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Good Shepherd E-News (8 December 2016)

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: 11 December 2016 Third Sunday of Advent



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

9:00: Adult Education, Hobson Lounge

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C
Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Second Sunday Brunch

Upcoming Church Events

The Sounds of Christmas (Soul Biscuits): Dec. 9, 2016, at 6:00

Second Sunday Brunch: Sunday, December 11, 12:00 noon

Poinsettia order deadline: Sunday, December 11

Community Band Holiday Concert: Sunday, Dec. 11, 4:00 p.m., Mem. Aud.

Prayer Shawl Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 13, Breakfast at Bob Evans

Vestry Meeting: Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m., Hobson Lounge

Greening of the Church: Friday, December 23, 9:00 a.m.

Family Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m.

Traditional Christmas Eve Service: Saturday, Dec. 24, 10:00 p.m.

Gospel



Third Sunday of Advent

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more

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

New Year's Day Service: Sunday, January 1, 11:00 a.m.

Participants scheduled for

This Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent (Dec. 11)

Altar Guild: Sally Spero, Doris Green and Hailey Luellhoff
Second Sunday Brunch - set up - Lynn Graham

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 Jack Flemming
Ushers: Zelma Coleman and Terrie Sherman
First Cross: Peter Buckley
Second Cross: Owen Buckley
Gospel Book: Bella Martin

Lessons: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:4-9 (sung), James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11.

<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 Barack, our President, and John, our Governor, the members of the Supreme Court, and the members of the U.S. Congress.

In our diocese,

we pray for Thomas, our Diocesan Bishop, and Nedi, our Assisting Bishop. We pray also for Our Saviour, Mt. Auburn; Redeemer, Hyde Park; and The Community of the Transfiguration.

In our parish, we pray for Good Shepherd's continued growth, for our Priest-in-charge, the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, for the Rev. Katharin Foster, for the Rev. David McCoy, and for our ministry to students, the university, and the community. We pray also for the Vestry.

than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Ed and Mary, Kris, Pam, Bill, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Sally, Patricia, Ann, Jan, Pat, Sharon, Bill, William, Roxie, Patricia, Richard, David, Mitchell, Don, Robert, Don, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan, Bill, Sister Edith, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Jim Karageorge (12/12), Abi Morgan (12/14), Andy Morgan (12/14), Levi Lackey (12/17)

* 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.

3 Advent A Day of Many Names

The third Sunday in Advent has many names. One name for today is Rose Sunday because this is the day we light three candles, two purple (the color of the season of Advent), and the pink or rose-colored candle. This candle symbolizes joy, from the word rejoice, which comes from the introit antiphon traditionally used the third Sunday in Advent: "Rejoice in The Lord always." The opening word in the antiphon in Latin is "Gaudete" so sometimes you might hear this Sunday referred to as "Gaudete Sunday." The first two words of today's collect are "stir up", and sometimes today is referred to as "Stir up Sunday." Whatever name we choose to call this day, it gives us the opportunity to reflect on the ways we are living the season of expectation for Christ to come again.

Pre-order Christmas poinsettias now through December 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 made payable to Church of the Good Shepherd. Order forms and envelopes are available in the Narthex. Each poinsettia will cost \$18 and need to be paid for in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Huges at huges@ohio.edu or 740-592-5178.



Jesse Tree in Nehls Hall

The Worship Committee invites you to experience another Advent tradition this Sunday. The Jesse Tree has been used to

tell the story of Jesus' family tree and has also been another way to reflect intentionally on the meaning of the Advent Season. Our Jesse Tree invites you to look at its ornaments, which represent stories from the Old Testament and a few from the New Testament that tell the larger story of waiting for the Messiah and the arrival of the Messiah in Christ's birth.



We also invite you to join us in making ornaments for the Jesse Tree that represent the "O Antiphons" that have been the topic for study in the Adult Forum Sunday mornings. The "O Antiphons" were featured in the Advent Festival last Sunday and are another way to reflect on the meaning of Advent.

During 2nd Sunday Brunch, you will find paper ornaments cut in the shape of an "O," crayons and colored pencils, and the text for the O Antiphons on the tables. We invite you to read the Antiphons, talk about them with the people at your table, and use the materials to make ornaments that symbolize the antiphon that you like best. Then hang your ornament on our Jesse Tree. Together we can share and create another expression of Advent. Thank You! The Worship Committee

Sunday School and Adult Education:

The last day for both the Adult Forum and Sunday School this year will be Dec. 18. That day in the Adult Forum we will complete our discussion of the O Antiphons, and in Sunday School we will complete the Advent page for our liturgical year calendar. Both groups will start up again on Jan. 8, with the Adult Forum at 9 in Hobson Lounge and Sunday School at 9:30 in Nehls Hall.

Delivery of Christmas Coffee (Dec. 11)



I spoke with the nice lady at Silver Bridge Coffee. In past years she has delivered to Athens on Friday, but she has changed her delivery day to Tuesday. She was not able to fit us in this week but will deliver the coffee next week. This means your coffee order will be available at Good Shepherd on December 11.

Thank you for your support of this fundraising project. (Jack

Flemming)

Advent Processional on YouTube.

Below is a YouTube link to part of last week's Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols, with the processional hymn, "Come thou Redeemer of the Earth"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jllzAjlpIRQ>

The Church of the Good Shepherd now has a YouTube "channel"; this is our first item. We will probably upload some audio files shortly, but this is it regarding videos for the time being.



Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On December 7th, 2016, Wednesday Lunch group I provided 42 people 57 servings. The menu was macaroni and cheese with sausage and the vegetarian option was macaroni and cheese without sausage. Veggie salad, fresh fruit, cookies, and beverages rounded out the menu. The helpers were Phyllis Dean, Norman Fox, Liz

Knox, April Knox, Jacob Barger (?), 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.

The Sounds of Christmas (December 9, 2016, at 6:00)

Come and settle into the holiday season with an evening of classical Christmas music. A free family-friendly concert where you can listen to your favorite Christmas carols and join in the spirit by singing along with us!

The Sounds of Christmas



December 9, 2016
6:00pm

Episcopal Church
of the Good Shepherd

Come and settle into the holiday season with an evening of classical Christmas music. A free family-friendly concert where you can listen to your favorite Christmas carols and join in the spirit by singing along with us!

Performed by students and faculty from Ohio University

Ashley Andrews, soprano	Devante Brown, tenor
Calle Fortun, soprano	Kyle Berkley, tenor (music director)
Michaela Jones, soprano	John Faulconbridge, baritone
Alexandra Bruno, mezzo-soprano	Gregory Hofmeister, baritone
Emily Wanamaker, mezzo-soprano	

and

Wendy Blackwood, piano
Marsha Reilly, organ

Featuring such music as:

Ding Dong Merrily on High, Joy to the World, Jesus Christ the Apple Tree,
In the Bleak Mid Winter, O Holy Night and many more.



Join us for wine and cheese at 5:30pm



Presented as part of the Soul Biscuit Series at the

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740-593-6877 | www.chogs.org

Performed by
students and
faculty from Ohio
University

A Soul Biscuits
event; wine and
cheese at 5:30 p.m.
in Hobson, and the
performance begins
at 6:00 p.m. in the
Nave.

Greening of the Church



Everyone is invited to join the Altar Guild for the cleaning and decorating the church for Christmas, from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, December 23. There is plenty of work for all ability levels. Come join the fun and make our building shine for the celebration of Christmas. If you have questions please speak to Sharon Huges (huges@ohio.edu) or Sally Spero (s_spero@hotmail.com).

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

December 24, 2016;
 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."

December 25, 2016;
 Christmas Day Service,
11:00am. Celebrating the
 birth of Jesus Christ with
 hymns, Holy Communion,
 and sermon.

Church of the Good Shepherd Comfort and Joy



Christmas Eve Services

December 24, 2015

Traditional Family Service 4:00pm	Christmas Music Recital 10:00pm-10:30pm	Traditional "Midnight" Service 10:30pm
Favorite Christmas hymns everyone can sing.	Relax and enjoy the music of Christmas.	Traditional Christmas hymns and music.
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A special Christmas sermon for all ages.		Candlelight singing of 'Silent Night'
Holy Communion		

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Photo Highlights:

The display of
 donated Christmas
 decorations and
 crosses to be placed
 on sale at the
 Holiday House
 following the Advent

Festival.

These are made from re-purposed wood by Michael Leulloff.



The choir and musicians at their "medieval banquet" tradition of rewarding themselves for a job well done following the Advent Festival.

The women singing "Toda La Tierra" (Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols, 4 Dec 2016)



Repeated Information Below

Advent



Welcome to a new season and a new Church year.

The church begins every year with a season called Advent. For the Church Advent is not just a time to get ready for the celebration of Christmas; it is a time the Church has set aside to remind us that Christians are waiting for the return of Christ and that when Christ returns he will usher in the reign of God over all creation. Advent is a season of hopeful waiting, of expectation; it can teach us a lot about how to live a life of faith in all the seasons of our lives.

First Sunday in Advent: a Day of Hope in a Season of Waiting: Every Sunday in Advent, part of how we begin our church service is by lighting a candle on the Advent Wreath. The Advent Wreath is our clock, our timepiece, a way to help us discern where we are in this season of waiting. Waiting can feel never ending, and one way to help make waiting easier is to pay attention to the time. This Sunday we light the first candle. There are several interpretations of what each candle symbolizes. The first candle can symbolize prophecy or hope. It reminds us of the prophecies from the Old Testament about a savior, a savior who we believe was born, died, and is coming again. This is a hopeful prophecy for us, because we are waiting for Christ to return to earth and restore all creation to God's initial intention. It means judgment and reminds us that God's judgment is God's mercy. As we light the first candle in our Advent Wreath today, we pray for hope as we wait.

Symbols of Advent: The Church has put on the symbols of the season. Look around you, and you will be able to tell the time and theme of Advent.

Color: Gone is the green of ordinary time and white of celebration time. Now the Church is wearing purple. Purple is the color of royalty, the color of kings. Purple reminds us that Jesus is our king, that he will return to reign--and yet we are reminded by Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension that he is a different kind of king. While monarchies rise and fall, the reign of Christ is marked by God's ultimate claim on creation.

Advent Wreath: added to the worship space is a ring or wreath of candles. The Advent Wreath is a sort of timepiece, like a clock, that helps us mark the days and tells us where we are in the season. Each Sunday we will light a candle or candles and say prayers. Pay attention to the direction in which we light the candles: we will light the candles in a counter-clockwise direction to symbolize that the church is counter-cultural. The Church is headed in a different direction from the world.

Jesse Tree: In Nehls Hall, the Worship Committee has brought out another

symbol of Advent. The Jesse Tree is a way to tell the story beginning in the Old Testament, that God's promise of sending a Messiah was fulfilled in Jesus and will still be fulfilled in Jesus' return. It is called a "Jesse Tree" because of the prophecy in Isaiah 11:1 and Jeremiah 23:1-6 that speaks of a branch rising up from the stump of Jesse. The Jesse Tree, therefore, is usually a branch; throughout the days of Advent symbols are hung on the tree. These symbols can be of Old Testament stories that point to the Messiah or of the O antiphons, which represent the aspects of the season of Advent. Either way, the Jesse Tree is an invitation to explore the season and faith a little deeper.

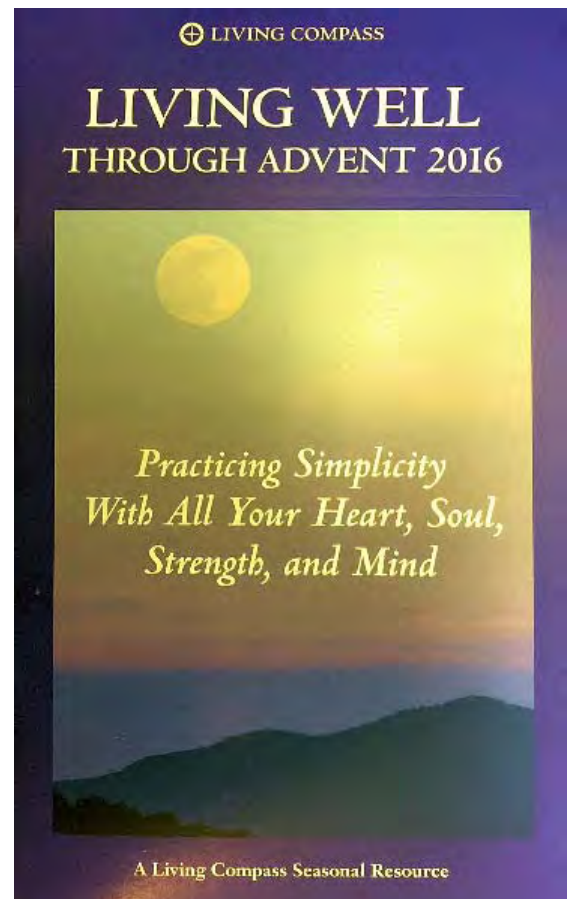
These symbols do not have to be just for church; you can have your own Advent Wreath or Jesse Tree at home to add to your observance of this season.

FREE Advent Resource Practicing Simplicity with all your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

Please accept a gift to help bring you a deeper experience of Advent this year from Mother Deborah and Living Compass, an Episcopal ministry Mother Deborah used to work with.

While working with Living Compass, Mother Deborah had the joyful experience of putting together their first Advent book of daily readings; it became their most popular publication. Today it has grown to include guest authors from the Episcopal Church. It is Mother Deborah's hope that this year's theme of simplicity and its suggested practices will help you slow down and discover the beauty of simplicity.

(Copies in the Narthex)



"Intersections"

Check out - -

["Intersections: Where the Holy Meets Us,"](#)

a blog through the Church of the Good Shepherd started by Mother Deborah.

It is still a work in progress in terms of functionality, but take a look: click the link above.



Young Adult Gathering 2016 (December 16-17)

God's Glory Shines Through Us "We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone." - Marrienne Williamson

Location: Procter Center

Join us for our annual young adult gathering--a space for reconnecting with God, friends, and your own story. This year, we will explore creativity as an expression of God's glory in our midst. We will have opportunities to engage in the art of improv, visual art, music making, poetry, and whatever creative gifts you have to share. We invite you to join us and bring your playful and creative spirit with you. We will be joined by artists, musicians, and improv actors who will lead us in a variety of workshops and help us explore our own creative gifts. We will also spend time in prayer and reflection on how God is made manifest in us. Come ready to play!

We begin on Friday night, December 16th at 5 pm, and will conclude on Saturday, December 17th, around 3 pm. This retreat is free for young adults ages 18-35. For more information and to register please click [HERE](#) .

Sermons on the Website:

Miss a sermon? Out of town? Or maybe you just want to read it yourself? Thanks to our technological team, the sermons from Sunday are posted on the Church of the Good Shepherd website a few days after they are preached. Check out the ones you missed, go over a favorite, or share. <http://www.chogs.org/sermons.htm>

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



To reserve flowers in memory of someone or in thanksgiving, please speak to or contact Sharon Huge (740-592-5178 or huge@ohio.edu).

Hyacinth Bean Florist provides our arrangements for the back altar on Sunday. A single arrangement in a triangular design is \$60 plus \$9 for delivery. Sharon Huge coordinates, providing our florist with the name and address of donors for billing purposes. 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 building and maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or call Ted Foster (Junior Warden) at 740-593-8615.

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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