

THE Shepherd's Fold

May 28, 2023

Pentecost

TIME WELL SPENT

I have been blessed with two wonderful daughters-in-law. They are loving wives to my boys. Ashley is a good mother to Si and Owen and their two dogs. And Elizabeth is a good dog mother to their two huge dogs. AND they are good to me. They are thoughtful and respectful. They tolerate my many reminders of how lucky they are to have such wonderful husbands. And best of all ... they are both fabulous cooks. I can't remember the last time that I had to cook a family meal. If they would only follow my every piece of advice, they would be perfect!

I am fortunate that both my boys and their families now live here in Augusta. So, we spend a lot of time together as a family. But every now and then Ashley and the boys will go out of town, and I will get to spend some alone time with Simon. Tonight, Elizabeth is out of town so Leverett and I will have some time together.

Now, don't get me wrong. I love the time that we spend together as a family. It is a blessing beyond my wildest dreams to be able to interact with my children as adults. And being a grandmother (hoppy) to my grandsons ... being able to atone for all the mistakes I made as a mama ... well, that is a gift from God. But having some time to spend with my sons without all the chatter and chaos of family, well, it is time that I love.

And then there is the time that I get to spend with my mama and daddy. Conversation over a glass of wine. Smoking a cigar with Daddy as he cooks the steaks while Mama pretends not to notice what we are up to. Precious time.

This afternoon as I was making plans for tonight, I thought about my one-on-one time with God. I wondered if he looks forward to the time I spend with him every morning as much as I do. I am God's daughter, after all. I believe that he does look forward to our time alone together just as I look forward to my alone time with my boys. I know that he wants to hear what is on my heart. I know that he wants to be a part of my life. I know that God cherishes our time together as much as I do. And I know that it is time well spent!

Keep on keeping on...



PARISH NEWS

In observance of Memorial Day the church office is closed, Monday, May 29.



IT IS A RED DAY

Help us celebrate Pentecost by wearing red! Red is the traditional color of the Holy Spirit and Pentecost is the feast of the arrival of the Holy Spirit for the apostles.

SAVE THE DATE!

Cursillo #127 will be on September 7-10, 2023. Join us at our Diocesan Conference Center at Honey Creek.

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).

YOUTH NEWS

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

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

VBS CREW SIGN-UP

Last Call! Grades 6th & up!

Contact Mary Grace to volunteer at Vacation Bible School from June 5-9th. We will have a crew training day on June 4th from 4-7pm in the Parish Hall.

BROAD RIVER KAYAKING TRIP

Save the date! Mark your calendars for June 17th for a day trip to kayak the Broad River near Athens. Limited space is available. Open to 6th-12th Grades. \$30 per person. Contact Mary Grace to reserve a spot!



Hello Summer Schedule

This Sunday we go to our summer schedule of 3 services, 8 am, 10 am & 6 pm. Sunday breakfast and Christian Formation will resume in the fall.

A collection of summer-themed illustrations including a beach ball, sunglasses, a pineapple, a beach umbrella, and a beach chair.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION IS CLOSED



READY, SET, MOVE!



FOLLOW JESUS HERE,
THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

JUNE 5-9

READY, SET, MOVE!

Registration is now closed but we still have spaces available.
Please arrive at 8:30 am Monday, June 5th for same-day registration!

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!



Church of the
Good Shepherd



Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, May 28, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
PreacherBunny Simon Williams
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay ReadersDavid Lentz, Lynn Tyson

10:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
PreacherBunny Simon Williams
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Verger.....Choppy Woodward
Lay Readers Bob Nesbit, Lynn Smith
Acolytes.....Lillian Wilkes, Anabelle Wilkes

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist Nick Lowery
Lay Readers Faith Moore, Carleton Vaughn

All Services

Altar GuildTeam V
Vestry Person of the Day Paul Trotter



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!**