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Good Shepherd E-News (9 March 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: 12 March 2017 Lent 2



8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Katharin Foster

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

Celebrant: The Rev. Katharin Foster

Second Sunday Brunch

Daylight Saving Time - Spring Forward

Upcoming Church Events

Second Sunday Brunch: Sunday, March 12, 12:00 noon

Prayer Shawl meeting: Tuesday, March 14, Lois Wagner

Wednesday Free Lunch: March 15, 12:00 noon

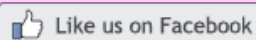
Soup and Bread Lenten program: Wednesday, March 15,
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten small group: Sunday, March 19, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Free Lunch: March 22, 12:00 noon

Soup & Bread Lenten program: Wed, March 22,
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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Gospel



Second Sunday in Lent

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten small group: Sunday, March 26, 4:00 p.m.

Prayer Shawl meeting: Tuesday, March 28, Doris Green

Wednesday Free Lunch: March 29, 12:00 noon

Soup & Bread Lenten program: Wed, March 29, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Participants scheduled for This Sunday - Second Sunday in Lent

Altar Guild: Sharon Huges and Joanne Larson
Second Sunday: set up Lynn Graham

8:00 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite I
Celebrant: The Rev. Katharin Foster
Lector/Prayers: Doris Green/Joanne Larson

10:30 a.m. Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-A
Celebrant: The Rev. Katharin Foster
Lector: Don Frazier
Eucharistic Ministers: Jack Flemming (Prayer Leader) and Allyn Reilly
Ushers: Anne Braxton and Daniel Dygas
First Cross: Peter Buckley
Second Cross: Owen Buckley

Lessons: Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121 (sung), Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17.

<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,

without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may

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 Holy Trinity, Oxford; St. Andrew's, Pickerington, and St. James', Piqua.

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.

Those for whom our prayers are requested: *

Andrew and Beth, Kris, Kristi, Mary Lou, Weston, Mary Lou, Pam, Bill, Stephen, the D'Andrea family, Elizabeth, Gifford, Chris, Sally, Ann, Jan, Pat, Doris, Tom, Sharon, Bill, Cliff, William, Roxie, Patricia, Paul, Richard, David, Mitchell, Don, Robert, Bonnie, Don, Elliot, John, Jean, Nancy, Arvin, Suzan, Bill, Sister Edith Scholl, and Sister Emmanuel, and we pray for all who care for them.

Birthdays: Jan Gault (3/14)

* 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.

Day of Change

Daylight saving time begins this weekend, and this terrific milestone needs celebrating. First turn your clocks ahead one hour for Sunday. Second, gather your spare change, for it is quite likely that the "Day of Change" bucket will be placed in the narthex (spare folding stuff appreciated as well). The bucket will be presented at the offertory, and all of its contents will go to support the outreach ministries of Good Shepherd.



Second Sunday Brunch

have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

March 12 will be the last Second Sunday Brunch until September. Because the April Second Sunday brunch would fall on Palm Sunday and be followed the next week by the Easter Breakfast, the Parish Life Committee has elected not to have the brunch from April through August. The brunch will return on Sunday, September 10. During the months of April through August, we will still have regular coffee hours. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Life Committee (Lois Wagner and Joanne Worstall).

Arvin Wells's Birthday Celebration



This Sunday during the second Sunday brunch we would like to celebrate Arvin's 90th birthday (& two days). Marsha will tickle the piano keys and let us sing the Happy Birthday song.

Leslie Wells (Arvin's daughter) will be providing a sheet cake but asks that folks bring some gluten-free desserts to supplement the cake she will be providing.

Adult Forum

To encourage participation in the two special Lenten study groups--the Wednesday evening program with soup and salad, and the Sunday afternoon small group discussion--the Adult Forum will NOT MEET during Lent but will begin again after Easter. So **NO** Adult Forum for the weeks ahead.

Vacation



Mother Deborah and her family are on vacation during spring break, March 4 to March 13. While she is gone, the Rev. Katharin Foster will be available for all pastoral emergencies. The Rev. David McCoy celebrated and preached on Sunday, March 5, and the Rev. Katharin Foster will celebrate and preach on Sunday, March 12. Please keep Mother Deborah and her family in your prayers while they are traveling.

Wednesday Soup & Reflection Series

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Nehls Hall

First one is Wed. March 15



Join us for Soup at 5:30, Program at 6:00 pm. Come for all or part of the evening.

A **sign-up sheet** is available in Nehls Hall for people to sign up to bring soup or bread to the Wednesday Lenten series. Two people are needed for soup and one person for bread.

The series begins Wednesday March 15 and continues on March 22, 29, and April 5. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Life Committee (Lois Wagner and Joanne Worstall).

Lenten Programs

Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm

Join us for a weekly discussion of the Lenten Devotional Living Well Through Lent



Starts Sunday, March 19th, at Mother Deborah's house.

Easter Lilies

Please complete a request form (located in the Narthex) to order Easter lilies. They are \$16 per plant. Make checks payable to "Church of the Good Shepherd," putting Easter lilies in the memo line. Return forms and checks to Sharon Huge or put in Barb Martin's mailbox. The deadline for ordering is March 24.



FREE Lenten Devotional



Please accept a free copy of the Lenten Devotional Living Well Through Lent 2017, *Listening With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind.*

This devotional features daily readings and opportunities for deeper reflection and is one way to observe the season of Lent every day.

Photos This Week





Top: The Dairy Barn addition is coming along nicely -- can you find Katharin?

Center: These pear tree blossoms are going to be sorry this weekend.

Bottom: The Sunday School Play this past Sunday.

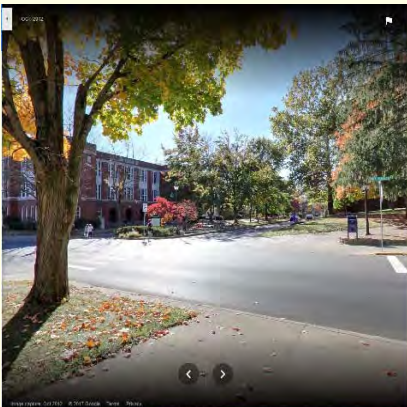
Two more photos just in



Left: Some sort of Ivy

Right: Rehearsal

Park Place - your input?



Below is a link to the survey the university is encouraging students and community to complete about future plans for Park Place:

https://ohio.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7aej99CmtYqWizP

Below is a Post article about the recent town meeting:

<http://www.thepostathens.com/article/2017/02/park-place-planning-workshop>

Wednesday Lent Soup & Reflection Series



2017 WEDNESDAY LENT SOUP & REFLECTION SERIES

SPIRITUAL & PRACTICAL ART OF RESILIENCY

WED. MARCH 15 *ATTENTION*

JOIN US IN REFLECTING & DISCUSSING HOW WE PAY ATTENTION TO CHANGES IN LIFE.

WED. MARCH 22 *OPPORTUNITY*

JOIN US IN REFLECTING & DISCUSSING HOW CHANGE CAN BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GROW.

WED. MARCH 29 *JOURNEY*

JOIN US IN REFLECTING & DISCUSSING HOW WE RESPOND TO CHANGE CAN BE A LIBERATING JOURNEY.

WED. APRIL 5 *WORSHIP*

JOIN US FOR THE LOVELY SERVICE OF EVENSONG AT 5:50 PM

5:30 PM SOUP & BREAD 6:00 PM PROGRAM
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD WWW.CHOGS.ORG

Wednesday Free-Lunch Report



On March 8, 2017, Wednesday Lunch group II provided 40 people 44 servings. The menu was chili with meat, and the vegetarian option was a black bean dish. Salad, fresh fruit, desserts, and beverages rounded out the menu.

The volunteers were Zelma Coleman, Helen Chila, Anne Walker, Betty Hollow, Ester Hernandez, and Harold Smith.

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.

Ordering Altar Flowers

Over the last several years, some of the folks who ordered altar flowers have left the area or prefer not to donate flowers as often. I hope that this new procedure will give you an opportunity to look at open dates on the calendar and give you a procedure to follow to order them.

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.

If you wish special flowers or a more elaborate arrangement you can call Polly Creech, our florist, and make those arrangements with her. Keep in mind that this MAY increase the cost.

Thank you for your generous donations to keep our altar flowers coming.

Sharon Huge

Mark your calendars -- upcoming special events/services for the busy season ahead.

Wednesday, March 15 Soup & Bread Lenten Program 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 19 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 22 Soup & Bread Lenten Program, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 26 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29 Soup & Bread Lenten Program, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 2 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, April 5 Evensong 5:30 p.m. followed by soup & bread

Sunday, April 9 Lenten Small Group, 4:00 pm

Tuesday, April 11 Tenebrae, 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday, 7:30 pm Watch all night

Friday, April 14 Good Friday, 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 15 Great Vigil of Easter, 7:40 pm

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday Breakfast & Flowering of the Cross, 9:00 am;
service 10:30 am; 1:30 pm: Easter Potluck at the Fosters

Repeated Information Below

An open letter to the Parish of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Athens, Ohio, from Allyn D. Reilly, Senior Warden:

Dear brothers and sisters of Good Shepherd,

As you may recall, during the main Sunday service on February 19, I explained that our previously elected Junior Warden, Lia Knox, realized she had overcommitted herself with a variety of responsibilities outside the parish, and felt that she had no alternative but to resign the position of Junior Warden.

In order to allow the parish to continue to function, I agreed to do the coordinating of repairs in and around our property for the time being. We have, in the past couple of weeks, hired out repairs to the front door lock and a third-floor electrical socket in the Rectory. Also, thanks to Michael Luelloff, Lia Knox, Ted Foster, and Gregory Proctor, the sound panels we had ordered a few weeks ago were successfully mounted on the wall behind the balcony in the nave; they have improved our acoustics markedly by reducing resonance in the 300-500 Hz range, enabling Mother Deborah and other female speakers to be much more easily understood in the building.

However, we have still not found a person who is willing to take on the responsibilities of the Junior Warden position. Part of this issue is our own fault: we have allowed the office of Junior Warden to evolve into a position that should be the domain of a paid sexton. Many of the routine maintenance chores over the past several years have been done by the Junior Warden. Thus we have become used to having a maintenance person at church virtually every weekday. This is not sustainable.

As a result, the responsibilities of the Junior Warden must be redefined. We can no longer depend on finding a retired person with mechanical skills, dedication to the parish, and time on his or her hands, as our Junior Warden. The Junior Warden must instead be a person with some knowledge of what it takes to do ordinary household repairs, but more importantly must possess the kind of people skills that it takes to organize the members of the parish to do repairs that can safely be done by amateurs, and to work with professional repairmen when the repair is more appropriately done by professionals.

This can be implemented a couple of different ways. First, we can organize a Building and Grounds committee, who collectively are charged with property upkeep, minor repairs and renovations (and the ability to wield a paintbrush), lawn care in the growing seasons, and so forth. The committee would also help the Junior Warden in formulating long-range maintenance needs, projections of things like roof upkeep, major painting projects, and the like. It is expected this committee would have a regular meeting time of once a month or every six weeks, and would comprise several members of varying ages, genders, and mechanical/physical skills.

A second possibility of organizing our maintenance and repairs is to form a group, perhaps larger than the one above, and task them with convening once a month over coffee and donuts on a Saturday morning; the Jr. Warden passes out a work list (or in his or her absence, sends a list by email the night before), the group divides up the jobs, then does the listed tasks. For more extensive projects involving more than a few hours, a different approach must be used, or professional help hired.

Thus the Junior Warden will need to be a person who will:

- * be a coordinator, not a handyman or handywoman.
- * delegate responsibility when it is appropriate and work with others to accomplish specific tasks.
- * be a contributing member of the Executive Committee and able to attend meetings of that committee as well as the vestry at least once a month, where he or she presents a monthly property report.
- * act as one of four lay delegates to the annual Diocesan Convention.
- * work with the City of Athens Code Enforcement office periodically to ensure the safety of our buildings and grounds.
- * work with the leadership of the parish to encourage other church members to participate in parish leadership.

In conclusion, WE NEED A JUNIOR WARDEN! It is mandated in our By-Laws, I am fairly certain it is mandated by Diocesan Canon, and it is mandated by common sense. The wardenship of any parish is best carried out by two people with the responsibility of leading the parish divided between them. Neither warden should be so burdened with responsibility that he or she cannot otherwise be full-time

employed outside the church!

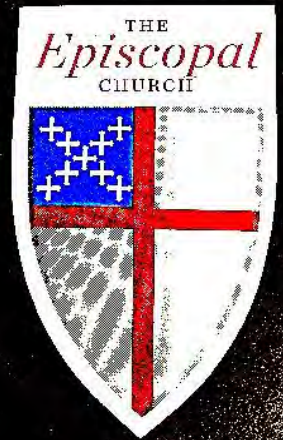
Please, during this Lenten season, reflect upon and pray about Good Shepherd and its future. If the Holy Spirit is calling you to reflect on whether you can be an effective Junior Warden, I invite you to talk with Mother Deborah or myself. I promise you that the Vestry and I will do everything in our power to make it work, and we are not afraid of trying out new ideas.

The Church of the Good Shepherd needs you . . .

(March 2, 2017)

Episcopal Shield Stickers

Episcopal Shield Stickers are available again. Apply one to your car, device, front door, desk, or any place you want to display your church. Stickers are only \$1 each, proceeds benefit campus ministry.



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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.

In Case You Missed It

On Sunday, February 26, I was excited to pass on to you all something that happened the day before at Clergy Day at Procter Center. All ordained non-retired priests, deacons, and bishops in the diocese are required to gather regularly, and we call these gatherings "Clergy Day." This time our gathering featured Bishop Breidenthal, who talked about what he finds exciting in the diocese right now, focusing specifically on parishes where he sees a "convergence" happening, which he defined as places where he sees the Holy Spirit present and being received by the people of the parish. He said he is excited to see three parishes that have stopped focusing on themselves and asking questions like "How can we get more butts in the pews?" and instead are asking, "What is God calling us to do?" When the bishop named these parishes I was filled with pride to be your Priest-in-Charge because Church of the Good Shepherd was one of the three parishes named as parishes that are "following Jesus into the neighborhood." The bishop stated that he was impressed by the way the Church of Good Shepherd is serving the academic community of Ohio University.

I wanted to share this with all of you because I want you to know the bishop is aware of what we are doing, is paying attention, is listening to us, and is not just pleased but excited by our ministry. I want you to feel encouraged by this because I am aware of the challenges we face, and I believe that if we face those challenges through the lens of asking what God is calling us to do instead of being distracted by them, we will grow stronger. Most of all, I want you to know how grateful I am to be your Priest-in-Charge and to be doing this important work of ministry with you. Thanks be to God.

Many Blessings, Mother Deborah



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 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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