

THE Shepherd's Fold

May 7, 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

TAKE MY HAND

My friend, Ralph Kitchens, recently brought me the book, *Soul Fuel*, by Bear Grylls. (Thank you, Ralph. I'm loving it!) If you have boys of any age in your home, you most likely have seen one of his television shows, *Man vs Wild* or *Running Wild*. He was one of the youngest men to climb Mt. Everest and once crossed the Arctic Ocean in an inflatable boat. I'm pretty sure that you would call Bear Grylls an adventurer. This guy faces fear all the time. Granted, he places himself in these hair-raising situations, but whether self-inflicted (or self-prescribed depending upon your point of view) he still experiences the physical, emotional, spiritual, and psychological effects of fear.

Many of us are facing fear right now. It might be as simple as fear of the dark or fear that there is a monster that lives under the bed. But it is often more complicated. Fear of failure at a new job. Fear as we face learning a diagnosis. Fear of the side effects of treatment necessary to sustain life. Fear of facing life alone after losing someone we love. Fear of death. Fear of the unknown in life. Fear to make a decision that must be made. The list goes on.

Unlike Bear, who faces those self-inflicted fears, we most often face fears not of our own making. Now, we can run from those fears. We can wallow in those fears. Or we can face our fears as Bear does ... emboldened. Yes, emboldened by the power of prayer. He says that he never goes into a fear filled situation alone. To face fear, he explains, we must put our hand in the hand of God. Great fathers take their children by the hand. And God, our Father, is there to take us by the hand. He warns that holding onto our fears only allows them to flourish. Taking them to God diminishes their power over us. And when you take your fears to God, remember his promise to us, "for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9b).

So, whatever your fear, remember that God is with you.

God the Father to hold your hand and protect you.

God the Son to comfort you and give you peace.

God the Holy Spirit to guide you and give you strength to keep on keeping on...

Sunny+

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.

GROUNDS UPDATE

Since the resignation of our parish gardener last December, the staff and Vestry have been working to find an effective approach to maintaining our grounds. The vestry has approved a committee composed of master gardeners, a parishioner with landscape architecture training, other avid gardeners, and the Junior Warden, which committee has been weighing different proposals for how we should handle our grounds. We certainly understand the frustration of many about the state of the grounds right now, but please know that the committee is diligently working to make the right decision for the long-term benefit of Good Shepherd.



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 continue with our regular Youth Group schedule this Sunday evening, May 7th.

TBTB COOKOUT

Calling all volunteers! COGS Youth is excited to host an End of Year Cookout Celebration in partnership with Turn Back the Block for the Harrisburg community on Wednesday, May 17th. We need volunteers of all ages for setting up, manning the grill, providing sides, and more.

VBS CREW LEADERS

Grades 6th & up are invited to fill out a crew application to volunteer at Vacation Bible School from June 5-9th. We will have a crew training day on June 4th.

SENIOR SUNDAY

On May 21st at the 9am service, we will celebrate our High School Graduates and Middle School Graduates. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. Please fill out the recognition form in The Shell.





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!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SIGN UP TODAY!



READY, SET,
MOVE!

FOLLOW JESUS HERE,
THERE, AND EVERYWHERE



JUNE 5-9

READY, SET, MOVE!

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.

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, May 7, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher Joe Bowden
OrganistKen Courtney
Lay Readers Bobbie Ingenito, Mitzi McCoy

9:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
OrganistKen Courtney
Choir DirectorMollie Baldwin
Ushers John Stewart, Michael Leverett
Verger.....Jean Chadwick
Lay ReadersCissy Bowden, Lynn Tyson
Acolytes.....Jackson Evans, Mary Dennis Trotter,
Wiley Trotter, Bridges Trotter, Mallory Morgan

11:15 AM

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher Joe Bowden
OrganistKen Courtney
Choir Directors Mollie Baldwin, Pam McCorkle
UshersSean Roche, Trey Hargrove
Verger.....Sada Huggins
Lay Readers Heather Wheeler, Yvonne Harrison
Acolytes..... Adair Weston, Spencer Weston,
Annie Weston, Stella Chew, Helen Pritchett

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay Readers Carleton Vaughn, Jim Price

All Services

Altar Guild Team IV
BreakfastTeam I
Vestry Person of the Day Mary Margaret Adams

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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