



Friday Bulletin

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Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio

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This Upcoming Sunday

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 13, 2022

Inside service, please wear a mask and
follow Order of Worship guidelines.

10:30 a.m. Service

(Order of Worship Not Available)

Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

Celebrant: Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Jack Flemming

Prayer Leader: Allyn Reilly

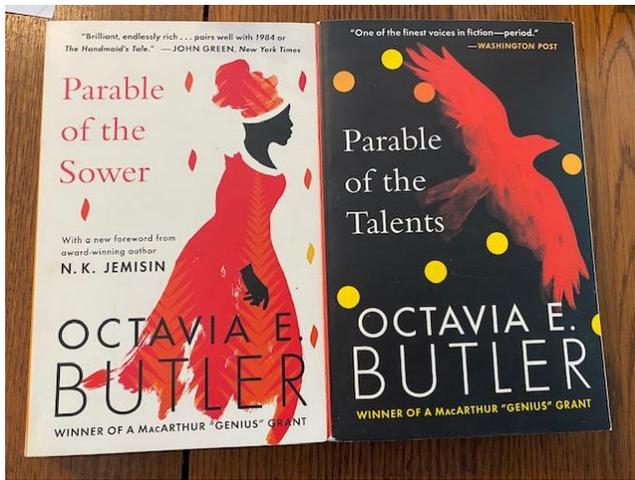
Eucharistic Minister: David Burton

Altar Guild: David Burton

LESSONS for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany: Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Psalm 1; I
Corinthians 15: 12-20; Luke 6: 17-26.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Reading with the Rector



Octavia E. Butler's *The Parable of the Sower* and *The Parable of the Talents*

Imagining Jesus' two parables lived out proves that sometimes fiction can hit a little too close to home. Written in the late 1990's Octavia E. Butler's beautiful and engaging stories of a young visionary Black woman of faith in the early 21st century who survived climate change and social and

economic chaos are not only relevant, they can also inspire of hope for all of us. The characters in these books will both disappoint and inspire you and help us understand some different points of view, even those we may not agree with. *The Parable* novels show us a hope that no matter what happens to humanity, there will always be faith, God will always love all people, and will never stop calling us into living abundant lives of joy.

About the Author: Octavia E. Butler was a Black writer who received the MacArthur "Genius" Grant and PEN West Lifetime Achievement Award for her body of work. She won the acclaimed Nebula Award for Best Novel for *Parable of the Talents* and is credited for creating the Afrofuturistic genre. If you have not read her books, these are a good introduction to an amazing writer who was sometimes called "prophetic" but whose work comes from a place of love for humanity. During Black History Month – or any month - you can't go wrong with these stories of the positive power of faith to endure and overcome any adversity or tragedy.

Many Blessings,

Mother Deborah

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, February 13, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting, ZOOM

Sunday, February 20, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, February 24, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting

Sunday, February 27, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

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Parish Annual Reports for 2021

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**Printed copies will not be distributed but
are available at the church office next week.
Please contact Barbara Martin at the Office
if you wish to have a copy mailed to you.**

Volunteers Needed to Help with Sunday Services

Counter

We need your help counting the financial gifts given during the church service. All you have to do is stay a few minutes after the church service on Sundays and count the money collected during the service, fill out a form stating what you counted, then put the money in a pouch and put the pouch in the closet in the church office. **Time:** it will take approximately 15 minutes to accomplish. How often you are asked to do it depends on how many people volunteer. Volunteers will be put on a schedule. If you are interested,

Greeter

We need your help greeting people when they enter the church for the service. All you have to do is arrive 10 minutes before the church service starts, stand or sit by the door or on the porch, warmly greet people as they enter, remind them to put their mask on if they forgot or offer them one of our free masks, and answer any questions like where the bathrooms are if they ask. Once everyone has arrived, you have no other duties. How often you are asked to do this depends on how many people step up to volunteer, all volunteers will be put on a schedule. If you are interested, please contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com

Thank you for your help, it is by working together that we can offer in-person Sunday morning church services.

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.

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.

For maintenance matters, please leave a note at the office or contact Ted Foster, Junior Warden, at 740-593-8615 or by e-mail at foster.theodore@gmail.com.

For emergencies, please call The Rev. 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.

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. organ fund, plate collection, etc.

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

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Pandemic Note:
Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m., Monday through

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Thursday.

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