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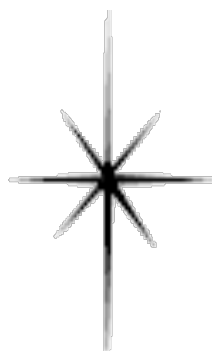
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Good Shepherd E-News (8 February 2018)

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: 11 February 2018



Last Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite I

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite II-A

Upcoming Church Events

Burning of the Palms - Sunday, February 11, following 10:30 a.m. service

Second Sunday Brunch - Sunday, February 11, noon

Prayer Shawl meeting - Tuesday, February 13, home of Julie Nehls

Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper - Tuesday, February 13, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Free Lunch - Wednesday, February 14, noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, February 14, 6:15 p.m.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - February 15, 7:00 p.m.

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Annual Meeting - Sunday, Feb. 18, following 10:30 service

Free Lunch - Wednesday, February 21, noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.

Spiritual Retreat in Lent - Saturday, February 24, 9:00 a.m.-
3:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl meeting - Tuesday, February 27, Doris Green

Free Lunch - Wednesday, February 28, noon

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.



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February 11, Last Sunday in Epiphany

This Sunday is the last time we gather for worship before the season of Lent begins. It is a day when we read about Jesus' being transfigured on top of a mountain and consider how we reflect the light of Christ to the world. Since Lent is a season of fasting and penitence, the last Sunday in Epiphany is the last festive Sunday service until Easter. We'll be burying the word *Alleluia* on Sunday, until it is brought back at the Great Vigil of Easter; since this will be our last chance to say and sing *Alleluia*, the hymns on Sunday will feature the word *alleluia*. Be sure to sing out! There will even be a chance for you to share what *alleluia* means to you. At the end of the 10:30 am service, we will burn the palm branches from last year. Please join us for this full day!

Burying Alleluia

Alleluia comes from the word Hallelujah; it is a word that means "praise ye the Lord." It was intended to be a shout of joy, praise, and gratitude to God. In ancient Israel it was used in liturgical recitation of psalms to encourage participation and was later used in early Christian liturgies. - from the *Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms*

Alleluia or *Hallelujah* has long been a deeply significant term in worship and liturgy in the church. In addition to being an expression of joy, it is also an invitation to

participate in a service by praising and thanking God. It has also been a tradition in the Christian Church to symbolically bury the word on the Sunday before Lent begins as a way to recognize the start of Lent and our faith in the Risen Christ who we believe rose from the dead. This Jesus Christ is the source of our joy, our alleluia. We bury the alleluia not in a spirit of sadness and despair, but instead as a symbolic gesture of hope that in times of trouble when happiness might be hard to find, we trust and hope in the Risen Christ, whose Resurrection we joyfully announce at the Great Vigil of Easter with the return of the word *alleluia*.

There are many ways to "bury alleluias." I've heard of parishes that literally dig a hole in the ground, throw the alleluias in, cover them up, and then dig them up for the Great Vigil of Easter. Since I grew up in Wisconsin, where the ground is usually frozen in Lent and often hasn't fully thawed by Easter, the parish I grew up in put alleluias in a gold box, which was placed in the narthex during Lent to remind us that the alleluias were not to be spoken. I've served a parish with an indoor columbarium, and they had a beautiful golden Alleluia banner that was folded up with great solemnity at the end of the church service on Last Epiphany and processed to the columbarium by the children of the parish, where it sat in an empty niche until the Great Vigil of Easter, when it was processed in during the proclamation that Christ is risen.

This year at Church of Good Shepherd, we are going to bury the alleluias a little differently. This year, each of us will have the opportunity to participate in the burying of the alleluia in a way that is in keeping with the older intention of the use of *alleluia* in the liturgy. Each of us will be given a small piece of yellow paper and a pen at the start of Sunday's service. We will be invited to write the word ALLELUIA on the paper, and on the other side write or draw what represents alleluia to us: people or places for which we are grateful, our source of joy, a prayer, etc. At the end of the service, I will place a wooden box on the table by the door for us all to drop our alleluias into. After the burning of the palm branches, the box will be closed and will remain closed during Lent. The alleluias we put into the box will be brought out and used to proclaim Christ's Resurrection during the Great Vigil of Easter, but SPOILERS, I'm going to make you wait and see exactly how they will be utilized.

As we once again draw near to observing the Season of Lent together, my family and I are grateful to be sharing the journey through another church year with all of you and look forward to sharing in traditions old and new as we grow closer to God and each other.

Many Blessings,
Mother Deborah

Participants scheduled for
This Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 - Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Altar Guild: David Burton and Zelma Coleman

Altar Flowers:

Second Sunday Brunch set up: Dygas family

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

Celebrant: The Rev. David McCoy

Lector: Joanne Larson

Prayer Leader: Earl Stump

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: David Burton

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Flemming (Prayer Leader) and Gregory Proctor

Ushers: Anne Braxton and Bruce Martin

First Crucifer: Bella Martin

Second Crucifer: Ana Martin

Lessons: for Last Sunday of Epiphany - 2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6 (sung); 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9. <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 St. Andrew's, Evanston; St. James', Westwood; St. Luke's, Sayler Park.

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.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Paul, Linda, Pam, Jane, Louise, Ann and Bill, Stephen, Mary, the D'Andrea family, Julie, Chris, Sally, Ted, Norm, Jan, Pat, Doris, Ann, Molly and Mateo, Ivan, and Alejandro, Candace, Emma, Bob and Sharon, Bill, Clif, William, Sharon, Ernst, Monya, Angie, Patricia, Julie, family of Eduardo, Paul, David, Mark, Holly, Robert, Don, the Sheets family, Bob and family, Ann, John, Eleanor, Nancy, Laura,

Consuelo and family, Joe, Arvin, Sandi, and June, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Katyana Sayrs (2/14), Lee Palmer (2/17)

For those who have died: Holly Richmond

Gospel

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Mark 9:2-9



Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Burning of the Palms Sunday Feb. 11

After the 10:30 am service --

Please join us outside on the front porch at the conclusion of the 10:30 am service on Sunday, February 11, for the Burning of the Palm Branches. This is an old Church tradition going back centuries, and was how most parishes made the ashes they used on Ash Wednesday. Today we don't need to burn the Palm Branches that were



blessed and used in the Palm Sunday service in order to make the ashes we distribute on Ash Wednesday, but the symbolic reminder helps us honor the connection of the seasons and times in the church year and reminds us of the transformative powers of God.

Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE SUPPER (Feb. 13)

Shrove Tuesday

**PANCAKE
SUPPER**



Yummy!!

Tuesday, February 13th

Serving from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.



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**Proceeds to the June Black Memorial Music Fund
Sponsored by the Good Shepherd Choir**

(Red side doors, lower level, parking behind)

Ashes to Go Feb. 14 11 am - 1 am



You are invited to join Mother Deborah on Ash Wednesday February 14 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in distributing ashes and apple cider. Mother Deborah will distribute ashes; you can be present, help remind passersby of the day, participate in conversations, and hand out apple cider. This is a wonderful and rewarding opportunity to be present to the campus community; and volunteers can stay for all or part of the time. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Mother Deborah at

revdebwoolsey@gmail.com

Ash Wednesday Service Feb 14 7:30 p.m.



Gift for YOU this Lent

The Lenten devotional *Living Well Through Lent 2018 Loving With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* is now available. This year's devotional will explore love, and how for followers of Jesus love is "not a feel-good concept, but an urgent call to radically incarnate love in how we relate to God, our neighbor, and ourselves." Featuring contributors from all over the Episcopal Church, this booklet is free to us because of Mother Deborah's relationship with Living Compass ministries. We hope you will use this resource this season of Lent and that it helps you reflect on what it means to live a Christian life.



Living Well Through Lent Group Study

Starting Sunday February 25, Mother Deborah will be facilitating a discussion group based on the Lenten resource Living Well Through Lent, Loving With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind on Sunday afternoons at 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm in Hobson. Please join the discussion!

Invitation to Help Plan Great Vigil of Easter

Our Director of Music Marsha Reilly and Mother Deborah invite you to help them plan this year's Great Vigil of Easter. This dramatic service is one of the oldest services still in use in the Episcopal Church and dates back to the early church. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about this service and work with Mother Deborah and Marsha to make this lovely service even more beautiful.

If you are interested or want more information, please contact Mother Deborah

revdebwoolsey@gmail.com or Marsha Reilly mareilly1@columbus.rr.com



From Bondage to Liberation: 2018 Lenten Series

Bishop Thomas E. Breidenthal, along with the Rev. Karl Stevens and Rabbi Daniel Bogard, will lead a Lenten Series, "From Bondage to Liberation," at Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday evenings beginning February 21. The cathedral, in conjunction with the bishop's staff, is pleased to offer the series to the entire diocese via livestream technology. More information about this exciting learning opportunity is coming soon.

NAMI Family-To-Family Class for Spring 2018 (03/06/2018 - 05/08/2018; 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm)

Do you have a loved one with a mental illness? The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Athens Ohio affiliate is offering a course for family members of adults who have a mental illness. NAMI Family-to Family is a FREE, 12-session education program, for family, partners, friends, and significant others of adults living with mental illness. The course is designed to help all family members understand and support their loved one living with mental illness, while maintaining their own well-being. The course includes information on illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, and other mental health conditions. Thousands of families describe the program as life-changing. The program is taught by trained teachers who are also family members and know what it is like to have a loved one living with mental illness.

The spring class begins March 6, 2018. Registration is a requirement to attend this FREE class. Please call 740-593-7424 or email namiathens@gmail.com for more information and to register.

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On February 7 group I fed 57 people 69 servings. The menu was mac & franks and mac & cheese. Salad, fruit, dessert, and beverages were also served.

The volunteers this week were Norm Fox, Jack Flemming, Phyllis Dean, Hailey Luelloff, and Michael Luelloff.

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.

Book Sale Report -- I have Good News and Bad News regarding our sale of books which you have donated to Good Shepherd

At the moment we have 412 books in stock and we sold 204 books on Amazon in 2017. This means we "turn over" our stock very close to once every two years. Selling on Amazon is in addition to books we sold off the front porch. From these sales we earned a profit of \$1,295.84 in 2017. This is by far the largest portion of our budgeted "Outreach" income and helps support our outreach ministry in the local community. And we would not have sold a single book without your generosity.



The Bad News is that a book can only be sold once. Also for 2018 we are on pace to sell only 183 books on Amazon. This will probably reduce our outreach income by about \$86. I know this is not an astronomical sum of money, but if the trend continues we must either reduce our outreach ministry or find the money to fund it from some other source.

As we know, Jesus turned water into wine, but even Jesus needed water. In the same way I can turn books into gold, but I need books. So please continue donating the books you no longer need to Good Shepherd.

Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)

Reminder to groups using the Hobson Room:

We have noticed that Hobson, especially the area around the sink, is being left messy, that used coffee cups and bowls used for snacks are being left in the sink unwashed. We also saw that something was spilled on the new carpet and not cleaned as well as it could have been after the spill. Someone left a coat on one of the chairs.

We realize that the book shelves are in a terrible disarray after they were removed for the installation of the carpet. We have had the time to rearrange them, but we hope to get that resolved in the next few weeks.

We are happy that the space is used by so many different groups. Our only concern is that it remain as clean as it can be. We are asking that when you use the room, please make sure that it is neater and tidier than when you found it.

Thank You,

Hobson Remodeling Committee
(David Burton, Zelma Coleman, Julie Nehls, Jean Thomas)

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, to donate, volunteer, and learn more.

Lay worship leader training in Gallipolis, OH

Dear Friends,

The Diocese will be offering a two-day training for those who are interested in becoming lay worship leaders (or who are perhaps interested in further developing their own spiritual practices but not necessarily in leading worship!) on April 28th and May 12th, 9am to 3pm. It'll be held at St. Peter's in Gallipolis (541 Second Ave., Gallipolis, OH 45631), which is much more convenient for many of us than Procter.

Please consider announcing these trainings during announcement times and including them in e-news or newsletters. The training needs 6 or 7 people to be viable, but we'd love to have more! The cost is \$20/session, and then they ask that each person provide a \$10/session donation to the church to cover food costs.

Link to the calendar event that gives a description and has the registration form: <http://diosohio.org/events/event/lay-worship-leader-training-part-1/>

Link DIRECTLY to the registration form: <https://diosohio.wufoo.com/forms/sf0lejg1a35d82/>

NOTE THAT YOU ONLY REGISTER AND PAY ONE TIME FOR BOTH SESSIONS

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (see below)

Peace to you all!

AJ+

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Priest-in-Charge, St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Gallipolis, OH)
Priest Associate, Christ Episcopal Church (Ironton, OH)

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?ref=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
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