

THE Shepherd's Fold

October 29, 2023

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

SCARY THINGS

As I write this piece, our churchyard is being converted into a Halloween extravaganza of ghouls, goblins, and a host of other scary attractions. I cannot help but smile in anticipation of the squeals of delight from the children who will be running all over this place at our annual Halloween Party. This brings joy into my heart, a joy that has been absent in these recent days as a real monster has been ever present in my thoughts: the monsters of war.

Vampires and ghosts are the monsters of children's imagination, but they don't hold a candle to war. War gobbles up men, women, and children without regard to guilt or innocence. War destroys not only bodies, but also turns hearts into stone with hatred. War is the opposite of the shalom—the peace—for which our Savior gave his life on the cross. War is the real monster of our world.

So what can we as Christians do to defeat this monster? Bullets and bombs don't stop wars. While they may bring a temporary halt to combat, they only sow the seeds for future conflict. War is a monster that will only be ultimately defeated through the transformation of human hearts. Accordingly, at a minimum, we need to pray for the transformation of the hardened hearts that control the weapons of war, which we are doing every Sunday for the conflicts that presently challenge our world. God willing, those prayers will soon be answered with the cessation of the present hostilities; however, there is more for us to do. As followers of Jesus, we need to pray, and take whatever action is available to us, to transform the hearts of those whose actions around the world create the conditions for conflict: poverty, inequality, oppression, exploitation, greed for power and wealth, etc. You see, war is not so much the ultimate problem as it is the most acute symptom of the brokenness of this world: the brokenness that the Great Physician came to heal.

So in this most scary time (and I am not referring to Halloween), let us pray without ceasing and remember the words of the prayer often attributed to St. Francis: "Lord, make us an instrument of thy peace."

 Ted +

THANKSGIVING HELP WANTED

Our Thanksgiving dinner at Good Shepherd is **November 23rd, at 11 am.** We need 10 committed volunteers to help cook and clean up! Please contact Robin and/or Kathleen Bailie if you are willing to help: **robin.bailie@gmail.com, kathleen.bailie@gmail.com.**

KRISTALLNACHT THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS

Each November, countries around the world mark the November 1938 Pogrom, the tragedy also known as Kristallnacht, which means “Crystal Night” or “the Night of Broken Glass.” The Kristallnacht pogrom marked a turning point in the treatment of Jews in Germany. In just two days, hundreds of synagogues were burned, thousands of Jews were arrested, and around one hundred Jews were killed. Any illusions that Jews could even be tolerated in Germany were finally laid to rest. We will commemorate this remembrance with our Jewish brothers and sisters on Thursday, **November 9, at 7:00 pm.** Please join us for this solemn service of remembrance. The service will be followed with a dessert reception in the Parish Hall.

BROWN BAG LUNCH

Bring your own “brown bag lunch” to enjoy as we reflect on a different illumination and scripture from The Saint John’s Bible each

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

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 Episcopal Church, we will meet in the Setz Cottage during the Sunday School hour **THIS** Sunday. Fr. Joe will lead the session, which will focus on the liturgy and Anglican spirituality.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On **November 5th at 10:00 am,** Join us for worship. After the service, join us for lunch in the Parish Hall. For lunch we will have smoked chicken, WifeSaver Mac & Cheese, green beans, and cookies. After lunch we will elect new Vestry, recognize retiring Vestry and have our Annual Parish Meeting. We will have a nursery for the little ones and activities for children and youth. We look forward to being together!

VESTRY VOTING

You can now vote online! Deadline for online voting is **November 3rd** at noon.

Parishioners above the age of 16 are eligible. In the event of a run-off, only those present at the meeting will be voting. Scan the QR code.



VISIO DIVINA

Visio Divina will resume Wednesday nights, **November 1-29, at 6 pm.** This is an opportunity to experience more from the Scriptures and Illuminations in The Saint John's Bible. Each week we will look at a different Illumination and Scripture reading. Please join us for a meaningful way to move into the Advent Season.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY/ BOOKKEEPER

On January 1, our long-serving, faithful financial secretary, Tina Smith, will be retiring. Our policy is to have a non-parishioner to serve in this position. If you know of anyone with bookkeeping experience who is not a parishioner that you think might be interested in this position (approximately 20 hours a week), please encourage him/her to contact Emily.

YOUTH POINSETTIA DRIVE

We are now taking orders for poinsettias! You can pick up a form in the lobby or register online at bit.ly/youthpoinsettias. All payments and order forms are due Sunday, **November 26**. Please plan on picking up poinsettias on Sunday, **December 3rd**. All proceeds support the Good Shepherd Youth Ministry.

YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events. For any questions, email Mary Grace Wynn at mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

TURN BACK THE BLOCK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

COGS Youth and Parents are invited to volunteer this Friday, **October 27th from 5-6:30pm** with Turn Back the Block! Cornerstone will be gathering to decorate a table and hand out candy for TBTB's annual Halloween Trick or Treat. We will meet at 1924 Battle Row, Augusta, Ga. Sign up on SHELL newsletter. Please text or email Mary Grace with any questions!

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Church League Basketball will be starting in December! Registration and payment for Church League Basketball are due by **November 9th**. Please go to the SHELL newsletter to sign up.

YOUTH GROUP

We look forward to another fun evening of fellowship this coming Sunday. Dinner will be provided by Mary Margaret Adams. For meal sign-up, go to the SHELL. Youth Group schedule is as follows:

Rite-13 Grades 6th - 8th

Youth Lounge5:00-6:00 PM

Dinner, Grades 6th - 12th

Small Parish Hall.....6:00-6:30 PM

J2A Grades 9th - 12th

Youth Lounge.....6:30-7:30 PM

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8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay ReadersLynn Tyson, Cissy Bowden

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Ushers Kevin McDougal, Mike Leverett
Vergers..... Ed Enoch
Lay Readers Kelley Norris, Katie Tracy
Acolytes.....Rob Wynn, George Wynn
Betsy Wynn, Lucy Stewart, Rob Tracy

11:15 AM

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Ushers Jack Dugan, Trey Hargrove
Vergers.....Choppy Woodward
Lay Readers Jennie Haynes, Heather Wheeler
Acolytes..... Jack Helton, Hamp Helton, Lucy Roche
Anne Ross Roche, May Roche, Darby Martin

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay ReadersCarlton Vaughn, Anne Floyd

All Services

Altar GuildTeam V
Breakfast MinistryTeam I
Vestry Person of the Day Ginger Chew

Old Wine in New Bottles



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 at 3:00PM

Please Join us for Old Wine in New Bottles, a voice recital by Kimberley Bollinger.

Presented by

Kim Bollinger Soprano, Jim Nord Accompanist

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