



# 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

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**3 July 2022, 10:30 a.m.**

**Order of Worship (Bulletin)**

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

**Celebrant:** the Rev. Deborah Woolsey

**Musician:** Gregory Proctor

**Lector:** Norm Fox

**Prayer Leader:** Dana Carlson

**Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte:** Tyrone Carr

**Eucharistic Minister:** Sharon Huges

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Graham

**Coffee Hour Host:** Dana Carlson

**LESSONS** for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9-Tract 1):

Old Testament – 2 Kings 5: 1-14;

Psalm 30 (SAID);

New Testament - Galatians 6: 1-16;

Gospel - 10: 1-11, 16-20;

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

**An update from the Standing Committee**



The Diocese  
of Southern Ohio

Reproduced below is a memo from the Standing Committee about the report and recommendations from New Realm Consulting.

[View the original webpage](#) if desired.

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## Learnings from the listening sessions: An update from the Standing Committee

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles  
June 29, 2022

Dear friends in Christ,

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

As you know, the Standing Committee held listening sessions in late May and early June. The purpose of these sessions, held in person and online, was to help us understand whether we are ready as a diocese to move to the next stage of the bishop search process and to hear your concerns and hopes.

We are pleased to share the [report and recommendations from New Realm Consulting](#). There were no surprises in the report, and this is good. Please do read the full report, and you may also want to review the [results from a diocesan-wide survey](#) we conducted in the spring.

In summary, there were five themes we heard from the listening sessions:

- Desire for improved transparency from diocesan leaders
- Desire to use “systems theory” to understand not only the issues around Bishop Breidenthal’s struggle with substance use, but also how we handle other problems and support our leaders
- Clear preference to “proceed now” with the next step of our search for the next diocesan bishop
- Lack of trust related to an identified Cincinnati/rural disconnect; a frustration with the collaboration between the Diocese of Southern Ohio and Christ Church Cathedral. (Note: this collaboration has now been ended.)
- Hope that our next bishop will be pastoral, with an appreciation of Bishop Wayne Smith’s work

As we have said all along, the Standing Committee’s primary goal has been to set up our next bishop for a ministry that can thrive. To that end, we wanted to make sure we understood critical issues in our diocese and could address

some of them prior to the election and ordination of our next bishop. Other issues must be named and clarified now, and our next bishop will need to be aware of them and lead us through a response.

We believe that the worst scenario would have been to proceed too quickly, having failed to identify and address long-term, systemic issues. Fortunately, we believe – and the survey and listening sessions have affirmed – that the Diocese is now ready to proceed with the next steps in our search.

We have identified areas of health in our diocese. And we have identified challenges that fall into three categories:

- Some challenges should be addressed and resolved immediately, before the arrival of our next bishop.
- Some challenges should be identified and clarified so that those discerning a call to be our bishop will be aware of them as part of their discernment process.
- Some challenges should simply be named now, realizing that they cannot be “solved” in the short term.

Here are some immediate challenges we have addressed:

- The Standing Committee has been endeavoring to lead with transparency and to encourage others to do the same.
- We called for the election of Bishop Wayne Smith as our bishop provisional and charged him to help us address issues related to the systemic health of our diocese.
- The collaboration between the Diocese and the Cathedral, a source of much concern, **has been ended**.
- We are working with the Trustees to address the next bishop’s compensation. Already, when we called Bishop Smith, we lowered the compensation from its previous high of just over \$340,000 to just over \$200,000. We are working with the Trustees to develop a plan for “rationalizing” the next bishop’s compensation to make it comparable with other dioceses of our size and complexity.

We also understand there are longer-term issues, including:

- Systemic racism in our diocese and its structures
- An ongoing lack of trust and transparency
- A desire for greater support of struggling congregations, both financially and pastorally

We are sharing these concerns and the work to address them with you so that you’ll be aware of our ongoing concerns and focus. Now that we have a provisional bishop, the Standing Committee is no longer the ecclesiastical authority, and our task for many of these challenges is to offer counsel to our bishop. Our narrower focus has been to assure that we are on the optimal timeline for our search.

It is clear that we are ready to proceed with the next steps of the search for our next bishop.

Specifically, we are meeting all day today with our search consultant to map out a timeline and task list for the nomination, discernment, election, ordination, and transition of our next bishop. We will share this timeline as soon as we have a suitable draft. Over the summer, we will be preparing the position descriptions and process to name the search committee. We will continue to work with the Trustees on clarifying the compensation (and compensation policies) for our next bishop. We will work with the chancellor on any special rules of order or canonical changes that will need to be considered at our Diocesan Convention this fall.

Our expectation is that we will open nominations for the search committee later in the summer or in early autumn. We will look for a diverse group of people with the mix of skills we need from across the whole diocese. We'll share more details soon.

The date of the ordination will depend on the Presiding Bishop's schedule and on resolutions under consideration at this summer's General Convention that could affect the timeline. As we said, stay tuned for a more detailed timeline as soon as it's ready to share.

Some people have asked us what happens if we do not have our next bishop by August 2023, when Bishop Smith's letter of agreement with us ends. He has told us that he is willing to stay on a little longer if needed. If for some reason that becomes impossible, we are developing alternate plans to continue the vibrant ministry of our diocese without interruption.

We will communicate again soon with a timeline for the process leading to the ordination of our next diocesan bishop. Meanwhile, if you have questions or concerns, please email us at [StandingCommittee@DioSOhio.org](mailto:StandingCommittee@DioSOhio.org).

We ask you to pray for the Diocese of Southern Ohio and for us. Today is the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles. The appointed collect is fitting:

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessings to you all.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. James Allsop, vice-president  
Dr. Elizabeth Barker  
The Rev. Dr. Ellen Cook  
Mr. Barry Feist

The Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, president  
The Rev. David Kendall-Sperry, secretary

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Southern Ohio

## Coming up on the Calendar

**Sunday, July 3, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

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

**Wednesday, July 13, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's**

**Sunday, July 17, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Thursday, July 21, 7:00 p.m. - - Vestry Meeting**

**Sunday, July 24, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

**Wednesday, July 27, 9:30 a.m. - - Prayer Shawl at Julie's**

**Sunday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist**

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Through July CrossRoads Café is open Sundays after church.

## Notes & Announcements

### General Convention July 8-11

Please pray for the deputies for General Convention who will be meeting in Baltimore to vote on the latest changes to the Episcopal Church. Every three years delegates from every diocese in the Episcopal Church meets to propose changes and vote on the changes for how we function as a community that follows Jesus. To be able to meet in person during the pandemic, there have been a lot of adaptations including wearing masks traveling to GC, testing for Covid-19, wearing masks at all in person events/meetings, eating in small groups or in private, and providing places for those who test positive for Covid-19 to quarantine. Please pray for General Convention as they try to conduct business in a way that minimizes the risk of those who attend. You can learn more about what happens at General Convention through the Episcopal News Service [episcopalnewsservice.org](http://episcopalnewsservice.org).

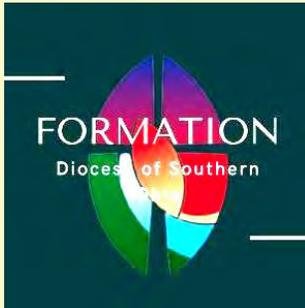
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# Diocese of Southern Ohio Convention Changes

Diocesan 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 ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

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

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The summer season and the long liturgical season of 'Ordinary Time' is a good time to check in with the DSO website for resources on the Diocesan Learning Portal, learning opportunities and programs, and classes that are on-line and free.

For more please follow this link -- [FORMATION](#)

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## Supporting Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine



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Photographs, Covid Memorial Progress this week.



**Above:** Mainly through the work of Owen Buckley the flower beds were prepared for the refurbished memorial that Michael Leulloff has been constructing.

**Below:** from three different angles are views of the memorial's start up progress as of this week.





**Below** is an image of the explanation signs that will accompany the Memorial. To read, zoom in to expand if necessary.



The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd welcomes you to our **COVID-19 Memorial** created to remember the over one million Americans and over six million people worldwide who have died from the COVID-19 virus. These losses have deeply impacted the lives of millions more of us, our institutions, churches, businesses, economy, schools, and families and this is a visual representation of those losses. Each **archway** represents 100,000 Americans who have died from the COVID-19 virus.

The **broken pieces of glass** suspended on the sides of the archways represent people who died. Notice they don't touch, this is an intentional effort to show how most who died from COVID-19 died alone, without family or friends present. The pieces of glass are broken to show how the COVID-19 virus damaged relationships, businesses, schools, and many in-person connections. The edges of the glass are sharp, representing the pain of separation many people experienced in the early days of the pandemic.

The **arches** represent how even though we may have felt separated, we were all experiencing the pandemic together. The arches are colored gold to represent the Holy. Children's art often uses the color gold to represent the Presence of God. While we may have felt distant and separate, God was with all of us, and through God's Presence we are connected. The arches also represent how those we love and who have died are still connected to us through the love we have for each other and God's overarching love for us all.

The **mirror** on the bottom of each archway reflects your image with the brokenness around you, giving you opportunity to

recognize your loss. The broken mirrors remind us how the pandemic revealed what is broken in our society and in our lives. The **lights** on top of each archway represent the eternal light that shines when there is no sun or moon, the light of God that touches all the broken pieces, revealing their beauty and the reminder nothing can separate us from the love of God, not even death.



The **crystals** hanging from each archway refract the light, shining it everywhere in scattered colors like the broken glass on the sides intended to represent how love and grief are one in the same and both go with us and reminds us to be gentle with each other as we all may be carrying grief.

Written on the **windchimes** are the names of individuals who have died from COVID-19. When the wind blows their names are spoken like the tolling of a bell.

The **tree** in the middle of the memorial represents the life that goes on never forgetting it is surrounded by the memories and love of those who died. The tree also represents the hope that we will be inspired to care for the living among us by recognizing the beauty of all life, renew our collective responsibility to take care of each other and to work together to create a society that cares for all people, to make a new and better day.



We are grateful for those who contributed to making this memorial possible and the artist Michael Luelloff who envisioned and constructed it. For those we love and see no longer and the ways in which we feel those losses, we pray.

## 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).

### 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](#).

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**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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**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.**