

THE Shepherd's Fold

September 24, 2023

17th Sunday after Pentecost

DOMESTICATING JESUS

“In our churches and in our personal faith, have we so domesticated Jesus that he simply affirms our values and traditions? Or is Jesus still the radical who turns our world upside down?” (Ringma, Charles Cry Freedom, 9/13)

That quote was in my morning reading eight days ago and I cannot let it go. This is a question that we should ask ourselves each night as we lie down to slumber. Did I try this day to change myself to live as Jesus would have me live, or did I justify my thoughts, words, and deeds by making Jesus my pet who simply condones all I think, say, and do.

I see it all the time. In myself and in others. There is something that we are doing. And have no intention of abandoning. We know that it is wrong. That Jesus would not approve. But we can't (no, we won't) let it go. The spouse who cannot be faithful because “my husband doesn't understand me”. The proprietor who inflates his prices so that he can buy that new car. The golfer who skips worshipping God in church every Sunday because he feels “closer to God in nature.” In each case, if asked how he/she squares that with God, the response would be, “Jesus wants me to be happy.”

I wonder ... Is Jesus more concerned with our happiness or with our faithfulness?

keep on keeping on...

Sunny+

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to Grant and Kristen (Prather) Stovall on the birth of their son, William Grant Stovall Jr., **September 4, 2023**. Welcoming him home are big sister, Florence, and grandparents, Hunk and Lynn Prather.

PARISH HOUSE UPDATE

We have replaced the Parish Hall roof and the HVAC units. Thank you for your patience!

THE SUMMERVILLE TOUR OF HOMES & RECEPTION

The Church of the Good Shepherd has always been at the center of Summerville, both spiritually and physically. The congregation was chartered in 1869 and first met in the Summerville Academy building on William Street. In 1871, Artemus Gould donated the land on which the church sits, and the name “Good Shepherd” was suggested for the new parish by his son, Johnny. The original wooden structure was replaced by a more substantial brick one in 1880. That building burned in 1896, but the walls and stained-glass windows, with the exception of the Altar window, were saved and used in the rebuilt church. The present structure was reconsecrated in 1898 and has been in continuous use to this day.

On October 22, as a close to the annual Summerville Tour of Homes, the Good Shepherd Choir will offer a service of Evensong. Evensong is considered by many to be the “Crown Jewel” of all Anglican liturgies. The service will be taken from the Book of Common Prayer, 1789, which was the prayer book in use at the founding of the parish. All the music will be of the

period and rendered in much the same manner as it was heard in the early days of Summerville. The service will begin at 5:30 pm and last about thirty minutes. **Afterwards join us for a catered reception in the Parish Hall.**

WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD (WAGS)

Join us on **September 27** to hear our guest speaker Celina Keys, the Executive and Clinical Director of Family Counseling Center. Celina is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and holds a SAMHSA certification specializing in the treatment of trauma as the root of mental illness and addiction. Dinner begins at 6pm, followed by the program at 6:30pm. You can sign up with the QR code!



BACK TO THE BIBLE (B2B)

Ten years ago, Good Shepherd started a program of reading the entire Bible in a year in the context of small groups. We are offering B2B again starting the first week of Advent. Group sign-up information will be available in the coming weeks!

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Bring your own “brown bag lunch” to enjoy as we reflect on a different illumination and scripture each week.

Tuesdays at 12 noon, September 19 - November 28. Meets in the Conference Room.



PET BLESSING

Blessing of the Pets on **October 7th at 10 am**. Bring your cats, dogs, snakes, birds, or any pet at all to be blessed and receive a St. Francis pet medal. Pet and human treats provided. DNA (Dog Networking Agents) will be there with pups and kittens. Please bring your donations of puppy pads, small bites dog and cat food and kitty litter.



Episcopal Church, we will meet in the Setz Cottage during the Sunday School hour this Sunday. Fr. Ted will lead this week's session, which will focus on Episcopal identity and ethos. Later sessions led by all the clergy will explore the theology of the church and practical aspects of worship in the Episcopal Church.



PARISH DIRECTORY

We have finished taking photos for our directory. If you missed the days and times and still want your photo in the directory, contact the church office!

CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION FOR ADULTS

For those adults interested in being confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church when the Bishop comes on **November 12**, or for anyone simply wanting to learn more about the

A graphic for a Halloween party. It features three cartoon characters: a witch in a purple hat and dress, a mummy in white bandages, and a devil in a red suit with horns. The background is dark green. Text on the right reads: "Halloween Party" in large yellow font, "October 25th, 6pm" in white font, and "Food & Spooky Fun" in large yellow font at the bottom.

Halloween Party
October 25th, 6pm
Food & Spooky Fun

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
Organist.....Wayne Lord
Lay Readers.....Bobbie Ingenito, Lynn Tyson

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
Organist & Choirmaster.....Jim Nord
Ushers.....John Stewart, Trey Hargrove
Vergers.....Sada Huggins
Lay Readers.....Jennie Haynes, Cissy Bowden
Acolytes.....Anne Harper Daniel, Liam Selby,
Emma Sue Getchell, Eliza McCutcheon,
Caroline McCutcheon

11:15 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
Organist & Choirmaster.....Jim Nord
Ushers.....James Jones, Matthew Norris
Vergers.....Mark Burgreen
Lay Readers.....Andrew Austin, Anne Floyd
Acolytes.....William Hargrove, Sam Hargrove,
Rob Wynn, George Wynn

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
Organist.....Nick Lowery
Lay Readers.....David Lentz, Faith Moore

All Services

Altar Guild.....Team II
Vestry Person of the Day.....Sada Huggins

YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for upcoming events.

For any questions, email mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

YOUTH GROUP

We look forward to another fun evening of fellowship this coming Sunday. Dinner will be provided by Rosie Speer. For meal sign-up and the Youth Group schedule, head over to the SHELL.

KAYAKING TRIP

Save the Date! All youth in grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for a fun day of kayaking down the Broad River outside Danielsville, GA on **October 15th**. The kayaking cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP to mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

CORNERSTONE EVENT

Join us for our next Cornerstone Event on Saturday, **September 30th**, where we will be hosting a Pet Adoption with local, non-profit, Hands to Paws at St.

Augustines Church (3321 Wheeler Road) from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. This will be a fun opportunity for youth to engage with the community while helping rescue animals find forever homes! *(Cornerstone is an ongoing collaboration between Episcopal Churches in the CSRA to create and strengthen youth relationships throughout our convocation. Grades 6th-12th.)*

ACOLYTES

Acolyte Training is this Sunday, **September 24th**, from 1:30-3pm. Attendance for all acolytes is requested in order to be included in the Acolyte Program this year. Open to Grades 3rd & up! New schedule will be released after Acolyte Training. Please reach out to Lauren Hargrove with any questions.