

THE Shepherd's Fold

June 18, 2023

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

SABBATH TIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY

I hope George Gershwin will forgive me for modifying the title of his great lullaby from Porgy and Bess, but I would submit that summertime and sabbath time are closely related with the common denominator, "The Living is Easy."

Summer life does take on a different cadence. Summer life affords many of us the opportunity to relax a little more, be refreshed and, yes, especially be recreated. God programmed into creation – recreation. God set a rhythm – a renewal. Somewhere along the way a poet called this the "cycle of life." Summer is sabbath time. The Hebrew definition of Sabbath is to cease, to rest. Something wonderful happens when we figure out how to "cease and rest."

So, how does one "cease and rest" in God's gift of summer time? I struggled with my answer to that question until our daughter, Angela, our summer child, gave us a Christmas present in 1993. The gift was a large poster she had painted adapting words from Susan Ariel Kennedy. Angela was more connected to creation and its rhythm than anyone I have ever known. We called her a "free spirit," which I eventually came to realize that somewhere along the way she knew what it really meant to be alive!

Now some thirty years later Angela's words occupy a prominent place in our home – we see her in them every day.

HOW TO BE REALLY ALIVE

Drink sunsets.

Keep toys in the bath tub.

Send a love letter to yourself!

Delight someone.

Develop an astounding appetite for books.

Allow yourself to be rich without money.

Stop worrying now. If not now, then when?

You are always on your way to a miracle. The miracle is you!

Peace and love,

Joe, and Cissy

READY, SET, MOVE! FOLLOWING JESUS HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE!



Vacation Bible School was a fun filled week of learning to follow Jesus. One hundred twenty-one children, 23 teens, and 35+ Adults were involved. Please help Mary Grace and I thank these Good Shepherd folks for giving their time and talents to our children. Many others from Reid and Woodlawn also contributed. Molly Baldwin, Jim Nord, Lynn Williams, Julie Andrew, Sonia Sullivan Clifton, Toni Clayton, Nathaniel Simmons, Anna Burgreen, Jan Jackson, William Jackson, June Granade, Sam Moore, Renee Austin, Lori Morgan, Jamie Flakes, Anna Susan Trulock, Bob and Mary Gail Nesbit, Ineather Nicely, and Rose Ann Moore. We are indebted to the following for their technical skill: Addison Andrew, Emeline Andrew, and Jackson Evans.

KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina September 29 - October 2! We will have activities for kids and youth, s'mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and compline 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.



YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events.

For any questions, email mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

VBS WEEK IN PHOTOS



SAVE the DATE

September 7-10th

Join us at our Diocesan Conference
Center at Honey Creek for Cursillo #127.

August 20th

Our Christian Formation begins.



Join Our
Healing
Service

Every Tuesday
11 am to 12 pm



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, June 18, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherJoe Bowden
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay ReadersBobbie Ingenito, Camilla Davis

10:00 am

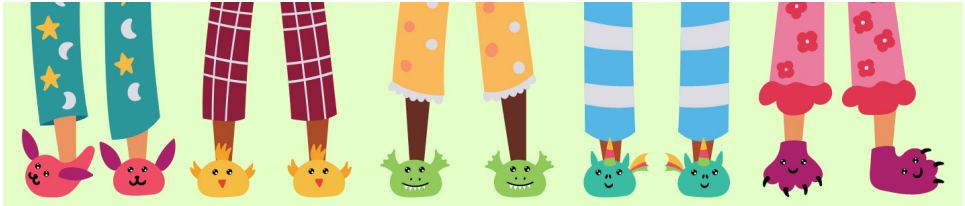
Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherJoe Bowden
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Verger..... Mark Pritchett
Lay ReadersAndrew Austin, Heather Wheeler
Acolytes.....Rob Wynn, George Wynn

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist Nick Lowery
Lay ReadersFaith Moore, Yvonne Harrison

All Services

Altar GuildTeam I
Vestry Person of the Day Sada Huggins



PJS & PANCAKES

The Catechesis Dad's were everyone's heroes as they mixed, flipped, and served pancakes Sunday to the good sports in PJ's and everyone else, including Wesley. Actually, Wesley tested the bacon in Father Clarkson's absence! Lynn Williams was the perfect hostess, and Cynthia's bacon was delicious as always.



Thank you,
Dave Getchell, Jonathan Adams, Matt Tracy, David Selby, and Mark Pritchett!

