

THE Shepherd's Fold

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

HARD WINTERS/FALSE SPRINGS

Although the average temperature this winter has not been out of the ordinary, we gardeners will say this was a hard winter because of the Christmas Eve freeze. For two days, we had freezing the likes of which we have not seen in over 30 years. Plants that ordinarily handle our winters were hurt and in some cases killed, and we probably will not truly know the complete toll until this summer. To make matters possibly worse, the mild weather for the past six weeks has caused many of our azaleas and other flowering plants to bloom two weeks earlier than normal. Is this a false spring that will end with a late freeze that kills much of Augusta's spring beauty? I pray that this will not occur, but it is a definite possibility.

Hard winters and false springs apply to more than just the weather. Our personal lives are subject to hard winters. False springs occur when everything seems to be getting better and then another blow falls. It is the old two steps forward and one step back. Hard winters and false springs in our lives are difficult to take. They easily make a pessimist out of an optimist. As Ray Charles sang: "If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all." As a priest, I have had to sit with many people who could add poignant verses to that song.

So how do we live with this reality? As Christians, we know that Easter always, always, always follows Good Friday. While things will often not work out as we like in this life, God is with us in our struggles. Our job is to cling to that hope in the dark times of winter. When the going gets better, we must not get too excited because it may be a false spring and further trouble may be down the road. Yet we can be confident in the coming of the true spring that will be the abundant life in the arms of our loving God.

Peace,

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Join us Fridays in Lent at noon in the Parish Hall for Stations of the Cross.

VISIO DIVINA MEDITATION WITH THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

Plans are being made to offer an evening Visio Divina Meditation beginning Wednesday, March 29th at 6:00 pm. We are hoping that others will want to consider becoming a facilitator and helping with the planning and choice of illuminations from *The Saint John's Bible*. If you would like to help as a facilitator, please contact Penny Brown by phone or text. (706-399-3677)

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Please join our every morning at 7:30 am for morning prayer on zoom.

Tuesday

Healing Service 11:00 am

Brown Bag Lunch & *The Saint John's Bible* 12:00 pm

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist 7:00 am

WAGS 6:00 pm

Sunday

Services 8:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:15 am, & 6:00 pm

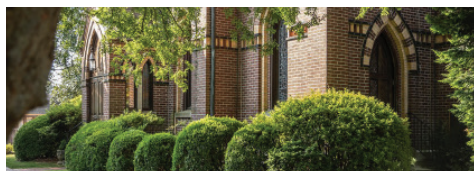
Breakfast 8:40 am - 9:40 am

Christian Formation 10:00 am

Youth Group, Grades 6-8 5:00 pm

Youth Group Dinner, Grades 6-12 6:00 pm

Youth Group, Grades 9-12 6:30 pm



YOUTH NEWS

CORNERSTONE

In lieu of our regular Sunday Youth Group, we will be gathering together for Cornerstone on March 12th at St. Bartholemews in North Augusta from 5-7pm. We will have dinner and a very special guest, Father Lewis Bohler. Fr. Bohler is a 95-year-old Episcopal priest and childhood friend of Martin Luther King, Jr., who marched in Selma at King's side. Adults are welcome to join us for this special event! Carpooling available.

PALM SUNDAY & EASTER ACOLYTES

To sign up to acolyte on Palm Sunday (10am Service) or Easter Sunday (9am and 11:15am Services), please reach out to Mary Grace Wynn or sign up through the Shell Newsletter. Thank you for volunteering!

HAPPENING

Happening #107 is just around the corner! Youth in Grades 9th-12th are invited to join us for this meaningful retreat weekend, March 24-26th. To meet Happening #107's Youth Rector, Adair Weston, head to the Shell Youth Newsletter in your inbox! For any questions, please contact Mary Grace Wynn.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Contribute to the altar flowers at Easter by completing and returning the form below. Make your gifts payable to Good Shepherd marked as *Easter Lilies*. Forms must be received by March 31st in order to appear in the order of service.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Enclosed Amount: _____

In honor of/memory of (circle one) _____

By: _____



GETHSEMANE WATCH

All night vigil in the CHURCH

The Church will be open all night following the Maundy Thursday, April 6, service until Good Friday morning, April 7. Sit with Jesus before the altar. This profound, meaningful time brings you into the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. You can sign up for 30-minute slots at bit.ly/gethsemanewatch OR you can come anytime between 8 pm and 7 am. We will have an off duty police officer on the premises for security.

Holy Week

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2ND, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM*

AND 6:00 PM

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

APRIL 3RD, 7:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

APRIL 4TH, 7:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

APRIL 5TH, 7:00 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6TH, 7:00 PM*, FOLLOWED BY
ALL-NIGHT PRAYER VIGIL.

SIGN UP AT

BIT.LY/GETHSEMANEWATCH

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7TH, 12:00 PM, 7:00* PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT 1:00 PM

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

APRIL 8TH, 7:00 PM*

EASTER DAY

APRIL 9TH, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM*

11:15 AM*, 6:00 PM

EGG HUNT

AFTER 9:00 AM SERVICE

*LIVE STREAMS

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, March 12, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay Readers Anne Floyd, Bobbie Ingenito

9:00 AM

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
UshersSean Roche, Trey Hargrove
Verger..... Robin Bailie
Lay Readers Bob Nesbit, Heather Wheeler
Acolytes.....Fripp McDougal, Crawford McDougal
Eliza McCutcheon, Caroline McCutcheon,
Emma Sue Getchell

11:15 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Ushers James Jones, Matt Matson
Verger Rob Dennis
Lay Readers Lynn Smith, Andrew Austin
Acolyte Charlie Hargrove, William Hargrove
Sam Hargrove, Jack Manton, Milly Manton

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay ReadersCarleton Vaughn, Yvonne Harrison

All Services

Altar Guild Team VI
Breakfast..... Team II
Vestry Person of the DaySada Huggins



WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD
MARCH 1, 8, 15 & 22

JESUS,
DID YOU
EVER
REALLY
KNOW
ME?

WAGS Lenten Series “Jesus, did you ever really know me:” a look at the life of Jesus through the eyes of four of the people who were close to him. We will serve Irish stew, corn bread and shamrock cake at 6:00 pm, followed by the ‘class’ at 6:30 pm.

Week 1: Virgin Mary (Sonia Sullivan-Clifton)

Week 2: Peter (Ted Clarkson)

Week 3: Judas (Joe Bowden)

Week 4: Mary Magdalene (Bunny Simon-Williams)

