

THE

Shepherd's Fold

DISCOVER 150 YEARS OF PURPOSE

October 6, 2019

Every Single Life is Important

"Hi, I'm Clara." "Clara, what a beautiful name," I said, after introducing myself. Along with her beautiful name, Clara had a beautiful smile, bright eyes, caramel colored skin, and a gentleness in her speech. Clara and I met after Byrd Warlick's memorial service. As we were leaving the church, it was evident that Clara had some difficulty getting around although it was also evident that she had a distinct determination and sense of independence.

We forged through the crowd who had attended the service into the heat of the noonday sun and onto the black asphalt parking lot searching for her car. Clara said that even though she had slowed down a bit due to some health issues she simply had to be at Mr. Warlick's service. "My father and brother had worked for Mr. Warlick for many years and I could not miss paying my respects. Mr. Warlick had been so good to my family, a real kind man. My father never opened one piece of mail without taking it to Mr. Warlick first. Mr. Warlick always helped my father and my brother with whatever they needed. Such a good man. When my father turned 90, Mr. Warlick and his family had us to their home to celebrate his birthday. The Warlick's visited my father in the nursing home routinely until the day he died. He was always such a good man, a wonderful family."

Clara found her car. I told her what a pleasure it was to meet her, she said the same to me. We said our goodbyes and that was that. Or was it? Clara made an impression on me that day that I will never forget. Following all the wonderful remarks made at Byrd's service, Clara was living proof of a life well spent. Clara had been at Good Shepherd that September morning to pay her respects to a man who had loved and respected her and her family, "for so many years." It was obvious the feeling was mutual.

Please don't disregard this story with an insulting comment about paternalism. We all know countless stories of racial harmony; one family seeing after the other, lifelong friendships and blended families who live with no regard to the color of the other's skin. Disregarding the real stories of racial harmony is demeaning and dismissive of the genuine love actually shared. In addition, heaping insults and shame on a particular group of people does nothing for healing. Do we really think the constant diatribe of shame and blame for all the ills of the past makes the case for reconciliation? To what end? Certainly, in this racially divided climate we must continue to do all we can to make a way for peace and show respect for one another. Yes, we have made great strides and the struggle is still real.

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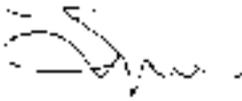
The Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi will be celebrated this Saturday in the church yard with The Blessing of Animals. St. Francis, known as the Patron Saint of Animals, was born into a life of privilege and great wealth. He left all behind when he felt God stir his heart, calling him to serve the poor and outcast. The following prayer is attributed to him. It is a powerful prayer for peace. As we pray for peace and reconciliation may our spirits be stirred into action knowing that it is God alone who will continue to change our hearts if we will let him. It is God alone who can make all relationships right and good if we will let him.

Thank you Byrd. Thank you Clara.

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

In Christ's Transforming Love,



Meet the Nominees for Bishop

You are invited to come meet the five nominees to be elected the next Bishop of Georgia on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm.

Good Shepherd will host this convocational meeting in our Parish House. Read the nominees' biographies at www.georgiabishopsearch.org



Cursillo

Is it time for your Cursillo? Join us at Cursillo #126 on October 17-20, 2019 at Honey Creek. You can register at www.cursillo.org

www.georgiaepiscopal.org

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning 'little' or 'short course' in Christianity. This short course has assisted generations of Christians with the goal of faithfully following Jesus in their daily lives.

Parish Registers

Our thoughts and prayers are with Carson Elliott upon the death of her husband, Herbert Elliott on September 28th.

Adult Formation Readings

The Scarlet Thread of Redemption

October 6: *A Law for All Time*

Exodus 19:1-8, 20:1-19, 24:1-3

October 13 *Much Is Demanded*

Numbers 20:1-13, Deuteronomy 3:18-29,

Deuteronomy 4:1-9, 20-24

Following Jesus

There is no more important decision in all of life than the decision to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in his Way of love. The Episcopal Church celebrates this moment in a service known as Confirmation.

Every Christian is called to make a public profession of faith in Christ, and given the solemnity of that confession it is made before a bishop of the church. The Bishop of Georgia, the Right Reverend Scott A. Benhase will be at Good Shepherd on Sunday, November 24th.

If you have not made a public declaration of your confidence and faith in God's grace and love given to us in Jesus, then we urge you to prayerfully consider doing so. Please call one of the clergy of the Parish to discuss this important decision.



Parishioner of the Week

Mrs. Barry Stout



Christ Community Meal

Good shepherd will serve the Christ Community Meal on Saturday, October 5th. For more information or if you would like to help, please contact Lynn Prather: LBprather@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

Kanuga Weekend

As our Parish Retreat weekend was cancelled due to housing hurricane evacuees, we are now taking registrations for a Kanuga Weekend to be held November 8th-10th. Please pick up a registration form in the church office. Deadline for registration is October 25th!

It's time for a celebration!

**PLEASE JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE 160 YEARS
AT HICKMAN PARK**

**Come have a
hotdog and a coke
and share fond memories**

Sunday, October 20th | 3-5 pm
Hickman Park
Augusta, Ga.

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, October 6

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Lynn Prather
Preacher Robert Fain
Organist..... Nick Lowery
Lay Readers Camilla Davis, Jim Price

9:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
Preacher Robert Fain
Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
Choir St. Gregory
Verger Gene Rollins
Lay Readers Katie Tracy, Charlie Rollins
Lead Acolyte Stephen Smith
Ushers..... Zim Trulock, Bill Hollingsworth

11:15 am

Celebrant..... Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Robert Fain
Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
Choir Good Shepherd
Verger Rob Dennis
Lay Readers Heather Evans, Nancy Greenwood
Lead Acolyte Madison Smith
Ushers..... Ashley Wilds, George Sancken

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher Robert Fain
Organist..... Wayne Lord
Lay Readers Jennie Haynes, Faith Moore
Lead Acolyte Rooks Gibb

All Services

Vestry..... Ashley Pritchett
Altar Guild Team VI
LEV TBD
Breakfast Mark Pritchett,
Dave Getchell, Matt Tracy

Monday, October 7

Morning Prayer.....8:00 am .. Eileen McCraney
Grief Group.....6:15 pm.....Andy Menger

Tuesday, October 8

Morning Prayer.....8:00 am Mary Howard
Bible Study10:00 am..... Andy Menger
Healing Service 11:00 am Robert Fain

Wednesday, October 9

Holy Eucharist.....7:00 am.....Andy Menger
Morning Prayer8:00 am .. Sandy Vantrease

Thursday, October 10

Morning Prayer8:00 am Drew Swecker

Friday, October 11

Morning Prayer8:00 am Claire Zealy

Saturday, October 12

Morning Prayer8:30 am..... Tom Smyth

Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 37:1-10,
2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

