

THE

Shepherd's Fold

DISCOVER 150 YEARS OF PURPOSE

September 1, 2019

Cluttered Lives

I have just accomplished some major decluttering. I've bagged up useless stuff from the attic all the way down to the basement, making many trips to Goodwill and the garbage cans. The more I bagged up the "stuff" the more eager I was to purge my home of unnecessary things. The stuff had taken over. Every closet stuffed to the max and every bookcase, drawer and desk filled to the brim. The excess stuff cluttered our home and without really recognizing it, cluttered our lives. Now that I can boast that my clutter is mostly gone, I feel like I can see better, I feel like I can think better. My closets are useful again. The drawers contain just what I need, nothing more. It feels great!

Now I know many of you refuse to live with clutter. I have friends that certainly would never allow clutter to take over their home. I admire that. However, I venture to guess that all of us have internal clutter that we may not even recognize. This unrecognized clutter is like carrying bags and bags of stuff around wearing us down and taking up space with useless thoughts and feelings. This stuff steals the freedom to truly live the life God longs for us.

What is the stuff that causes your mind and heart to be cluttered, preventing you from seeing clearly, the ability to think clearly, and live freely? Do you carry around the clutter of unforgiveness for self or others? Does your mind hold on to unresolved stuff that prevents you from moving forward? Does your heart only have enough space for self with no room for others?

I am well aware of most of the stuff I want to get rid of, because it has become too heavy to carry around. I know that my stuff is taking up the space where the love of God needs to dwell. Oh, if it were as easy as bagging all that external stuff up and throwing it away! I will ask God to help me. I will invite God into the weeding process; helping me to see what I need to purge and finally let it go. I think I'll spend some time with decluttering internally because I have experienced the freedom of the external work and it's many blessings.

Will you join me and allow God to clean the clutter from your mind and heart so that every part of your being may be useful for his purposes? Our uncluttered spirit will attract others who long for the same freedom found only in the one who will restore and renew all who make space for him. What a blessing that will be!

In Christ,





Good Shepherd's Fresh Old Look

In January of 2019 the Vestry engaged Wier/ Stewart to develop a complete communication plan for Good Shepherd that would effectively connect parishioners to the life and mission of the parish while also reaching out to invite others to be part of God's own redemptive mission of the world engaged through Good Shepherd.

On August 11th the Wier/Stewart Team presented a fresh look for Good Shepherd's beloved Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) that makes this iconic image more able to work in a wide array of print and digital communications. The Agnus Dei has been used as a graphic identity for us for over 30 years.

The icon returns to its standing rather than recumbent posture, conveying a more active--even triumphant--expression of Jesus as God's victorious Lamb, ever on the move in God's world.

An alternate icon features only the strong head of the lamb encircled by a nimbus also bearing a St. Andrew's cross. This icon is employed on our Facebook page as a profile image and again on our magnets.

The rich colors of the liturgical seasons; green, blue, purple, and red are used for the parish palette but toned down to ensure they work in harmony when used together and accented with gold.

Also recommended for our visual communication are two design patterns drawn from the fabric of the church itself. You will recognize one as used in the stenciling of the steeple and the other figures in many of Good Shepherd's windows.

Finally the flexible fonts of the Alegreya font family will serve as the lead typefaces across print and digital communications.

In all the things of parish life as in all creation, we strive to bear witness to refreshing, renewing, and restoring the love of Christ that makes all things new.



Seeking Nursery Greeters!

Many thanks to Anna Burgreen for helping to arrange for folks to greet parents and children coming to the nursery for the 9:00 o'clock and/or the 11:15 service.

Please contact Anna or Jinny if you would like to help out. With enough volunteers, each person would serve once every two months.

To date, the following have served or volunteered to serve: Anna Burgreen, Winkie Hudson, Lisa Long, Dody Neely, Laura Rollins, Kim Pidcock, and Terry Dennis.

Shepard Blood Drive

Help fight childhood cancer with Good Shepherd. We will host a blood drive Sunday, Sept. 8, 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM on the Bloodmobile.





Parishioners of the Week

Mary Caddell, Valera Hudson, and Hannah Hudson

Christ Community Meal

Good shepherd will serve Christ Community meal on Saturday, September 7th.

For more information or if you would like to help, please contact Lynn Prather: LBprather@goodshepherd-augusta.org



Youth Group Paintball Night

September 8. 2:30 PM-5:30PM.

Dinner @ Church afterwards

We will meet at the church.

\$25 per person.

Scan QR code to register:



Follow the Star:

Conversations about Faith, Family, and Formation --Our Kids: Under Pressure

Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6:00 pm Parish Hall

\$10 per adult. Childcare and supper provided

RSVP to the church office by Sept. 4

Catered by The New York Butcher Shoppe



2019 Acolyte Festival
of the Georgia Diocese
was a huge success!

Thank you to everyone who made it possible!

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, September 1

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Robert Fain
Preacher Andy Menger
Organist..... Nick Lowery
Lay Readers Camilla Davis, Nancy Greenwood

All Services

Vestry..... Mark Burgreen
Altar Guild Team IV
Breakfast..... Sherri Speese, Jack Speese,
Michele LaMarsh, Marylib Connell

9:00 am

Celebrant..... Lynn Prather
Preacher Andy Menger
Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
Choir St. Gregory
Verger Kathleen Bailie
Lay Readers Charlie Rollins, Katie Tracy
Lead Acolyte Will Norris
Ushers Ed Enoch, Paul Dunbar

Monday, September 2

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3

Morning Prayer..... 8:00 am..... Chum Balk
Bible Study 10:00 am..... Andy Menger
Healing Service 11:00 am Bunny S. Williams

11:15 am

Celebrant..... Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Robert Fain
Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
Choir Good Shepherd
Verger Mark Burgreen
Lay Readers Gerry Chambers, Jennie Haynes
Lead Acolyte Stephen Smith
Ushers Chuck Evans, Woody Shuler

Wednesday, September 4

Holy Eucharist 7:00 am..... Andy Menger
Morning Prayer 8:00 am Jack Speese
Brandonwilde..... 4:00 pm Joe Bowden

Thursday, September 5

Morning Prayer 8:00 am Al Metzel

Friday, September 6

Morning Prayer 8:00 am Neal Dickert

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher Andy Menger
Organist..... Wayne Lord
Lay Readers Anne Floyd, Jim Price
Lead Acolyte Rooks Gibb

Saturday, September 7

Morning Prayer 8:30 am..... Tom Smyth

Readings

Sirach 10:12-18, Psalm 112,
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14

Church Development Institute.

Bring your ideas and your love for Good Shepherd and join the CDI team today! The Diocese of Georgia offers a wonderful training program for those interested in church growth through the Church Development Institute. Good Shepherd is looking for four or five interested people right now. Contact Bunny Simon Williams at bunny@goodshepherd-augusta.org for more information!