

# THE Shepherd's Fold

April 30, 2023

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

In the Christian tradition, a patronal feast is a celebration of the feast day of the patron for which a church is named, i.e. its patron saint. In Darien I had the pleasure of two patronal feasts each year: the feast days for St. Andrew and for St. Cyprian. These were great days of celebration. So what about our beloved Good Shepherd? Our parish is not named for somebody with the title "Saint;" so do we have a patronal feast? Absolutely, because we have the greatest patron of them all: the Good Shepherd himself, Jesus. "I am the good shepherd" Jesus said to the Pharisees. (John 10.11) This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, our patronal feast, because the lectionary provides that we read part of the "Good Shepherd Discourse" on the fourth Sunday in Easter every year. While growing up at Good Shepherd, any mention of Jesus as the Good Shepherd would immediately bring to my mind the image of our altar window. I would see Jesus as this kindly figure lovingly holding the little lamb while the adult sheep and doves look on. What a beautiful and heartwarming picture, and an appropriate vision of our loving Savior. As I have gotten older and learned more about the reality of first century Palestine, I now see an additional image. In Jesus' day, a shepherd would not likely be the richly robed figure we see in our altar window, but rather a man roughly dressed as befitting one of the lowliest and least desirable occupations available. A shepherd was one who worked in the dust and dirt of the fields, who faced hazards from predators, both human and animal, who lived more with the unwashed animals than with people. Yet, as Jesus reminds us, the shepherd loves the sheep and will give his life for the sheep, a beautiful but very different picture, a picture that has at its center the cross. As we celebrate our patronal feast, Good Shepherd Sunday, we should keep in mind both images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We have the image of our loving savior from the altar window along with the image of the lowly, despised shepherd giving his life for his sheep—for us. The first image should strengthen us to follow Jesus as our shepherd while the second image tells us to follow Jesus into the broken, dangerous, oftentimes dirty world to love our neighbors, who are just as much a part of Jesus' flock as we are. As a Christian, there is no more fitting place to be than in a church whose patron is the Good Shepherd

Peace,

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## PARISH REGISTERS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lynda upon the death of her husband Tommy Blanchard on April 22, 2023.

## HARRISBURG FIRE UPDATE

Good Shepherd has responded so generously to the request for clothing for the Harrisburg family that further donation of clothes is not needed. Financial donations, of course, would still be helpful.

## WATER DAMAGE ON CHURCH WALL

Many of you have noticed the water damage on the wall in the south transept. Southern Roofing, who routinely does our repairs, thought they had identified and fixed the leak, which is on the sacristy roof. The fix has not been successful, and we are continuing to fight the water intrusion. As soon as the leak(s) is truly fixed and the wall dried out, the water damage will be repaired. Until then, we will have to be patient with this unsightly problem.

## 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](mailto:mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org).

## YOUTH GROUP

We will continue with our regular Youth Group schedule this Sunday evening, April 30th.

## TBTB COOKOUT

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!

## 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](https://bit.ly/GSVBS). Deadline to register is May 12.

## Sunday, April 30, 2023

**8:00 AM**

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden  
 Preacher .....Sonia Sullivan Clifton  
 Organist .....Ken Courtney  
 Lay Readers .....Lynn Tyson, Camilla Davis

**9:00 AM**

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson  
 Preacher .....Sonia Sullivan Clifton  
 Organist .....Ken Courtney  
 Choir Director .....Mollie Baldwin  
 Ushers .....Mark Pritchett, George Sancken  
 Verger..... Stovall Walker  
 Lay Readers .....Bob Nesbit, Katie Tracy  
 Acolytes.....Fripp Mc Dougal, Crawford McDougal,  
 Eliza McCutcheon, Caroline McCutcheon,  
 Emma Sue Getchell

**11:15 AM**

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden  
 Preacher .....Sonia Sullivan Clifton  
 Organist .....Ken Courtney  
 Choir Directors ..... Mollie Baldwin, Pam McCorkle  
 Ushers .....Jonathan Adams, Glen Owen  
 Verger..... Rob Dennis  
 Lay Readers ..... Lynn Smith, Yvonne Harrison  
 Acolytes..... Charlie Hargrove, William Hargrove,  
 Sam Hargrove, Rob Wynn, George Wynn

**6:00 PM**

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton  
 Organist .....Nick Lowery  
 Lay Readers ..... Anne Floyd, Jim Price

### All Services

Altar Guild ..... Team IV  
 Breakfast ..... Team VII  
 Vestry Person of the Day ..... Beth McCutcheon

**Join us for our**

# PARISH PICNIC

May 28, 11:00 am  
 1337 Flowing Wells Road

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- **Wifesaver Chicken and drinks provided**
- **Bring a dish to share**
- **Kona Ice Sno-Cone truck**
- **Games, Facepainting, Kites, and more!**





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