

THE Shepherd's Fold

April 28, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

HOLY MOMENTS

Years ago, I was invited to introduce the recipient of an achievement award at the Greater Augusta Arts Council Meeting. It was their Christmas meeting, and the venue was festively decorated for the season. As part of the program Melvin Brown, the former choirmaster at Trinity on the Hill, was to sing a few Christmas Carols. I don't remember how many songs he sang or even which ones, with one exception. O Holy Night: which he sang a cappella. There is not a wordsmith alive who could describe how hauntingly beautiful was the marriage of his voice to that carol. And in that moment, I was given a gift greater than the sound of Melvin's voice. In that brief moment, I felt ... I knew, without an inkling of doubt, the existence of God. The peace of God. Thirty years later I can still relive that moment. The gift of that holy moment.

I believe in holy moments. Moments when God gives the gift of an insight that is so emotionally overwhelming that the intellect must respond with recognition. These moments may be few and far between, but they are so personally profound that they reside within you. And in times of doubt, you can bring them back from memory for the reassurance that is so often necessary as we struggle to understand the pain and suffering in this world.

Holy Moments are like miracles in many ways. You must be open minded and open spirited to recognize them. So, "keep your hearts and minds" open to "the knowledge and love of God; and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord", and you will know his peace.

keep on keeping on...

Sunny⁺

PARISH NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Adam, Heather and Harper Wheeler, and Jackson and Dean Evans; upon the death of her grandmother, and great-grandmother, Marion Leblanc.

KEN HARDY IS BACK!

Join Ken this Sunday in the conference room for our Adult Formation class.

WELCOME

Please welcome Susan Abbott to Good Shepherd as our new Financial Coordinator! She comes to us with years of experience working with finances in a busy dental practice, and we are glad she is here. To contact Susan, email her directly at sabbott@goodshepherd-augusta.org, or call the church office, 706-738-3386.

BACK TO THE BIBLE

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



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DAILY DEVOTIONALS!

Only a few Booklets are left. Pick yours up in the church lobby.

START THE PARTY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Episcopal and Woodlawn United Methodist are collaborating to present VBS for children age 4 years through fifth grade. On **April 25th**, registration will open to the public. Members, please be sure to register during this time to reserve a spot for your children. Space is limited to 100 participants so please

register ASAP! 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. Go to link to register to be a Crew Leader: 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.

Registration Deadline: May 5th.

Register Here: bit.ly/vbsgs.



KANUGA

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

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY - Yom HaShoah

Join the Jewish Community Center and Federation of Augusta as they host a Holocaust Remembrance Program on **May 5th** at 6:30 pm at the Adas Yeshurun Synagogue. We will remember the millions of lives lost and honor the heroes with memorials, music by young performers, and a program "Breaking the Silence: Generations after the Holocaust."



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 and join in the fun!



COGS AT DCCM

Thanks to everyone for their support of our COGS outreach ministries



to
Mary Grace Wynn

Our Director of Youth

Ministries for completing
the certificate in Youth and
Theology from the Institute
for Youth Ministries, Princeton
Theological Seminary.

Hello, Spring! BLOOD DRIVE



Church of the
Good Shepherd

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 28**

9 AM - 12:30 PM



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FOR ALL DONORS!



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Blood Center

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Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, April 28, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay ReaderDavid Lentz, Jennie Haynes

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay ReadersKatie Tracy, Bob Nesbit
Ushers Ed Enoch, Zim Trulock
Verger..... Kathleen Bailie
Acolytes..... Frank Anderson, Mary Dennis Trotter
Wiley Trotter, Bridges Trotter, Sam Bradford

11:15 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
OrganistJim Nord
Lay Readers Heather Wheeler, Yvonne Harrison
UshersJames Jones, Matthew Norris
Verger.....Choppy Woodward
Acolytes..... Baker Daniel, Anne Harper Daniel
Elle Benjamin, Raymond Benjamin

6:00 pm

Preacher & Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay ReadersFaith Moore, Jim Price

All Services

Altar GuildTeam I
Breakfast MinistryTeam V
Vestry Person of the Day Beth McCutcheon

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group continues this Sunday, **March 24th**. We look forward to a fun evening of fellowship, gym time, and dinner! Dinner will be provided by Leah Gaudin. Youth Group schedule is as follows:

5:00 - 6:00 pm: Rite-13: Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)
6:00 - 6:30 pm: Rite-13 & J2A: Gather for Dinner in Small Parish Hall
6:30 - 7:30 pm: J2A: Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)

STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for Student Recognition Sunday on **May 12th** at the 9am Church Service. We will honor and pray for our youth choir, rising 9th graders, and graduating seniors and celebrate with a reception in the Parish Hall!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS at Good Shepherd is **June 3rd-7th**. Early bird registration is currently open for Good Shepherd and Woodlawn members. Space is limited so please register as soon as possible. Crew Leader applications are open for Grades 6th-12th.

