money. We would like to have an idea of participants by August 31.

If you are interested, talk either with David Burton or Mother Deborah. See pictures of St Luke's new building (they moved on Pentecost, and there are pictures of Carolyn King with Fr. José and another of Carolyn and Crystal) on their Facebook page: St Luke's Episcopal Church of Mérida. Make sure to "Like" it.

This past Sunday several interested people met with Carolyn and Crystal to



discuss this proposed trip.

The Good Shepherd Cake Tradition Continues ...



Repeat Material Below

Altar Flowers -- how to order



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.

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 Creech, our florist, 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. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

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).
The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or barbara@chogs.org).

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