



# 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

**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**  
February 20, 2022

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

10:30 a.m. Service

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Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

Celebrant: Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Norm Fox

Prayer Leader: David Burton

Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Huge

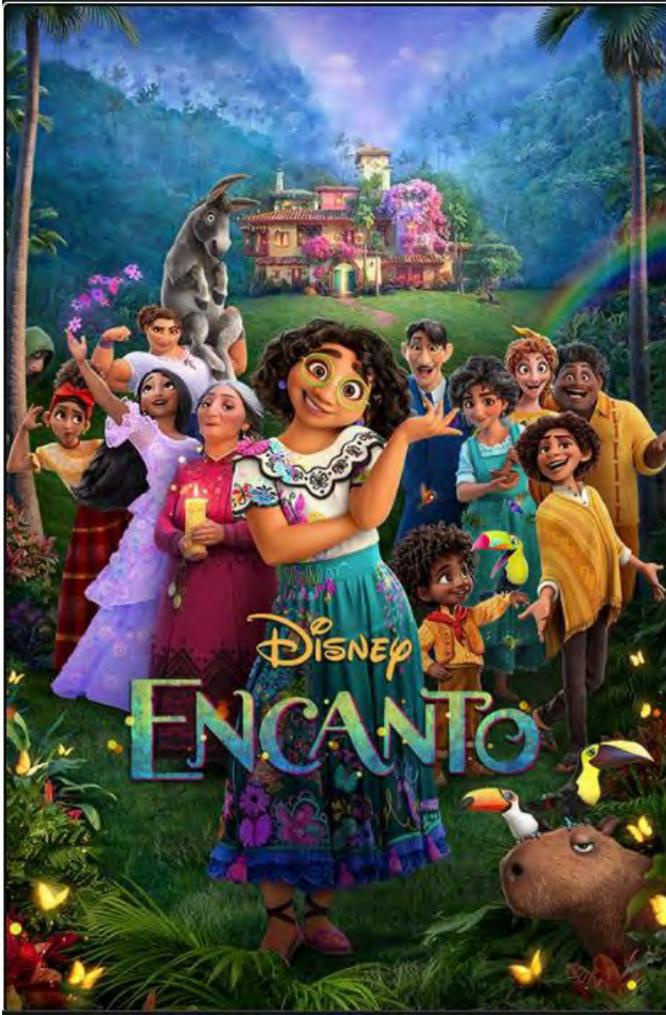
Altar Guild: Sally Spero

**LESSONS** Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany: Genesis 45: 3-11, 15; Psalm 37: 1-12;  
I Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50; Luke 6: 27-38.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

**Movies with the Rector**

## What *Encanto* has in Common with Jeremiah



You don't have to have young children or grandchildren to enjoy the movie *Encanto*, which is available on Disney plus. This movie is about so much more than one child who doesn't have magical powers in an otherwise magical family, like the trailer teases. This is a story about the complexity of any family, and perhaps family groups like a church.

In a rural valley in Colombia, we meet the Madrigal family. The matriarch, Abuela, lost her husband and father of her triplets when he tragically died while fleeing their homeland due to violence and oppression. Her grief manifested a candle that is the source of magic for their house and the miraculous gifts each of Abuela's children and grandchildren receive when they reach a certain age. All of them, it seems, except Mirabel.

When Mirabel doesn't receive a magical gift at her coming of age ceremony, the family worries their magic is threatened, although they don't talk about it much.

Mirabel, a lovely, creative, sensitive girl struggles with resentment, guilt, and fitting in by finding ways she can support her family and give back to her community.

As the story unfolds, we learn the Madrigal family has its secrets and is not as invulnerable as they seem. Mirabel's cousins struggle to be themselves when the family and community seems to care only about what their gifts can do for them. For example, Luisa's gift is strength, but she is sad because she feels she only has value when she is doing heavy labor. Isabella's gift is creating flowers and she feels pressure from the family to be perfect when what she really wants is to express diverse beauty.



As Mirabel learns these and other truths about her family, she notices the magical house they are living in has cracks in its walls and foundation. When she tells Abuela about the breaking house, it caused fear in the community and the family. Abuela denies the cracks and accuses Mirabel of wanting to hurt her family because she does not have a gift. Eventually the conflict culminates with the house crumbling to rubble. In a tender scene between Mirabel and her grandmother, Abuela comforts Mirabel and says it was not Mirabel's fault the house disintegrated. The family was broken in part because Abuela tried to force the family to conform to her standards instead of letting them explore their gifts. She was afraid of losing the miracle, the magic, the connection to her husband.

And then we see Mirabel's gift come shining through. She tells Abuela whatever breaks, can be fixed. And it is. Together with the community, the family rebuilds their house and when the last part is put in place by Mirabel, the house returns to life.

***"Then the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'" Jeremiah 1:10***

The idea of God revealing truth will be both liberating and painful goes all the way back to the Old Testament and is seen in the Gospels. In our fear and spiritual immaturity, we can sometimes mistake destruction for unhealth, when the truth is some things need to be dismantled for a more stable or firm foundation to be constructed. College students (or seminary students) sometimes struggle during that first year of school when commonly held convictions might be challenged. Usually after learning the skill of deconstruction, they realize reconstruction follows and former views can sometimes be strengthened or deepened. It's the process of learning many concepts are more complicated that we first assume.

The character Mirabel in *Encanto* has a gift. Her gift requires more courage and perseverance than the others, but because it is fueled by a deep love for her family and community, her gift is used for the good of everyone. Mirabel's gift is to be able to see reality and tell the truth. And her story shows us the truth, as it says in the Bible, not only will set families, individuals, churches, and of course communities and institutions free,

when it is shared in love not judgment, care not criticism, it is the balm that can heal the sin-sick soul.

If you haven't had the chance yet, I encourage you to watch *Encanto*, even if you don't have little children to enjoy it with you. It is a story that shows we don't have to be afraid of what is broken because it can be healed with love, and God, like a miracle, is present in destruction and rebuilding.

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 23, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting, Julie's**

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

**Wednesday, March 2, 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. - - Ashes to Go**

**Wednesday, March 2, 5:30 p.m. - - Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Wednesday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting, Julie's**

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**CrossRoads Café is open on Sundays after church.**

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**Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022**

**Ashes to Go 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**  
Front Porch of the Church



**Service 5:30 p.m.**  
Inside Church

We invite you to accept the invitation to a Holy Lent either by stopping by for Imposition of Ashes on the porch or joining us for a simple service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist. Both are good ways to begin the season of "creating new and contrite hearts" within each of us.

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### **Dave Black, son of Bishop William and June Black, dies at 66**

From {e}Connections: "We are sad to report the death of Dave Black, son of the Diocese of Southern Ohio's Bishop William Grant Black and June Black, at age 66 in Madison, Wisconsin, just days before a retirement party planned in his honor by WSUM, the student radio station of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, of which Black was the founding general manager.

Black started the work of creating WSUM 91.7 as a graduate student in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 1993, and led it through all the hurdles to make it a full-fledged, FCC-licensed station with on-campus studios, now reaching over 183,000 listeners worldwide."

Bishop William Grant Black was the rector of Good Shepherd from 1962 to 1973.

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This past Sunday I was unable to upload Mother Deborah's video sermon nor upload the music. The music links in **last Sunday's service** are now active and a link to a video of last **sermon is here**.

(Ted Foster)

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**Eleanor had CrossRoads outside Wednesday morning because the weather was so nice.**



## 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).

### **DONATE to Good Shepherd**

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**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. 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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**Pandemic Note:**  
**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.**

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