

# THE Shepherd's Fold

May 19, 2024

Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

## **“PUT ON YOUR RED SHOES...”**

(David Bowie)

Fire. I love to sit by the fire. When my entire family gathers at Recoleta, our family farm, and it's cold enough for a fire, we take turns sitting on the hearth with our back to the fire. When the heat gets so intense that we can't take it anymore, we run to a chair and lean back into it. The heat can be intense, but it feels so good. Mama and Daddy, generation 1, taught generation 2, who taught generation 3, who taught generation 4. It may seem silly to others, but to us, it is tradition.

Fire is an enigma. It can be comforting and soothing. Giving us warmth. It can be a source of light. Providing us the needed illumination to read or to make our way in the dark. But it can also be frightening and uncontrollable. As when homes and buildings burn. Or when wildfires are started and destroy acres and acres of land.

The Holy Spirit can be like fire. The Holy Spirit can offer us comfort in times of grief or sadness. The Holy Spirit can provide illumination in times of turmoil and indecision. Providing us a path to follow. But the Holy Spirit can also be very frightening. Like when we want to do one thing and the Holy Spirit guides us in a direction that may be more difficult to follow...but one we know in our heart to be the right thing to do. The Holy Spirit can be uncontrollable and often relentless in its attempt to guide us in the paths of righteousness.

This Sunday is Pentecost, one of the seven principal feasts of the church year. On this seventh Sunday after Easter, we mark and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire. A fulfillment of the promise of Jesus that God the Father would send the Holy Spirit to his people.

The liturgical color for Pentecost is red. So, come dressed in red and prepared to celebrate the birth of the church. I will be wearing my red shoes!

keep on keeping on...

Sunny+

## SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to the congregation for all of your continued support and prayers as we continue to go through this next phase of our search for a new Rector. Every member of our committee is engaged as we move forward with the search.

Over the last two weeks, the committee met and updated our parish profile. We received valuable input and help from church staff to enhance areas of the profile to include additional information about children and youth ministry as well as EDS. The updated profile is now completed and will be available for distribution to prospective candidates via the church's website as well as social media and personal contacts. This document is an important tool in our search but should always be considered a work in progress. Thus, periodic updates and changes should be anticipated.

We hope to have more candidates by early June. We anticipate an initial round of interviews very soon after the receipt of these applications. We intend to be more aggressive in "putting the word out" so if you have someone to contact, please pass that information along to Ashley or Neal. Loren Lasch, the Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese will still be our contact person for nominations and all applicants must be vetted through her office. Her address is Episcopal Diocese of Georgia; 18 E. 34th Street; Savannah, Ga. 31401. Her email is [llasch@gaepiscopal.org](mailto:llasch@gaepiscopal.org).

While we may not have a Rector this summer, we believe it is reasonable to

be able to call another candidate to be able to begin in the fall.

Please continue to pray for our committee, the vestry and the church.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Bylesby Center will be sponsoring Cub Scout Pack #1914, and they need our help. These fifteen girls and boys from the Harrisburg community in downtown Augusta range in age from six to thirteen.

The scouts from this impoverished neighborhood are seeking donations to enroll in the scouting program this year.

Please consider sponsoring one or more of these children for this year. Your donation of \$200 will ensure that one child can participate in scouting with insurance, registration fees, a uniform, scouting books, a camping weekend, and other activities. Not only does scouting instill values and ethics, but it also helps keep kids off the streets.

Donations can be made by writing a check directly to the Bylesby Center and dropped off at the Good Shepherd

office. You can Paypal the money to Good Shepherd, [paypal.me/cogsaugusta](https://www.paypal.com/cogsaugusta), noting Cub Scouts.

## COGS AT THE BYLLESBY CENTER

Thanks for your support of our COGS ministries this year. The next COGS outreach will be at the Byllesby Center for Outreach Ministry (formerly Christ Episcopal Church), 1904 Greene Street, to host an End of the School Year Family Festival on **May 18th** from 10:30-11:30am before the Christ Community Meal that day. Volunteers should plan to arrive at 9:30am for set up. If you can volunteer, please let Lynn Tyson know by calling or texting **706-833-7415** or e-mailing [lyntyson517@gmail.com](mailto:lyntyson517@gmail.com).



## START THE PARTY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Episcopal and Woodlawn United Methodist are excited to present VBS for children age 4 years through fifth grade.

We are quickly approaching our limit, so please be sure to register as soon as possible. Space is limited to 100 participants. Remember, there will be **no on-site registration, June 3rd.**

Rising 4th & 5th graders will participate in community service activities. Rising 6th-12th graders

are eligible to apply for Crew Leader positions. Crew Leader registration is on the same link: [bit.ly/vbsgs](https://bit.ly/vbsgs).

Adult volunteers are needed, please contact Jinny Bradshaw or Mary Grace Wynn for more information.

**Date:** June 3 - June 7, 2024.

**Time:** 9:30 am - 12:00 noon.

**Place:** Church of the Good Shepherd.

**Eligible Participants:** Rising Pre-K and Rising 5th Graders.

**Register Here:** [bit.ly/vbsgs](https://bit.ly/vbsgs).

## BACK TO THE BIBLE

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



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## KANUGA

Good Shepherd Parish Retreat,  
**September 20-22, 2024.**  
Registration coming soon!



## PARISH PICNIC

Our parish picnic is Pentecost Sunday, **May 19th**, after the 10 am service in the Parish Hall. WifeSaver Chicken, cookies, and drinks are provided, and games for kids will be on the lawn. Plan to bring a dish, wear red and join in the fun!

# Servers of the Shepherd

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**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**8:00 AM**

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams  
Preacher.....Ted Clarkson  
Organist.....Wayne Lord  
Lay Readers.....Mitzi McCoy, Cissy Bowden

**10:00 AM**

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden  
Preacher.....Ted Clarkson  
Organist & Choirmaster.....Jim Nord  
Verger.....Mark Pitchett  
Lay Readers.....Bob Nesbit, Andrew Austin  
Acolytes.....Rob Wynn, George Wynn  
Betsy Wynn, Eliza McCutcheon  
Caroline McCutcheon

**6:00 PM**

Celebrant & Preacher..... Ted Clarkson  
Organist..... Nick Lowery  
Lay Readers..... Faith Moore, Jim Price  
Altar Guild.....Team III

**All Services**

Altar Guild.....Team III  
Vestry Person of the Day..... Ed Enoch

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## YOUTH NEWS

**Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events.**  
For any questions, email Mary Grace Wynn at [mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org).

### YOUTH GROUP

Our last Youth Group of the school year is this Sunday, **May 19th!**  
Join us for games, fellowship, and a cookout on the lawn!  
We will see you there!

**5:00 - 6:00 pm: Rite-13:** Meet in Youth Lounge

**6:00 - 6:30 pm: Rite-13 & J2A:** Cookout Dinner near Lychgate

**6:30 - 7:30 pm: J2A:** Meet in Youth Lounge

### VBS CREW LEADER SIGN-UP

Crew leaders are needed for VBS from **June 3rd-7th!** Rising 6th-12th graders are eligible to apply for Crew Leader positions for Vacation Bible School. Crew training will be on the afternoon of **June 2nd** and we will finish with a Pool Party Friday afternoon, **June 7th!**