

THE Shepherd's Fold

July 2, 2023

5th Sunday after Pentecost

ONE NATION UNDER GOD

When I was in school from first grade through my senior year at Richmond Academy, each day began with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the Lord's Prayer. With hands over our hearts, we began each day reminded of the fact that we, the many, were one under the one flag. And then we prayed the prayer that Jesus taught us.

The original Pledge was written by Francis Bellamy in 1892. The original version went like this, *"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic, for which it stands, one nation, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."* Bellamy's thought in using the word my was that any nation could use his pledge. In 1923 my flag was changed to the flag and in 1924 of America was added. In 1954, communism was a looming threat. So, President Eisenhower urged Congress to add under God to the Pledge of Allegiance. When it was passed into law, he stated, *"we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war."* (<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/statement-the-president-upon-signing-bill-include-the-words-under-god-the-pledge-the-flag>).

The words, *"under God"*, do they still resonate? Do we believe, like Eisenhower, that they remind us of the *"spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource, in peace or in war."*

This Sunday Mr. Nord has chosen God of our Fathers as our processional hymn. Before church begins, read the words to that hymn. Know that God has been with us throughout our history. Pray that his almighty hand will continue to guide us, that we will follow his word as our law, and make his path our chosen way. May you feel the power of God's love and his guiding hand as we sing this powerful hymn.

keep on keeping on...

Sunny+

PARISH NEWS

We are sad to announce the recent death of long time parishioner Margaret McCraney. Please keep her son, Jack McCraney, and her daughter, Eileen McCraney in your prayers.

JULY 4TH!

On July 4th the church office will be closed, in observance of the holiday. Our office hours for the other days of next week will be 8am-3pm. The Healing service has been canceled and will resume on Tuesday, July 11th.

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! Sign up is in July! For more information, contact Tom Smyth, **tom.smyth@icloud.com**. Details about the program are located at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>.

BREAKFAST TEAMS

Love to cook? Join a breakfast team! The commitment is only a few hours on Sunday morning every six weeks or so. For more information or to join a team, contact Harriet Deas at 706-373-0780.

WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

We still need a few teams for our Wednesday night suppers! The time commitment consists of only a few hours each month. Teams plan

and cook for our Wednesday night programming. This is a great way to get connected into the Good Shepherd community! For more information or to join a team, contact Mary Ashton Mills, **maryashtonmills@gmail.com** or (706) 267-9697.

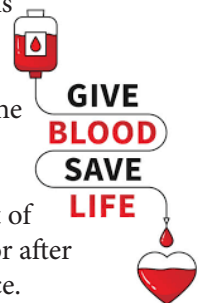


KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina September 29 - October 1! We will have activities for kids and youth, s'mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and complime on the lake, movie and game night, hiking, and more. Bring your tennis rackets as we will have a friendly round of tennis play on Saturday afternoon. 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**

BLOOD DRIVE - JULY 9

Shepard Blood Center is experiencing a critical shortage of blood. The Bloodmobile will be at the church on July 9th from 8am - 12 noon. Please consider donating a unit of lifesaving blood before or after the 8 am or 10 am service.



Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events. For any questions, email mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

ACOLYTES

With a month and a half left of the Summer Acolyte Schedule, we need volunteers to add their names to the signup list. Please head to the Shell Newsletter to signup for Sundays you are in town. Thank you for your help!

EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT

Join us in praying for all youth traveling to The Episcopal Youth Event from July 4th-8th outside DC, especially Roland Brune, Adair Weston, Spencer Weston, and many more teens from the Georgia Diocese. We pray for safe travels, joyful fellowship, and spiritual growth.



Hello Summer Schedule

The Sunday summer schedule services are at, 8 am, 10 am & 6 pm. Sunday breakfast and Christian Formation will resume in the fall.

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, July 2, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher.....Bunny Simon Williams
Organist.....Wayne Lord
Lay Readers.....Camilla Davis, Bobbie Ingenito

10:00 am

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher.....Bunny Simon Williams
Organist & Choirmaster.....Jim Nord
Verge.....Stovall Walker
Lay Readers.....Katie Tracy, David Lentz
Acolytes.....Rob Tracy, Kate Tracy
Ushers.....Volunteer

6:00 pm

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

All Services

Altar Guild.....Team II
Vestry Person of the Day.....Brice Wright



FALL KICKOFF, AUGUST 13

We will bless backpacks at the 10 am service as we collect school supplies for Monte Sano Elementary School. 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 games for all ages!