



# Friday Bulletin

**Good Shepherd E-News**  
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**The Episcopal Church of the  
Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio**

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## This Upcoming Sunday

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**7 August 2022, 10:30 a.m.**

**Order of Worship (Bulletin)**

**Service:** Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Musician:** Marsha Reilly

**Lector:** Norm Fox

**Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte:** David  
Burton

**Eucharistic Minister/Prayer Leader:**  
Allyn Reilly

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Graham

**Altar Flowers:**

**Coffee Hour Host:** Sharon Huge

**LESSONS** for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14-Tract 1)

Old Testament – Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20

Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24 (SAID)

New Testament - Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Gospel - Luke 12: 32-40

## From the Diocese

# Bishop Search Process Begins: Letters from Bishop Smith and the Standing Committee.

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## From Bishop Smith: The Time Has Come to Move Ahead

Dear Friends in Christ:

As I come to the halfway mark in my ministry as your Bishop Provisional, it is time to turn toward the election and ordination of the Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio. This letter comes to you alongside **a word from the Standing Committee**, who have primary oversight for this transition and all its details.

There are a few matters, however, that I want you to hear directly from me. Not least of these concerns arises from Standing Committee President Scott Gunn's **sudden and serious illness**. The Committee and I have depended on Scott's abundant gifts and energies, both of which we will miss sorely in the short term, and we pray daily for his return to health. It might be tempting to defer the start of an election process; the Standing Committee and I are resolute in moving ahead, because the time has come.

I also think that the Diocese is on a clear trajectory toward well-being and wholeness. Together we have worked toward addressing addiction and its effects on Southern Ohio. The staff at Diocesan House is in good shape. Morale there and throughout the Diocese is improving. We have addressed issues of isolation, both geographical and emotional. We have become both more confident and more careful in facing the effects of COVID on the Church's life, although the disease still wears on us all. We continue to uncover the effects of systemic racism in the life of this Diocese and the culture around us, and we struggle to address its caustic reality. We are trying, faithfully, to become the Beloved Community whom God desires.

The work remains incomplete in every one of these matters—and so it will be. It is my judgment, and that of the Standing Committee, that we have nonetheless come to the right moment to move toward election and ordination.

You should know that I am willing to consider an extension in my agreed-to

time as Bishop Provisional, past the original end date of August 2023. I can imagine continuing in my current role through the time of an election, and then in a scaled-down role until the ordination. The timeline proposed by the Standing Committee sees an election in September 2023 and an ordination in February 2024.

There are details aplenty to sort out with the Presiding Bishop's office, with the Church Pension Fund, and with the Standing Committee. I see nothing insurmountable, however, in any of the likely details.

And know that I remain blessed to be your bishop, during a season of transition.

George Wayne Smith  
Bishop Provisional  
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio

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## **From the Standing Committee: Bishop Search Begins, Timeline Announced**

Dear friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We greet you in love, and we are so grateful for your prayers and support as we move through the process of electing a new Bishop Diocesan. First, we join you in fervent prayers for the **continued recovery** of the President of the Standing Committee, the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn. The Standing Committee is continuing our work without interruption in Canon Gunn's absence so that he can focus on returning to health.

We write today to tell you that we are prepared to begin the search for the Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio, and to share with you our draft timeline for the work ahead. In particular, we want you to know that we are preparing to open the application for members of the Bishop Nominating Committee from August 11 to August 19. Because serving on the nominating committee will require a significant commitment of time and attention from mid-September through the end of June 2023, we want those of you who may be called to serve on the nominating committee to have time to discern your commitment before the online application form opens. The Nominating Committee will have the enormous job of writing the Diocesan Profile and ultimately presenting the slate of bishop candidates to the Standing Committee. This committee, which will include lay and clergy people from all parts of the diocese will have diversity that represents the population of our diocese.

You will see in the timeline chart at the end of this letter that we intend to elect

our new bishop on September 30, 2023, and to hold the Ordination and Consecration of the Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio in mid-February 2024 or shortly thereafter. We are working now with Presiding Bishop Curry's office to secure a date. Please know that these dates, as well as all the dates in the timeline, are probable, but are not set in stone. The Standing Committee will continue issuing regular updates to keep you informed of our progress.

The process for electing and ordaining a bishop typically takes between one and two years, which is longer than most people imagine. Here in the Diocese of Southern Ohio, we spent some time before officially beginning our search addressing essential issues of institutional culture and clarity. We believe that this preparatory period was necessary to create an environment that will foster the ministries of the diocese and our next bishop. Based on the feedback that we received at listening sessions we held in May and June, we now have made sufficient progress on these key issues and are ready to begin the search. Dr. James Allsop, the Vice President of the Standing Committee, has assumed leadership as Canon Gunn recovers, and we have confidence that with the support of the Holy Spirit, we will continue our work without interruption.

One of the foundations from which our committee works was summarized beautifully in a recent publication from **The Center for Action and Contemplation** about the future of Christianity:

This work invites each of us to play a part — a whole body, a whole community, a whole movement grounded in shared vision, values, and experiential knowing of God's presence. We are called to show up in the world together.

As we begin the search for the Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio, we ask you to pray for us, for those who will discern a call to serve on the nominating committee, and for all the people of the diocese.

### **Prospective Timeline for the Bishop Search**

*This projected timeline is but a tip of the iceberg of the complex process for the election of a bishop in the Episcopal Church. We are blessed to have an excellent and experienced consultant to guide us. We are including a projected timeline that can be modified according to circumstances. If you have questions, please email us at **standingcommittee@diosohio.org**.*

### **2022**

August 11: Bishop Nominating Committee Application Open

August 19: Deadline for Bishop Nominating Committee Applications

September 15: Bishop Nominating Committee Members Announced

October 7-8: Bishop Nominating Committee Retreat

November 19: Diocesan Convention

### **2023**

January 15: Diocesan Profile Published

January 31: Transition Committee Application Published  
**February 28: Deadline for Bishop Candidate Applications**  
February 28: Transition Committee Members Announced  
March 18: Transition Committee Zoom Kickoff  
June 15-17: Bishop Nominating Discernment Retreat  
June 24: Slate of Bishop Nominees presented to Standing Committee  
June 29: Slate of Bishop Nominees Announced  
July 13: Petition Nominee Applications Due  
**August 10: Final Slate Announced**  
September 11-15: Meet and Greet Sessions with Bishop Nominees  
**September 30: Special Electing Convention**

**2024**

**February 10 (or later): Ordination of the Tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio**

Yours faithfully,

Dr. James Allsop, vice-president  
Dr. Elizabeth Barker  
The Rev. Dr. Ellen Cook  
Mr. Barry Feist  
The Rev. David Kendall-Sperry, secretary  
*The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Ohio*

## Coming up on the Calendar

**Sunday, August 7, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Wednesday, August 10, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's**

**Sunday, August 14, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (First Sunday Service with newly installed refurbished organ)**

**Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting**

**Sunday, August 21, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Monday, August 22, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - - First Day of Classes at OU Blessings, coffee and donut giveaway.**

**Wednesday, August 24, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's**

**Sunday, August 28, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist (Outdoor Service)**

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**This Summer CrossRoads Café is open Sundays after church.**

### **Coffee Hour Schedule**

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| <b>August 7</b>  | <b>Sharon Huge</b>  |
| <b>August 14</b> | <b>Alex Buckley</b> |
| <b>August 21</b> | <b>Dana Carlson</b> |
| <b>August 28</b> | <b>David Burton</b> |

### **Events Looking Forward**

**Sept. 4 (Sunday) Funeral service for Virginia (Jody) Smith 3pm**

**Sept. 11 (Sunday) Outdoor Service 10:30 am with special remembrance for 9/11**

**Oct. 7-10 (Friday – Monday) College Student Retreat in the Hocking Hills**

**Nov. 6 (Sunday) Newly Refurbished Organ Celebration 3pm (first in a series)**

**Nov. 19 (Saturday) Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Hybrid zoom and in person in Cincinnati**

**Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day service 10:30 am**

**Nov. 24 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Meal for parishioners 1:30 pm**

**Dec. 24 (Saturday) Christmas Eve 7pm**

**Dec. 25 (Sunday) Christmas Day 10:30 am**

### **Notes & Announcements**

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**From Episcopal News Service - - Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on "Lambeth Call on Human Dignity."**

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is among an estimated 650

Anglican bishops worldwide—including more than 100 Episcopal bishops—attending the Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, England, through Aug. 7. [Bishop Curry shared this video message.](#)

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## Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Changes

**Diocesan 80th General Convention** - when delegates from every parish in the diocese and clergy in the diocese gather to conduct the necessary business of the diocese - has been changed to **Saturday, November 19**. **Delegates and clergy may attend in person or via zoom.** These changes are due to the still ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

For more see the [DSO E-Connections](#) newsletter.

Keep up with the latest information regarding the Convention [HERE](#).

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## Unpacking the 80th General Convention

If you missed last week's Zoom meeting with Bishop Smith and members of our General Convention deputation, videos of both meetings and the deputies' slide presentation are available on the Diocese's video page [HERE](#).

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## Supporting Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine



[Follow this link](#) if you want **HELP WITH EASTERN KENTUCKY FLOOD RELIEF** directly vis the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington.

**Alternatively** if you want to help the folks who have been negatively impacted by climate disaster and war **anywhere** in the world please consider contributing to [Episcopal Relief and Development \(ERD\)](#) which is the official ministry of the Episcopal Church.

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The weather cooperated for Dave Black's committal and interment in the columbarium on Wednesday. Michael is re-sealing the niche.



And so goes the venerable Scott Quad. The 'jet engine' keeps down the potentially harmful dust. Depending on future plans one small consolation will be a nice view of the hillside across the river from the porch.



## Contacts & Information

### Contact Information

**For pastoral needs**, please contact The Rev. Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895 (cell) or 740-593-6877 (church), or by e-mail at [revdebwoolsey@gmail.com](mailto:revdebwoolsey@gmail.com).

**To find out more about Good Shepherd and other matters**, please contact Alex Buckley, Senior Warden, at 740-593-5513 or by e-mail at [macbuck@yahoo.com](mailto:macbuck@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](mailto:carlsondana@hotmail.com).

**For emergencies**, please call The Rev.

### DONATE to Good Shepherd

This takes you to the Parish Home page where you can donate on line via PayPal. If you have a preference, please indicate on the the "Add special instructions to the seller" section the purpose of the donation—e.g. Covid Memorial, plate collection, etc.

Check out the Church's [YouTube Channel](#).

Deborah Woolsey at 937-689-8895.

**NON-emergency messages** can be left on the church's answering machine (740-593-6877). The parish office administrator is Barbara Martin (740-593-6877) or [barbara@chogs.org](mailto:barbara@chogs.org).

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**Office Hours:  
10:00 a.m.– 2:00  
p.m., Monday  
through Thursday.**

**The Diocese COVID  
Guidelines request  
all persons wear masks  
inside the church  
building regardless of  
vaccination status.**