

THE Shepherd's Fold

December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

SHHHHH...

Listen. Do you hear it?

It's the quiet in the moment as the curtain rises on the play you have waited months to see. It's the quiet of the guests as the unwitting guest of honor enters the room.

It's the quiet of the snow. A quiet you can hear. You can feel. A silence so deafening, yet so peaceful that it might startle you at first.

Take a deep breath. Leave the secular behind. Prepare yourself to receive the gift of Christmas.

Inhale ... Come Holy Spirit.

Now exhale ... Be my guide.

When the moment finally comes, stop. Pay attention. Let it embrace you. Let the power and the sacrifice of the Christmas gift overwhelm you. Because that is when you will experience the joy of God's love for you.

It's the quiet of Christmas. A moment pregnant with joyful anticipation and expectation. A moment so filled with love that mere words cannot begin to describe. It can only be experienced. Open your heart to receive that moment.

keep on keeping on...

Bunny+

Stewardship

giving back to God

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2024 is wrapping up. If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so by the end of this month. We thank you for your continued support and generosity!

SAVE THE DATE! COGS IS BACK!

We will be serving at Golden Harvest Food Bank on **Saturday, January 20th** from 1pm til 4pm. More information will be provided in the next Shepherd's Fold.

NO BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

Breakfast will resume on January 7th.

MEN'S NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday **January 10**, beginning at 5:30pm. The menu will include Brats and beer, beans, sauerkraut, pie and tea. Please invite someone ! Text or email Robin at 706-736-4460 or email robin.bailie@gmail.com.

SHEPEARD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person – the gift of life. The Bloodmobile will be parked at the Church of the Good Shepherd back parking lot on **January 7, 9 am - 12:30 pm**. Please consider donating a unit of lifesaving blood.



After a 10-year hiatus, Back to the Bible (B2B) returns to Good Shepherd in 2024! The groups will begin on **January 8**. The five groups offer the following meeting times: Sundays at 10:00 AM and 4:30PM, Tuesdays at 4:00 PM, Wednesdays at 11:00 AM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM. There is also a group that will meet on Sundays at 4:00 PM, but this group will aim to complete the reading in two years rather than one year. Sign up with Signup Genius at **bit.ly/b2bible** and begin a one year journey into the entire Bible.



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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH GROUP

Mark your calendars! Christian Formation and Youth Group will resume on January 7th. We look forward to seeing you there!

• Happy Holidays •





CHRISTMAS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

December 24 8:00 am Advent IV Service
4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with the Saint
Gregory Choir
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with the
Good Sheperd Choir

December 25 11:00 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

dates to Remember

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- Sunday Breakfast resumes Sunday, January 7th.
 - Christian Formation resumes January 7th.
 - The church office will be open Dec. 26-29 from 9 am - 3 pm.
 - There will be no Tuesday Healing service, Dec. 26
 - There will be no Wednesday morning Eucharist, Dec. 26.

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, December 24, 2023

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay Reader Bobbie Ingenito, David Lentz

4:00 pm

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
UshersMichael Leverett,
Peter Martinez, Kevin McDougal
Verger..... Mark Pritchett
Lay ReadersMitzi McCoy, Bob Nesbit
Acolytes..... Fripp McDougal, Frank Anderson
Crawford McDougal, Jack Manton, Milly Manton,
Kate Lee Smith, Elle Benjamin, Raymond Benjamin,
Jack Helton, Hamp Helton
Vestry Person of the Day John Manton

6:00 pm

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
UshersAlex Wier,
Matthew Norris, Jonathan Adams

Verger..... Stovall Walker
Lay ReadersCissy Bowden, Lynn, Tyson,
Kelly Norris, Jim Price
Acolytes..... Rob Tracy, May Roche, Porter Adams,
Lucy Roche, Anne Ross Roche, Clayton Adams,
Eliza McCutcheon, Caroline McCutcheon,
Claire Norris, Merritt Jones
Vestry Person of the DaySada Huggins

10:00 pm

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher Andy Menger
OrganistJim Nord
Verger..... Lee Neel
Lay ReadersAndrew Austin, Bob Nesbit
Vestry Person of the Day Tom Symth

Christmas Day

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
Preacher Andy Menger
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay ReadersJennie Haynes, Cissy Bowden
Vestry Person of the Day Brice Wright

All Services

Altar Guild Team III

