

THE Shepherd's Fold

May 14, 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

THE POWER OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

For most of 2023 I have been blessed with being on the receiving end of much intercessory prayer! In early January my physician friend told me, "You have cancer." From my symptoms I had that possibility in the back of my mind, but then came the biopsy and confirmation. A cancer diagnosis demands staging, which requires all sorts of scans, blood work and examinations. Staging directs treatment – mine was Stage 4.

My mind set as a surgeon has always been, "we have a diagnosis, let's fix it, now!" I was impatient – I wanted to get started and thanks to the above-mentioned friends, start we did! My physicians are the absolute best in their fields – they are also brothers in Christ! Within ten days of the diagnosis, I had my first radiation and drug therapy.

Now, three months later, the response to all the treatments has been spectacular! I have asked to be taken off the Prayer List.

There have been unbelievable developments in cancer treatment since I started medical school in 1962, but there is one thing that has not change and never will – PRAYER!

After I knew the reality of my personal cancer situation, I asked to be placed on the Good Shepherd Prayer List and I asked many others to pray for me. As it turns out I ended up on a lot of Prayer Lists – perfect!

OK, enough about me. Well, maybe a little bit more. Cancer treatments are poisons designed to kill cancer cells. The tradeoff is collateral damage – many of the normal cells die as well. The result is the patient may experience some very unpleasant side effects.

I had a few of those. Sometimes in the dark of the night when things weren't going well all I wanted was sleep and peace. I found something better than Ativan. Your prayers!

I received a lot of cards when the word got out, but I also received a lot of Texts. Those were my "Ativan." I kept them beside my bed and read them over and over on those dark nights.

As I write this, I am transported to those nights – tears come again.

Thank you for your compassion! Thank You for your intercessory prayers on my behalf! Please pray for others as you have prayed for me.

Peace,



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT), i.e. the survey, will be available through Sunday, June 4th. Please complete the survey by that time! A "Comment Box" will be available on the table in the foyer of the parish hall starting Sunday, May 14th. Please use this box to share with the committee anything you would like us to know that you could not include on the CAT. The box will be locked and checked weekly by Ashley and Neal. Also, please feel free to text, call, or email any comments or thoughts to either of the co-chairs of the Search Committee: Ashley Neal (ashneal@aol.com, 706-495-7538) and Neal Dickert (neal@dickertmediation.com, 706-394-2557).

1ST CENTURY AD MEETS 21ST CENTURY AD IN ART THROUGH THE ILLUMINATIONS OF THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

Join us May 24 from 3 pm - 5 pm at Brandonwilde in the Georgia Room. Tom Smyth and Jan Jackson will be presenting on the illuminations from The Saint John's bible. A reception will follow featuring 1st century foods served in 21st century style. To register or for more information, email Bobbie Ingenito: bobeec8@gmail.com.



YOUTH NEWS

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

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

YOUTH GROUP

We will gather this coming Sunday, May 14th, for our last regular Youth Group and last Christian Formation for this school year. We hope you can join us!

END OF YEAR FOAM PARTY

Join us to celebrate this past school year on May 21st from 5-7 pm for a Foam Party! Please contact Mary Grace to reserve a spot for carpooling.

TBTB COOKOUT

COGS Youth is excited to host an End of Year Cookout Celebration for the Harrisburg Community in partnership with Turn Back the Block on Wednesday, May 17th. To volunteer, sign up in the Shell Newsletter.

SENIOR SUNDAY

On May 21st at the 9 am service, we will celebrate our High School Graduates and Middle School Graduates. If your child is currently in 12th or 8th grade, please complete the form in the Shell Newsletter so that we can recognize them on Senior Sunday. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. 😊



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Church of the Good Shepherd



Help us Tell Good Shepherd's Story

The Search Committee has moved forward with HolyCow! Consulting to help us in our pursuit of a Rector for Good Shepherd. We need the congregation to participate in the first step which is to conduct a congregational assessment. Please scan the QR code to take the survey.

We need all church members to participate for the best possible results!

Join us for our

PARISH PICNIC

May 28, 11:00 am
1337 Flowing Wells Road



Wifesaver Chicken and drinks provided

- **Bring a dish to share**
- **Kona Ice Sno-Cone truck**
- **Games, Facepainting, Kites, and more!**
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Church of the
Good Shepherd



Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, May 14, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
OrganistKen Courtney
Lay ReadersCamilla Davis, Lynn Tyson

9:00 AM

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
OrganistKen Courtney
Choir DirectorMollie Baldwin
Ushers Matt Matson, Paul Trotter
Verger..... Mark Pritchett
Lay Readers Katie Tracy, Kelley Norris
Acolytes..... McCord Kilpatrick, Clayton Adams,
Porter Adams, Lucy Stewart, South Bryan

11:15 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
OrganistKen Courtney
Choir Directors Mollie Baldwin, Pam McCorkle
Ushers James Jones, Fred Palmer
Verger.....Jean Chadwick
Lay ReadersYvonne Harrison, Anne Floyd
Acolytes..... Mary Kingsley Broome, Patrick Broome,
Lucy Roche, Anne Ross Roche, May Roche

6:00 PM

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

All Services

Altar GuildTeam V
Breakfast Team VIII
Vestry Person of the Day Ralph Kitchens

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SIGN UP TODAY!



READY, SET, MOVE!

FOLLOW JESUS HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

READY, SET, MOVE!

JUNE 5-9

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.