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Good Shepherd E-News (8 November 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 November 2018



Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II-D

Second Sunday Brunch

Upcoming Events

Second Sunday Brunch - - Sunday, November 11

Prayer Shawl meeting - - Tuesday, November 13,
Stephanie Goldsberry

Campus Orchestra Concert - - Tuesday, November
13, 7:00 p.m., Good Shepherd

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 12:00 noon

Choir rehearsal - - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting - - Thursday, November 15,
7:00 p.m.

Gospel According to Dr. Who - - Friday, November
16, 5:30 p.m.

In-gathering of pledge cards - - Sunday, November

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

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To this week's
United Campus
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Check out
Therese
Lackey's music
story in this
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18 (Discretionary Sunday)

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Nov 21, 12:00 noon

Thanksgiving Day Service - - Thursday, November 22, 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving potluck - - Thursday, November 22, 1:00 p.m., Nehls Hall

Free Lunch - - Wednesday, Nov 28, 12:00 noon

Choir rehearsal - - Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7:00 p.m.

Advent Festival Dress Rehearsal - - Saturday, December 1, 10:00 a.m. to noon

8:00 a.m. Sunday Service - - December 2

Advent Music Festival - - Sunday, December 2, 4:30 p.m.

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

Stewardship Reminder

(This is a less-than-one-minute read!)

The In-gathering of pledge cards for 2019 (not 2018 as it erroneously states on the card) will happen during the 10:30 service on Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018. Please remember to fill them out and bring them to church on that day.

We will have a special turning-in ceremony (as only we Episcopalians can do). There are extra pledge cards around the church, in case you've misplaced yours. If you plan to miss that day (shame on you!), you may mail it to the church or give it to Barb in the office.



Thanks for reading this. David B., Sr. Warden.



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Diocese Convention Report

The 144th Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio was held on Saturday November 3, 2018, at Proctor Center. The following people attended representing the Church of the Good Shepherd: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey, David Burton, Dana Carlson, Anne Braxton, and Jack Flemming. The Rev. Leslie Flemming attended as a chaplain.

The Convention Eucharist began at 9:00 am. The bishop's sermon/address can be found on the Diocesan website: diosohio.org.

The offertory collection was designated to the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and an organization that assists Jewish refugees. Convention was called to order around 10:00 am, and the following business was conducted:

Consent Agenda adopted.

Nominations Report presented and accepted and voted on.

Trustees Report presented.

Diocesan Budget for 2019 presented and accepted.

Beloved Community Task Force was introduced and presented.

Three Resolutions were presented and voted on.

All three passed. They were:

1. Closing St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Dayton
2. Funding Church Planting
3. Endorsing Resolution on Becoming Beloved Community from General Convention

In addition, Michael Luellhoff represented Church of the Good Shepherd as an exhibitor, sharing the story of how his woodworking can be used for ministry. Mother Deborah represented Good Shepherd's campus ministry at the Praxis Exhibit.

If you are interested in learning

more, please see one of the Connection magazines in Hobson that features the Convention, or visit the Diocese of Southern Ohio's website: diosohio.org



Participants scheduled for This Sunday, 11 November 2018, Pentecost 25

Altar Guild: Sally Spero and Suellen Denton

Altar Flowers: Sarah Vogele-Hake and Jorma Hake

Second Sunday Brunch: Lynn Graham and Lois Wagner set up

Eucharistic Visitor week of: November 4 - Jack Flemming

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: David Burton

Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Flemming (Prayer Leader) and Hailey Luelloff

Ushers: Bruce Martin and Terrie Sherman

First Crucifer: Bella Martin

Second Crucifer: Ana Martin

Lessons: for Pentecost 25 - Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127 (sung); Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

<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. 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 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.

Those for whom our Prayers are Requested: * Chic, Don, Jennifer, Jodi, 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, Sharon, 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: Thomas Walker (11/12), Ingrid Buckley (11/14), David Burton (11/16), Tiffany Sherman (11/17)

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our local service members, as well as all who have served in the Armed Forces by Sarah Voegele-Hake and Jorma Hake.

* 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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long



robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Stewardship Talk

(Vestry member Margaret Kennedy-Dygas, Sunday, Nov. 4.)



One day, an old man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As he walked he came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one.

Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, "I'm saving these starfish, Sir."

The old man chuckled aloud, "Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?"

The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water and turning to the man, said, "I made a difference to that one!"

Sometimes as we are living in this very complicated world, we become

overwhelmed by all the needs, hurts, injustices, prejudice, and hate that surround us. It is difficult to stay focused on what is really important, when so many powerful influences grab our attention.

We live constantly with information pollution-way too much, and way too undifferentiated. You can easily go a little crazy trying to figure out what really matters, and why. It is very difficult to know what is really true.

I love the parable of the starfish because it goes to the heart of this question. Maybe we humans are not created to be able to solve all the world's problems single-handedly. It's a mistake to think that it's "all about me," if I'm a teacher, or a doctor, or an accountant, or the governor-or even the President. It is God's job to save all the starfish-and we are NOT God.

I'm wired to see things from my own perspective. But when I help that one starfish, I'm still using my own perspective to accomplish something real for that starfish. I can't come up with a solution for all the starfish, and maybe that's not where my focus should be anyway.

Here at Good Shepherd, just like everywhere in our world, we can see a beach-full of starfish. Over the past several years, we have made a lot of small decisions that have led us, under Mother Deborah's spiritual guidance, to pay attention to each starfish. When we welcome an increasingly diverse number of visitors for our Sunday worship, we are more aware of these visitors as unique individuals. We hope each one will return, but even if they don't, we have shared something about our congregation: that we welcome the stranger in our midst, that we welcome every person, regardless of religious affiliation, gender orientation, ethnicity, political affiliation, wealth, status, or anything else-because we are growing in our ability to see each person as beloved of God, each person as our brother or sister.

The paradox in the starfish story is that if each one of us were to take care of the stranded starfish one by one, then it would be theoretically possible to save all the starfish. But that is not the message of the story. The message is as individuals, we might completely fail to save all the starfish. But what we are called to do by God is to care for the starfish, or the individual other person. One at a time. Keep your eye on that one, and that is enough.

In a world that is overwhelming, where we are constantly pummeled with information and sensationalisms, where it is so easy to get to the end of the day feeling wrung out, and not even remembering why, we have the

opportunity at Good Shepherd to be responsible ONLY for one starfish at a time. We're getting better at doing that.



During this stewardship season, I challenge you (as I challenge myself) to think about what you can do in 2019 to save one starfish—just one. Pray about it, promise it, and do it.

Thank You for the Change!



You all generously gave \$164.90 to the Day of Change collection on Sunday, November 4, when Daylight Saving ended.

We will be sending this money to the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, in solidarity with our Diocese, which designated the offertory collection at our Convention Eucharist to go to the same place.

Thank you all for your generosity!

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!



Passion Works 20th-Anniversary Celebration:

All are invited to a celebration of Passion Works' twenty years of connection to the Athens community. The evening begins with "A Story of Flying" exhibit and light reception at the Kennedy Museum of Art and then moves to the Ridges Auditorium for highlights of Passion Work's unique story and a performance by nationally acclaimed writer, speaker, performer, and Ohio University alumna Anne Randolph in "Inappropriate in All the Right Ways" on Saturday, November 10, from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. For further information, call (740) 592-3673 or email to susan@passionworks.org. For tickets, go to passionworks.org by October 23.

The GOSPEL According to Doctor WHO: Finding God in All of Time and Space



If you are a life-long Whovian, a fan new to the series, or have never seen the show, please join Mother Deborah for a series of adventures with Doctor Who, as she explores the Christian themes she sees in this popular television series.

All sessions will meet from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm in Nehls Hall with a light meal included.

The remaining session of this series will take place on:

Nov. 16 The Husbands of River Song/Believing God Loves You

A rollicking good Doctor Who Christmas special that features River Song, a character who loves The Doctor but does she believe someone like The Doctor can love be vulnerable enough to love her back? Our conversation will look at scripture and parts of the episode to help us ask the same of God. Jesus says God loves us, but is that an easy thing to believe?

A Day of Giving Thanks

November 22

**What are YOU
Thankful For?**

Please join us in gathering to give and express our thanksgiving and gratitude to God for all of life's gifts and blessings.

Thanksgiving Day Worship service with Holy Communion

10:00 am

Thanksgiving Dinner 1:00 pm

Come for part or all of Thanksgiving Day at Church of the Good Shepherd.

Thanksgiving Dinner

As an expression of their gratitude for being at Church of the Good Shepherd, and especially this year when the vestry unanimously voted Mother Deborah as Rector, Mother Deborah and her family invite you to join them in sharing Thanksgiving Dinner at 1:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, in Nehls Hall. Mother Deborah and Michael will provide the turkey and invite you to bring a dish to share.



Cookie Bakers Needed

Following the December 2 Advent Music Festival, the Marthas will be hosting a reception. People are needed to bake and donate cookies. Bring the cookies on Saturday morning, December 1. If enough cookies are received, some will be available for sale. Also on Sunday, December 2, help will be needed to set up tables and prepare for the reception. This will be done right after coffee hour.



Please contact Julie Nehls, jnehls16@gmail.com, 593-7354, if you want to donate cookies or assist with set up.

Christmas Coffee Sales



We are currently taking orders for our annual sale of Silver Bridge coffee. We are offering ten regular flavors and twelve decaffeinated flavors. Order forms will be in your Sunday bulletin and in the narthex. **The order deadline is Sunday, November 25.** By placing an order for this high quality coffee you will be supporting a Southeast Ohio business and will also be helping our ministry of outreach in the local community.

Thank you for your support. (Jack Flemming)

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On November 7, Group 1 served 63 people 76 servings.

The menu included mac & cheese with franks and mac & cheese without franks for the vegetarian option, along with fresh salad, fruit, desserts, and beverages.

The setup, cooking, and serving volunteers were Dana Carlson,

Richard Carlson, Phyllis Dean,
Norman Fox, and Gregory

Proctor.

With the opening of our Crossroads Café it is imperative that the church kitchen be kept spotless. In an effort to push for a cleaner kitchen, we are asking for second-shift clean-up crews, and we are also putting out a sign asking for guest clean-up helpers. If cooking is not your thing but you'd be willing to contribute to our Free Lunch Program as part of a second-shift clean-up crew, please contact Phyllis Dean at 740-591-1591 or at phyllis.d.dean@gmail.com.

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.



Advent Festival

Sunday, December 2,

4:30 p.m.

All Creation Waits

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd presents its annual Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols. A free will offering will be taken for the Organ Restoration Fund.

A reception follows the program.

Featured are Carols, hymns and anthems from the Renaissance to the 21st century.

Church of the Good Shepherd

64 University Terrace

For more information contact:

www.chogs.org

740-593-6877

Editor's Note: The reception specifics are still evolving but we can be assured the reception will be replete with homemade cookies and opportunity to purchase Deeper Roots Coffee Gift sets and perhaps more.

Fall Colors



At the Fosters



Tardis and Ginkgo Tree

Sidewalk



Photographer's silhouette



Repeat Material Below

Listening Ministry - A Volunteer Opportunity



We Are Here
To Listen.

Combining the practices of presence, listening, discernment, and prayer, listening ministry is the opportunity to be fully present to another human being in a way that is non-judgmental, loving, and kind. In a world where loneliness is often named as one of the major problems in society, a listening ministry seeks to counter the misconception that God is absent and doesn't care by offering to be fully present to someone, maybe even someone you don't know.

This ministry is one we'd like to offer at our CrossRoads Café this fall. Volunteers who feel called to serve as listeners would be asked to commit to being present during café hours as they are able and to be available to anyone who comes into the café who might want someone to listen to them. This ministry will require some special training, so if you are interested, please contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com.

CrossRoads Café <http://www.chogs.org/crossroads.htm>

CrossRoads Café Is Open: Help us spread the word! Invite your friends for a cup of Deeper Roots coffee or a nice cup of tea. Stop in and meet our café staff - Eleanor, Dylan, and Naomi. The café hours are 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. On Sundays, it is open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The café is closed on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Follow the above link for the story behind the café.



Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee has met to discuss the possibilities for the following ministries at Church of the Good Shepherd:

Vestry (3-year term)
Student Representative to Vestry (1 year)
Delegates and Alternates for Diocesan Convention
Leadership roles: Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary of Vestry

Every year these positions are discussed so that they can be brought to our parish's annual meeting, which is usually in January. Some positions, like Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, can be continued by the persons currently serving, if they choose. Others, like vestry members, will need new people to fill those roles because the positions are for a limited amount of time.

To learn more, or if you are interested in participating in a ministry, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Mother Deborah (chair), Anne Braxton, Nancy Covington, and Norm Fox, with Senior Warden David Burton serving ex officio.

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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