

THE Shepherd's Fold

February 11, 2024

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

And God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. God saw that it was good and he separated the light from the darkness. (Genesis 1:3) These are the very first words that God spoke on that first day of creation. I have often thought that since light has to have a source and God did not create the sun and the moon until the fourth day, then in the beginning God must have been the light. I get comfort from that perspective since in the long Biblical story, Jesus eventually becomes the light that nurtures and saves us.

If you have gone to any Christian church, it does not really matter which denomination, you will hear the word light several times during a given service. In the NRSV Bible light is referenced 236 times! With all these references to light in the Old and New Testaments, it is quite evident that this is major metaphor that runs a bright thread throughout the Bible.

It is well that for the past three weeks light has been the theme for WAGS, presented in music, art, and scripture. It is also well that this Sunday, the last Sunday in Epiphany, we relive the story of the Transfiguration. That divine moment is witnessed by only three - Peter, James, and John - who see first-hand heaven and earth coming together. Their response, their very human response, is to hold on to that moment, build three tents and stay there.

I feel sorry for those three disciples – they missed a great opportunity. I feel sorry for myself when I miss those personal divine moments and am unable to drop my humanity just to be in that moment in wonder and awe as God reveals Himself.

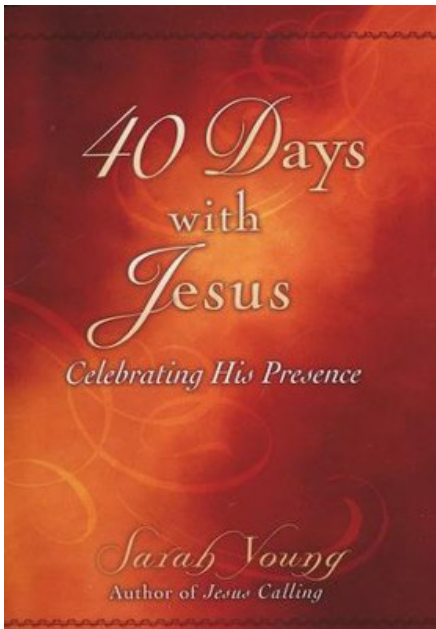
Perhaps the folks who crafted our lectionary put the Transfiguration story before Lent, so maybe, just maybe, we would drop our human reactions and embrace the wonder and awe of God as a preparation for the forty days that lie ahead.

Peace,



FAMILY PROMISE

Our next hosting week will begin on **March 3rd**, and Family Promise now has a static location at **4211 Wheeler Rd Martinez, GA 30907**. All food and meals will now be delivered to this address with no more hosting at the individual churches. Food donations can still be dropped off & stored in the kitchen at Good Shepherd. A refrigerator and counter space will be labeled for Family Promise. Dinner meals should be delivered to the Family Promise House by 5:30 each evening. We will have sign-up sheets available in the Parish House this weekend. We will receive dietary restrictions from the case manager as soon as they are available.



LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Written from Christ's viewpoint, *40 Days with Jesus* is a compilation of bite-sized devotions from Sarah Young's best-selling *Jesus Calling* that will draw you closer to Jesus as

you travel with him through Lent, mourn his death, and celebrate his resurrection. Devotionals are available for pickup in the lobby. Stations of the Cross are offered Fridays in Lent at 12:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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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Join us for one of our Ash Wednesday services, **February 14**, 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 7:00 pm. The 7 pm service will be livestreamed and the nursery will be available .

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

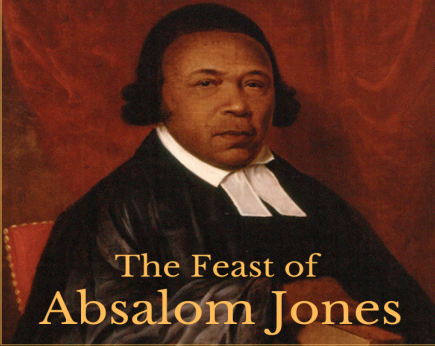
Our next COGS volunteer project will be on **February 17th** at the Habitat for Humanity Restore facility, **3112 Washington Road**. We will be organizing, cleaning, and restocking donated items for affordable purchase by those in need of home supplies. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities over 50 states and 70 countries. Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a decent and affordable place to live. We will

have 2 shifts working from 10:00 am to 11:30 am and 11:30am to 1pm. If you can volunteer, please e-mail Lynn Tyson ltyson517@gmail.com with the shift you can work. All of those volunteering must be at least 16 years of age per requirements of the organization. We will have snacks. For any questions you can contact Lynn **706-833-7415**. Thanks to everyone for support of this ministry.



Photos of the Augusta Camellia Show at Good Shepherd

Convocational Service




The Feast of Absalom Jones

The Augusta Convocation of Episcopal Churches

Invites you to a special service celebrating the life and ministry of Absalom Jones, First African American ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church of the United States and founded the first Black Episcopal congregation in 1794.

Saint Paul's Church Augusta | 605 Reynolds Str. | Augusta, G.A.
Monday, February 12, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.
This service is open to the public. All are welcome.



Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, February 11, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay Reader David Lentz, Bobbie Ingenito

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay ReadersBob Nesbit, Kelley Norris
Ushers Bill Hollingsworth, Alex Wier
Verger..... Kathleen Bailie
Acolytes..... Claire Norris, Clayton Adams,
Porter Adams, Emma Sue Getchell, Johnny Getchell

11:15 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
OrganistJim Nord
Lay Readers Heather Wheeler, Lynn Smith
UshersLewis Baird, Peter Martinez
Verger.....Lydia Smyth
Acolytes.....Charlie Hargrove, Sam Hargrove,
Julian Barrett, Catherine Barrett, South Bryan

6:00 pm

Preacher & Celebrant.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay Readers Faith Moore, Mitzi McCoy

All Services

Altar GuildTeam I
Breakfast Ministry Team IV
Vestry Person of the Day Ed Enoch



Solemn Communion is a milestone between Baptism and Confirmation and focuses on a review of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist and the introduction of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Only a few spots left. Please contact Jinny for availability.

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.



YG SUPER BOWL PARTY
Youth in grades 6th-12th are invited to a Super Bowl party this Sunday, **February 11th**, from 6-8:30 pm, in the Youth Lounge on the 3rd floor. Parents, please head to the Shell Newsletter to sign-up for food.