



Friday Bulletin

Good Shepherd E-News

24 June 2022

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Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio**

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This Upcoming Sunday

Third Sunday after Pentecost

26 June 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship (Bulletin)

Service: Holy Eucharist Rite II-C

Celebrant: the Rev. Deborah Woolsey

Musician: Lois Wagner

Lector: Alex Buckley

Prayer Leader: Lynn Graham

Eucharistic Minister/Acolyte: Owen
Buckley/Sharon Huge

Altar Guild: David Burton

Coffee Hour Host: Alex Buckley

LESSONS for the Third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8-Tract 2): I Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16 (SAID); Galatians 5: 1, 13-25, Luke 9: 51-62.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net>

Supreme Court decision

**The Life and Dignity of Women Matter:
A Statement from Bishop Wayne Smith**

June 24, 2022

The Episcopal Church has a clear record in its teaching about abortion. It is nuanced but hardly confusing. The record names circumstances in which terminating pregnancy is an acceptable choice within the tradition but makes pastoral provision for other circumstances also. Our Church specifically treats all life as sacred but argues that limiting access to abortion is wrong. [Details of our record are here](#), and they are worth reading.

Let us be clear that today's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade puts women at risk. The ruling makes possible, even likely, that the actions of women, whether taken out of necessity or in good conscience, will be criminalized. Counsellors and allies are by extension also at risk. So are the Churches and other religious bodies who support them.

But most of all it is the women.

The Episcopal Church casts its lot with the whole of human life, with no exceptions. (Gal. 3:28) We say as much at our baptism. We are still learning the disciplines for such a life, and we often fall short of our best ideals. We remain committed to it nonetheless. For the sake of Jesus who has come to us as one of us, the life and dignity of every human being matter.

The life and dignity of women matter.

Bishop Smith signature
George Wayne Smith
Bishop Provisional
Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio
Feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist

[Read this statement on the DSO website.](#)

**Statement on Supreme Court Dobbs decision
by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
June 24, 2022**

Today the Supreme Court released its decision in the case of Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization. The court has overturned the constitutional right to abortion that was recognized in the seminal 1973 case Roe v. Wade.

While I, like many, anticipated this decision, I am deeply grieved by it. I have been ordained more than 40 years, and I have served as a pastor in poor

communities; I have witnessed firsthand the negative impact this decision will have.

We as a church have tried carefully to be responsive both to the moral value of women having the right to determine their healthcare choices as well as the moral value of all life. Today's decision institutionalizes inequality because women with access to resources will be able to exercise their moral judgment in ways that women without the same resources will not..."

[Read here for the full statement](#)

Coming up on the Calendar

Sunday, June 26, 10:30 a.m. - - Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, June 29, 12:00 noon - - Prayers on the Porch

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

Through June CrossRoads Café is open Mon-Fr 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
and 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.

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.

Supporting Humanitarian Response to the Crisis in Ukraine



Covid Memorial

Sadly, statistics have made the Covid Memorial out of date, but even more needed. This week the Covid Memorial has been moved while its permanent location is refurbished to accommodate needed changes.



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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 Dana Carlson, Junior Warden, at 740-664-2022 or by e-mail at 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.

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

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