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Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio

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This Upcoming Sunday

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 6, 2022

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

10:30 a.m. Service ([Order of Worship](#))

Holy Eucharist Rite II-A

Celebrant: Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Lector: Michael Wootton

Prayer Leader: Dana Carlson

Eucharistic Minister: Lynn Graham

Altar Guild: Lynn Graham

LESSONS for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany: Isaiah 6: 1-8; Psalm 138; I
Corinthians 15: 1-11; Luke 5: 1-11.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>



– **This Little Light, Let it Shine!** –
Candle Blessing Sunday February 6

One of the traditions of the Church is blessing the candles the church will use during the year. This is usually done on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation, the day the Church remembers when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple and Simeon and Anna recognized Jesus as God's Messiah. (Luke 2:22-40) The blessing of candles usually takes place during the church service that day as a sign of Jesus being the Light that has come into the world. It is also a hopeful sign as the days get longer. You might hear this service as "Candlemas".

Even though Feb. 2 is behind us, we could all probably use a little more light this time of year.

We invite you to bring your candles to church this **Sunday, February 6**: the candles you might use on a dinner table, or for prayer, or for a pleasant aroma. Any candle you have; just bring it to church and place it on the table in front of the pulpit. We will bless them and the candles that will be used in the chapel and in church this year. After the service you can take your candles home and let the light shine!

Can't join us in person? No problem, we'll have a video on our church You Tube channel, and your candles can still be blessed from a distance.

Coming up on the Calendar

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

Wednesday, February 10, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl Meeting

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

CrossRoads Café is open on Sundays after church.

Mother Deborah Office Hours Canceled in February

The numbers of new and active cases of COVID-19 are slowly falling in Athens County but are currently still highest they have ever been in our county. Mother Deborah will not have office hours in the month of February, but she can still be reached via phone call, email, text or make an appointment for an in-person meeting.

Mother Deborah's Continuing Education for 2022

Part of every parish priest's compensation is to provide funds and time for them to further their education. There are usually no parameters on how or what this will look like. This year, Mother Deborah is participating in a 6-month one day a week via video conference program that seeks to "shift the mindset and practice of fundraising from a series of transactional requests for money to a deeper, more meaningful transformational experience of giving." This interactive program is designed for campus ministries and parishes located in university campuses and is being funded by a grant from Province V.

Church of the Good Shepherd is not the only parish in the diocese nor the national church to experience a decline in giving since the 1980's and 90's. The wider culture and society is shifting and changing and this program seeks to help move from complaining about the shift/change to empowering us to learn to ask for money as part of ministry. Ministries like the Brent House in Chicago have already benefited from this type of stewardship. Vestry can look forward to hearing about what Mother Deborah learns about herself, the parish, and how we can improve upon our financial health so that we can continue to grow our ministry to our neighbors. Want to learn more? Send Mother Deborah an email or call her, she will be happy to share what she is learning with everyone.

Parish Annual Reports for 2021

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW/DOWNLOAD THE REPORTS](#)

**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.**

Nominating Committee Report 2022

This slate as presented was approved at the Annual Meeting.

Senior Warden - Alexandra Buckley

(1 year term, able to serve for 3 consecutive years)

Junior Warden - Dana Carlson

(1 year term, able to serve for 3 consecutive years)

Treasurer - Allyn Reilly

Secretary - David Burton

Vestry - David Burton and Gregory Proctor
(2 people, 3 year term)

Student Rep Vestry - none for 2022
(1 year term)

Delegates to Convention - Alex Buckley and Dana Carlson and Jack Flemming and Allyn Reilly

Alternates to Convention - Norm Fox and Anne Walker

Respectfully submitted by the Rev. Deborah Woolsey, chair,
Anne Walker, Preston Denton, Mike Wootton, Alex Buckley committee members.

Summary of Parish Annual Meeting 2:00PM Sunday, January 30, 2022

Twenty-four were in
attendance via zoom.



Sr. Warden's Remarks: "I really did miss seeing parishioners in person. My idea of a Senior Warden's role was to interact with people on a personal basis, one on one" ... "In general, I'm feeling positive, and grateful to have this community in my life at this time."

Nomination Slate for 2022 Approved: (see above)

Rector's Remarks: "I'm grateful for all in this parish" ... "however we are able to gather and work together" ... "As we continue to adapt, we show kindness and that is huge. This parish takes the high road and is kind. It gives me hope!" ... "This is an amazing parish, and I am proud to be your rector! I'm looking forward to this year ahead."

Budget Report: (see above for a link to the Annual Meeting Reports, including the budget details) Allyn gave an overview of the budget. One bright spot in this report is the very generous pledging income this year. We have been running unsustainable deficit figures over the last five years, and Allyn is deeply concerned about how we will handle future demands on our existing financial strength.

Organ Project: Will start after Easter, taking parts from the organ chamber to the workshop.

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, please contact Mother Deborah at revdebwoolsey@gmail.com

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.

"Follow the rules"

The Rt. Rev. P (for Percival) Hocking Marmota Monax Chogs did appear on Groundhog day. Now, we all know the parameters - if The Rt. Rev. did his shadow on February 2, the winter chill will continue for six more weeks. If he did not see his shadow, we can expect warmer temperatures and an early spring. Did The Rt. Rev. see his shadow or not? Being a little bleary-eyed from a nap he was not sure, but considering the empirical evidence in the photo he did **not** see his shadow..

One thing for sure, as we see in these photos, the Rt. Rev. **follows the rules** and makes sure we do as



well, and especially keeps a sharp eye on our rector all year long from his perch next door with a good view of Mother Deborah's office.



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

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

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.

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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.
