

THE Shepherd's Fold

September 3, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

“HOPPY, I’M BORED.”

How many times has Si, in quiet desperation, spoken those very words to me? (Owen is never bored because he is always, as my grandmother would have said, “getting into some sort of devilment”.) Anyway, my response is always, “Do you know what Mimi used to do to me when I said I was bored?” By now he knows the response and says it with me. “She used to give me a dust rag or a sponge and tell me to start cleaning.” He’s heard that so often, that once he asked me, “Hoppy, did Mimi ever work when you were little or did she make you do all the work?”

I was remembering these boredom conversations as I was folding a load of towels this afternoon. I thought about how I could call myself bored while folding those towels or I could allow my imagination to work. (That’s how I came up with this idea for the Shepherd’s Fold. It may not be the best essay I’ve ever written, but it was born in a minute of respite from the boredom of laundry.)

Buechner states that if you define boredom as acedia or sloth, it would be classified as one of the Seven Deadly Sins. He explains that we can be bored by just about anything if we put our minds to it. Isn’t that an interesting thought? That we can and often do set our minds to boredom. We intentionally disengage. Start that grocery list. Hear a word and run down a rabbit hole with that thought. Or go into an activity determined to be bored. Refusing to engage. Refusing to participate.

Buechner further states, “To be bored is to turn down cold whatever life happens to be offering you at the moment.” (Whistling in the Dark, 22-23) As Joe reminds us every Sunday, “Life is short”. We should be grabbing hold of every opportunity, every conversation, every experience. Each moment is a gift given to us by the One who loves us enough to give us life. And maybe, just maybe, the very thing we are choosing to turn down may be the very thing that God wants most for us to hear, to do, to see, to experience so that we might become the person he knit us in our mothers’ wombs to become.

Keep on keeping on...

Sunny+

PARISH NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorothy Black upon the death of her husband, John Black.




On September 4th the church office will be closed, in observance of the holiday.

PARISH HOUSE UPDATE

The Parish House continues to be closed for renovations. During this time the **CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** to visitors. Please call the church office at 706-738-3386 during office hours for assistance. When this work is underway, we will not have air conditioning in the majority of spaces in the Parish House for two weeks. We will continue to offer Christian Formation and the nursery on Sundays, but we are going to be creative in where we meet. All of the groups that meet in the Parish House during the week will have to make other arrangements during this time. Thank you for your patience!

CHOIR FOR CHILDREN



The St. Gregory Choir (Grades 3 and up) sings every Sunday at the 9am service. As an affiliate of the Royal School of Church Music, the choir provides an invaluable opportunity in Christian education and music for children. Due to AC repairs, please meet for choir rehearsal in the church this Sunday

from 4:30-5pm. Please contact Jim Nord (jnord@goodshepherd-augusta.org) for information.
COGS IN THE WORLD



WAGS (Wednesdays at Good Shepherd) resumes **September 13!** This fall we will be looking at Christ's love in the world through the lens of various organizations that Good Shepherd supports in the Augusta area. Come and hear the stories of lives sustained and lives changed through this work. Dinner begins at 6 pm, followed by the program at 6:30 pm, which will include not only a speaker from the organization but also a chance to reflect how we can further Jesus' message of love in the world. We wrap up our program with compline and end at 7:15 pm.



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. The program was a great success at the time,. Of course, many who are at Good Shepherd now were not here at that time, so we are going to offer B2B again, starting soon. Keep a lookout for more details!

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SEPTEMBER 8TH**

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YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for upcoming events. For any questions, email mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH GROUP

Due to Labor Day, we will not be gathering for Christian Formation or Youth Group this Sunday, September 3rd. The normal schedule will resume next week, September 10th. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable long weekend!



PURSENALITY NIGHT

with Comedian Tracy DeGraaf

SEPTEMBER 7 • 6PM

First Baptist Church, North Augusta



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Sunday, September 3, 2023

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
 Preacher..... Joe Bowden
 Organist Wayne Lord
 Lay Readers Lynn Tyson, Camilla Davis

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
 Preacher..... Joe Bowden
 Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
 Ushers Jonathan Adams, Lewis Baird
 Verger..... Mark Pritchett
 Lay ReadersBob Nesbit, Mitzi McCoy
 Acolytes..... Camille Jones, Rob Tracy,
 Kate Tracy, Wynn Prosser

11:15 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
 Preacher..... Joe Bowden
 Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
 UshersJack Dugan George Sancken
 Verger..... Lee Neel
 Lay Readers Yvonne Harrison, Heather Wheeler
 Acolytes.....Claire Norris, Lillian Wilkes
 Anabelle Wilkes, Spencer Weston, Annie Weston

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher..... Joe Bowden
 OrganistNick Lowery
 Lay Readers Jim Price, Carleton Vaughn

All Services

Altar GuildTeam I
 Breakfast..... Team II
 Vestry Person of the Day Paul Trotter

THIS SUNDAY

No Christian Formation.

No Sunday Breakfast.

No Youth Group.

Pictures in the Lychgate for our
 Directory from **10:00 am - 12:30**
pm.



NEXT SUNDAY - September 10th

10 am Christian Formation Room Relocation

CHILDREN

3 year olds - Bride's Room

LEVEL I - EDS, Godly Play Room

LEVEL II - EDS Kindergarten

4th & 5th Grades - Setze Cottage 2nd floor

NURSERY

Infant - Conference Room West End

Toddler - Conference Room East End

YOUTH

Middle School - EDS Gym

High School - Setze Cottage 2nd floor

ADULT

Choir - Sanctuary

Sawmill - Setze Cottage 1st floor

Young Adults - EDS
