

# THE Shepherd's Fold

July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

## LIFE IS SHORT

A week after I was ordained 21 years ago I heard this blessing – you all are quite familiar with it since I have closed out just about every service I have done with these words since the moment they first hit my heart.

### REMEMBER THAT LIFE IS SHORT

AND WE HAVE SO LITTLE TIME TO GLADDEN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO TRAVEL WITH US, SO BE QUICK TO LOVE. MAKE HASTE TO BE KIND. AND MAY THE AWESOME AND ETERNAL BLESSINGS OF GOD ALMIGHTY, FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH YOU THIS VERY MOMENT AND REMAIN WITH YOU ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE.

I would like to claim these words as originating with me, but actually they belong to an 18th century philosopher, cleric and poet, Henri-Frederic Amiel. Amiel was one of those brilliant individuals who found themselves on the wrong side of Switzerland's politics. He was ostracized and spent his life as a recluse and would die at age 59. During the last decade of his life, he kept a journal, which is known as the *Journal Intime*. His work would not be published until after his death, and it was immensely popular. He was much more respected in death than in life. His journal is considered a masterpiece of self-analysis. These are the actual words he wrote.

“Life is short, and we never have enough time for the hearts of those who travel the way with us. O, be swift to love! Make haste to be kind.” *Amiel's Journal Intime*.

Here are a few other quotes that keep me straight each day:


Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment. - *Buddha*

We do not remember days, we remember moments. - *Cesare Pavese*

The truth is you don't know what is going to happen tomorrow. Life is a crazy ride, and nothing is guaranteed. - *Eminem*

Plan your life as if you will live forever. Live your life as if you were to die tomorrow. - *Gandhi* (as modified by Joe+)

I'm sure you all have some favorite little sayings or quotes – I would love to hear them.

Peace, 

## **PARISH NEWS**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom and Lydia Smyth upon the death of her mother, Hester Bliven. Our thoughts and prayers are with Katy Frost and Thomas Galloway upon the death of their mother, Karen Yeh.

## **CURSILLO #127**

Cursillo #127 will be held at Honey Creek September 7-10. All baptized Christian adults who are interested in growing their faith are invited to attend this 3-day weekend with others from around the Diocese of Georgia. This is a lay-led program, supported by clergy who serve as spiritual directors for the weekend. The format includes talks given by lay leaders and clergy, small group discussions, daily worship, music and singing, fellowship, time for personal reflection, and more. Cursillo (pronounced kur-SEE-yo) has enriched the lives of many from Good Shepherd and around the diocese over the years. Please speak with one of the clergy (who have all attended a Cursillo weekend!) or visit <https://gaepiscopal.org/cursillo> for more information. Joe+ and Cissy Bowden will be serving on the team for #127.

## **THE EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM**

More than a Bible study, EFM takes a fresh look at life events in the light of church tradition and 21st century culture. Participants study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere. The Church of the Good Shepherd offers an EFM group on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. and will begin in late August. Everyone is welcome and we encourage those from all parishes to join us! Sign up is in July! For more information, contact Tom Smyth,

[tom.smyth@icloud.com](mailto:tom.smyth@icloud.com). Details about the program are located at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>.

## **BREAKFAST TEAMS**

Love to cook? Join a breakfast team! The commitment is only a few hours on Sunday morning every six weeks or so. For more information or to join a team, contact Harriet Deas at 706-373-0780.

## **WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

We still need a few teams for our Wednesday night suppers this fall! Teams plan and cook for our Wednesday night programming. This is a great way to get connected into the Good Shepherd community! For more information or to join a team, contact Mary Ashton Mills, [maryashtonmills@gmail.com](mailto:maryashtonmills@gmail.com) or (706) 267-9697.

## **KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND**

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina September 29 - October 1! We will have activities for kids and youth, s'mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and compline on the lake, movie and game night, hiking, and more. Bring your tennis rackets as we will have a friendly round of tennis play on Saturday afternoon. This is a fun weekend that you do NOT want to miss. Pick up a form in the lobby or register online: [bit.ly/gskanuga](http://bit.ly/gskanuga).

## **CLINIC LATINA UPDATE**

Clinic Latina, now known as Centro Medico William Salazar, is a free, nonprofit medical clinic for individuals that do not have insurance or live below 200 percent of the poverty level. The clinic also provides interpreting services for Hispanic patients but sees patients from all ethnic backgrounds. The clinic has been run for

several years on the campus of Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University with AU donating the clinic space. Centro Medico William Salazar has received financial support from Good Shepherd through the Community and World Ministries Commission for years. Also Good Shepherd's endowment fund has helped with funding for this ministry. The Clinic also offers educational experiences to persons that volunteer including PA, dental, and medical students.

The grand opening and dedication of Centro Medico William Salazar's first freestanding clinic will be held at the new location on 904 Merry Street July 29th at 11:00am and the waiting room will be dedicated to Church of the Good

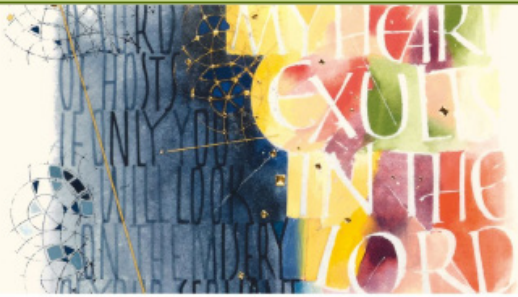
Shepherd. Parishioners are invited to attend in support of Good Shepherd's active outreach to this ministry. Supplies needed by the clinic include sunscreen, moisturizing lotion, small bottles of OTC Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, or Benadryl, bandages, cleaning supplies, alcohol wipes, and latex or other gloves. These items can be dropped by the Church office in a designated box and will be taken to the clinic. ALAS Centro Medico William Salazar appreciates Good Shepherd's support of this ministry reaching out to those in the most need. For more information you can contact Lynn Tyson at 706-833-7415.

## YOUTH NEWS

**Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events.** For any questions, email [mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org).

### ACOLYTES

Thank you to everyone that has signed up so far! It has been a huge help. We still have a month left of the Summer Acolyte Schedule with a few spots remaining. Please sign up for Sundays you are in town now through August 13th.



THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

## Calligraphy Workshop

JULY 26TH | 6-8PM

We invite you to join us for a Calligraphy Workshop on July 26th to appreciate the creation and use of script throughout The Saint John's Bible and to enjoy an evening of fellowship!

Together we will learn and practice the art of calligraphy and create cherishable artwork to take home with us or gift to friends. Please come with a favorite reading in mind (scripture, psalm, prayer, poem, et cetera). No artistic abilities are needed.

Calligraphy supplies, wine, & pizza provided.  
RSVP to [mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org).

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
2230 WALTON WAY

## Sunday, July 23, 2023

**8:00 AM**

Celebrant & Preacher.....Joe Bowden  
Organist ..... Wayne Lord  
Lay Readers .....David Lentz, Lynn Tyson

**10:00 am**

Celebrant & Preacher.....Joe Bowden  
Organist & Choirmaster .....Jim Nord  
Verger..... Rob Dennis  
Lay Readers .....Jennie Haynes, Andrew Austin  
Acolytes..... Camille Jones, Mary Dennis Trotter,  
Wiley Trotter, Bridges Trotter  
Ushers ..... Peter Martinez, Kevin McDougal

**6:00 pm**

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

**All Services**

Altar Guild ..... Team IV  
Vestry Person of the Day ..... Ginger Chew



## Fall Kickoff, August 13

We will bless backpacks at the 10am service as we collect school supplies for Monte Sano Elementary School. After the 10am service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. On the church lawn, we will have games for all ages!