

Shepherd's Fold

April 16, 2023

The Second Sunday of Easter

ALLELUIA. CHRIST IS RISEN.

Each week Ted, Joe, or I pray the Eucharistic Prayer from The Altar Book that sits on the brass stand at the altar. As you already know, during Lent we omit the Alleluias. So, each year on Ash Wednesday, I go through the book and cover all Alleluias with a sticky note. I do this so that I don't slip up at the fraction and say Alleluia. This past Sunday Joe celebrated at the 9:00 service. Right before the Lord's Prayer I looked over as Joe removed my sticky notes. The three of us shared a smile. For some reason (I don't know why), seeing the Alleluia uncovered after 40 days of Lent was like taking a deep breath of fresh air. The veil of Lenten darkness was lifted, and I could feel in my soul the reality of Jesus' resurrection. Now don't tell anybody but, for me, Easter began the moment Joe uncovered that Alleluia. To be honest, I had already become teary as we sang, Alleluia, Jesus is Risen... But there was something about the uncovering of that Alleluia that got me.

You might wonder why I say don't tell. Well, it is because the celebration of Easter, also known as The Great Fifty Days, actually begins at sundown on Easter Eve (not when Joe uncovers the Alleluia) and continues through Pentecost. We have passed through the penitential season of Lent and spent those 40 days in self-reflection and prayer. We have washed the feet of those we serve. We have stood at the foot of the cross as our Savior was crucified. We have suffered the silence as Jesus died and descended to the dead. And at the Easter Vigil we begin the celebration of Jesus' resurrection! We are freed from sin and death. We can be joyful as we sing, Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!...Jesus has risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory. Alleluia. May you have many Easter moments during this Great Fifty Days.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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THE AUGUSTA GREENJACKETS: EPISCOPAL FELLOWSHIP BASEBALL DAY

Kids of all ages, parents, and families are invited to join us on Saturday, April 29th for an Augusta Greenjackets baseball game! Bishop Richards of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina will be throwing out the first pitch. Tickets are \$10.00 apiece. We hope to see you there! Chaperones and carpooling will be available for Youth Grade 6th & Up. If youth are planning on attending on their own, please contact Mary Grace.



YOUTH NEWS

TBTB BLOCK PARTY

Join us on Saturday, April 22nd for Turn Back the Block's April Block Party! We will meet from 10am-12:30pm with a neighborhood clean-up and tire collection! Meet at Turn Back the Block, 1924 Battle Row, 30904. Open to Adults and kids of all ages.

YOUTH GROUP

We will resume our regular Youth Group schedule this Sunday evening, April 16th. The schedule is as follows.

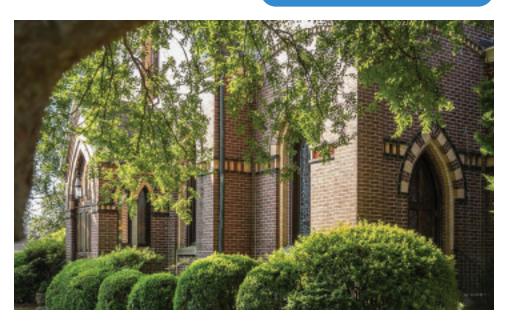
Youth Group, Grades 6-8
Youth Lounge, Rm 301......5:00-6:00 PM

Gather for Dinner, Grades 6-12

Small Parish Hall......6:00-6:30 PM

Youth Group, Grades 9-12

Youth Lounge, Rm 301......6:30-7:30 PM Study Lounge is open from 4:30-7:30 pm.





READY, SET, MOVE!

Good Shepherd Episcopal, Reid Memorial, and Woodlawn United Methodist churches are again collaborating to present an in-person Vacation Bible School experience for children age 4 years through fifth grade. Get ready to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere with Ready, Set, Move VBS! June 5-9, 9 am - 12 pm. Register at bit.ly/GSVBS. Deadline to register is May 12.





Sunday, April 16, 2023

Altar GuildTeam III

8:00 AM	11:15 AM
CelebrantTed Clarkson	CelebrantTed Clarkson
Organist Wayne Lord	Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay ReadersLynn Tyson, Bobbie Ingenito	Ushers Jack Dugan, Matt Tracy
9:00 AM CelebrantBunny Simon Williams Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord UshersEd Enoch, Bill Hollingsworth VergerStovall Walker	Verger
Lay Readers David Lentz, Cissy Bowden	Celebrant
AcolytesBaker Daniel, Anne Harper Daniel,	OrganistNick Lowery
Hub Wier, Wynn Prosser, Chip Matson	Lay ReadersJim Price, Anne Floyd
	All Services

