

THE Shepherd's Fold

July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

NO WONDER DOG IS GOD SPELLED BACKWARDS

Every Monday at staff meeting we assign the duties of the week. Who is to preach. Who is to officiate the Healing Service, etc. It has become sort of a staff joke that every time that it is my turn to write the cover for The Shepherds Fold, I groan. Not because I hate to write the essay. Those who know me know that I love to write. The problem is coming up with an idea. It's not like in college or graduate school where the professor gives you a prompt with the assignment. If I could just get a prompt for these essays.

Tonight, my son, Leverett, brought over his dogs to swim. I was lamenting my plight to him. "I've got to write a cover for The Shepherds Fold, and I don't know what to write about. And it was due this morning." (Sorry, Toni!!!)

He looked at his dogs and said, "Why don't you write about the undying loyalty of dogs?" "Hmmm...and from there," I said, "I could write about the undying loyalty of God."

It is true, you know. You come home and your dog is always there waiting for you. Even if you had yelled at him that morning because he jumped on you causing you to have to change clothes. Making you late for work. No matter how you left him that morning. He waits patiently. Looking forward to your return. Forgiving. Loving. Loyal. Just wanting to spend time with you. Just be with you. He is there to listen to you. To comfort you. And as you talk to him, you are given insights. You begin to know yourself better.

God is like that. Forgiving. Loving. Loyal. Just waiting to spend time with us. Waiting and wanting us to sit quietly with him. Wanting us to listen to his still quiet voice as he leads us to become the persons that he created us to be. Always wanting only what is best for us.

We often treat God like we treat our dog. We let him sit beside us in the morning while we read our devotional. Then leave him there waiting our return. Don't leave God at home. Take God with you whenever and wherever you go. You might be surprised at the difference it makes in your life

Keep on keeping on... *Sunny+*

COGS SAVE THE DATE!

Thanks so much to all of the COGS volunteers for supporting the mission of Good Shepherd through community outreach this year to Golden Harvest Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity Restore, Downtown Cooperative Church Ministries, and the Byllesby Center. Save the date for our next COGS outreach on **August 17th** volunteering from 10am to 12 pm with "Turn Back the Block." More details to come about this and COGS T-shirts. If you have ideas for future COGS outreach opportunities or want more information please e-mail Lynn Tyson lytson517@gmail.com.



KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina, **September 20-22**. We will have activities for kids and youth, s'mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and compline on the lake, movie and game night, hiking, and more. This is a fun weekend that you do NOT want to miss. Pick up a form in the lobby or register online: bit.ly/gskanuga.

WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD (WAGS)

We are gearing up for a wonderful season of WAGS this fall. If you

would like to join a cooking team please email maryashtonmills@gmail.com or blake.leverett@gmail.com. Joining a cooking team is an excellent way to get involved! We are currently seeking new teams to round out the schedule.



EfM

Are you interested in the Education for Ministry program? More than a Bible study, EfM takes a fresh look at life events in the light of church tradition and 21st century culture. Participants study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. The Church of the Good Shepherd offers an EfM group on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. and will begin in late August. Everyone is welcome and we encourage those from all parishes to join us! You can sign up now!! For more information, contact Tom Smyth, tom.smyth@icloud.com. Details about the program are located at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>.

BACK TO THE BIBLE

For the monthly readings pick up a bookmark or navigate to our B2B page: goodshepherd-augusta.org/b2b.



Scan me

Fall Kickoff and Backpack Blessing

We will bless backpacks at the 10 am service, **August 18**, as we collect school supplies for the Boys and Girls Club of the CSRA. After the 10 am service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. On the church lawn, we will have an ice cream truck and games for all ages!



Senior Recital MARY BRYSON WRIGHT



AUGUST 11 2024
3 O'CLOCK
CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
IN THE PARISH HALL
2230 WALTON WAY
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

FROM THE STUDIO OF
Patti Myers
ACCOMPANIMENT BY
James Nord
WITH
Bonnie Wright
Charlotte Vaughn

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our community
SUNDAY



Most of us would not consider underwear to be luxury items, but when you are financially challenged and are faced with the choice of buying underwear or food, this is exactly what it becomes.

Sunday August 11th

We are collecting women's, men's and children's underwear for families in need. All sizes of new underwear, boxers, briefs, T-shirts, and training pants will be collected for distribution by volunteers at the Bylesby Center in Augusta.


THE BYLLESBY CENTER
OUTREACH MINISTRY
706-832-4758



Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, July 21, 2024

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
Preacher.....Bunny Simon Williams
Organist.....Wayne Lord
Lay Readers.....Camilla Davis, Cissy Bowden

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist.....Nick Lowery
Lay Readers.....Jim Price, Faith Moore

10:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
Preacher.....Bunny Simon Williams
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay Readers.....Kelley Norris, Lynn Smith
Verger.....Kathleen Bailie
Ushers.....Bill Hollingsworth, Ashley Wilds

All Services

Altar Guild.....Team I
Vestry Person of the Day.....Ginger Chew

MOMS, DADS, AND FRIENDS

You have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the spiritual lives of our young children by assisting in an atrium each Sunday morning from 10:00-11:00. We are blessed with dedicated catechists who have completed the Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) formation course and who take responsibility for presentations each week. However, we are in need of men and women who will assist the catechist and the children during this hour. Assistants have nothing to prepare, and you do not have to teach.

We invite you to learn more about CGS by attending an orientation meeting Saturday, August 3rd from 9:30-11:30 am in the conference room. CGS is a unique children's formation program that provides an environment for children age three to eight to "fall in love with God."

Speak with catechists or assistants, or give Jinny a call if you have any questions. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to becoming a part of this ministry.

***Catechists:** Lucy Roth, Katrina Selby, Alyson Getchell, Linda Wier, Mary Margaret Adams, Renee Austin, Lydia Bliven Smyth, Ashley Pritchett, Katie Tracy, and Nancy Thompson.

***Assistants:** Laura Irwin and Pam Wynn

