

THE Shepherd's Fold

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

I do not know if every church has a theme song, but many do. At Good Shepherd I get a particularly warm feeling every time we sing *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*, a paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm, and I would nominate it as our patronal hymn. At St. Cyprian's in Darien, there was never any doubt about our theme song; it was *This Little Light of Mine*. Whenever we sang that hymn, the volume doubled, the folks in the congregation were swaying, and anybody on the street outside would be wondering what was going on. It would always be our closing hymn because it represented our mission: to shine the light of Christ in the world beyond the church doors. After singing that hymn, the congregation, on average around 30 people, would walk out of the church with renewed energy to shine that light.

The season of Epiphany is devoted to the manifestation of Jesus in the world: from the arrival of the Wise Men to the Transfiguration of Jesus. Light is a frequent motif for Epiphany because Jesus is the light of the world. Accordingly, our WAGS program in Epiphany this year, which will begin on **January 24**, will be "The Light of Christ."

We will be starting WAGS a week later than we initially intended because there is a special event on **January 17** (our original start date) that we do not want Good Shepherd to miss. On that Wednesday, the Progressive Religious Coalition of Augusta is sponsoring an interfaith celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with Dr. Jon Meacham as the speaker. Dr. Meacham is a renowned presidential scholar and Canon Historian of the Washington National Cathedral. Many may remember him as the eulogist at the funerals for George H. W. Bush and Barbara Bush. The event, at Sacred Heart, will begin at 6:30 PM with Gathering Music (with our own Jim Nord) and the service itself will begin at 7:00 PM. There is no charge for this program.

Our regular WAGS nights for Epiphany will be **January 24, 31, and February 7**. As usual, we will begin with a meal at 6:00 PM and a program from 6:30 to 7:15. The program on January 24th will be a hymn sing focusing

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on hymns of light; the program on the 31st will be the role of light in Holy Scripture; and the program on the February 7th with the role of light in sacred art. The programs are intended to be fun and informative: lighthearted if you will.

May the light of Christ be manifested in you this Epiphany season

WAGS RESUMES!

January 24, we begin our program, "The Light of Christ." We begin on the 24th with a hymn-sing focusing on hymns of light. On the 31st, we will focus on the role of light in Holy Scripture, and on **February 7th**, we will discuss the role of light in sacred art. Join us for these 'light' sessions that are both fun and informative!

Dinner: 6 pm, Program: 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm. Cost is \$6 (ages 11 +), \$4 children ages 4-10, children 3 and under eat free. The family max price is \$25. Youth meet in the 3rd floor Youth Lounge after dinner. Children meet Jinny in the Parish Hall after dinner.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee is delighted to report that we have received nine applications from candidates interested in our Rector position. We have started the process of reviewing each application. We expect to conduct our initial interviews with these candidates over the next few weeks.

After those interviews are completed, it is our hope to narrow the field to a small group of finalists. We will keep you informed as we move forward. Please continue to pray for our church and the Search Committee as we begin this exciting next phase of our search.



Back to the Bible has resumed at Good Shepherd! If you wanted to join a group, it's not too late. You can sign up online by going to the B2B Webpage, www.goodshepherd-augusta.org/b2b or by scanning the QR Code. Each month the readings are available on bookmarks in the lobby, or you can access them on the B2B webpage.



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ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us for one of our Ash Wednesday services, **February 14**, 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 7:00 pm.

FEAST AND FELLOWSHIP

It is time to kick off Feast and Fellowship reorganization for 2024. Please join us Sunday, **February 11**, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall for dinner. You are welcome to bring a favorite dish to share. Fried chicken, wine, iced tea, and water will be provided. We will reform small groups during dinner so that you have an opportunity to meet and plan your first dinner. The purpose of Feast and Fellowship (originally Foyer Groups) is to meet and get to know newer parishioners or catch up with



Good Shepherd friends in a casual, relaxed setting by sharing a simple meal. Everyone is welcome to join whether you are single or joining as a couple. Traditionally the dinners have been held in each group member's home rotating to a new host each month until everyone has hosted. But there is no set format and can be held many different ways according to each group's or host's situation. For example, each time may be a shared potluck, a picnic at a park (weather permitting), meeting at a local restaurant, partnering with another member or couple. Saturdays may work better for those still working or who have children in school. Be

creative!

We will discuss this in further detail at the dinner and appreciate your input. If you are interested in participating, but can't join us on the the 11th, please email Jan Jackson infaucus2001@gmail.com, Laura Rollins lhrollins@icloud.com, or Bobbie Ingenito bobeee8@gmail.com. We will add you to one of the small groups. Include your name(s), email, street address, and phone numbers for contact information. Looking forward to seeing you then. Bring friends!

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group continues this Sunday, **January 14th!** We look forward to a fun evening of fellowship, games, and dinner! To sign up for meals, please head to the Shell Newsletter

5:00 - 6:00 PM: RITE-13:

Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)

6:00 - 6:30 PM: RITE-13 & J2A:

Gather for Dinner in Small Parish Hall

6:30 - 7:30 PM: J2A:

Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

A new acolyte schedule has been released! Check the Shell Newsletter and save your assigned dates. The new schedule runs from now until the end of March.

YOUTH PHOTOS!



Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, January 14, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay Reader David Lentz, Bobbie Ingenito

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay ReadersCissy Bowden, Bob Nesbit
UshersJohn Stewart, Jonathan Adams
Acolytes..... Rob Tracy, Kate Tracy, Camille Jones,
Merritt Jones, Gray O'Meara

11:15 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
OrganistJim Nord
Lay ReadersHeather Wheeler, Andrew Austin
UshersJames Jones, Matthew Norris
Acolytes..... Baker Daniel, Anne Harper Daniel
Elle Benjamin, Raymond Benjamin, Patrick Broome

6:00 pm

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay Readers Carleton Vaughn, Faith Moore

All Services

Altar GuildTeam V
Breakfast Ministry Team VI
Vestry Person of the DayGilchrist Phillips

COGS IS BACK FOR 2024!

Some of you may remember from the past the COGS volunteer efforts to provide needed services to community organizations reaching out to those in need. We will be starting back COGS for this year meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month with opportunities for outreach by acting on the message of the Gospel. Our first COGS will be on **January 20th at Golden Harvest Food Bank, 3310 Commerce Drive, from 1-4pm**. We will be packing food for the Backpack Program for Children and/or the Senior Box Program. If you are interested in volunteering for this much needed ministry please e-mail **Lynn Tyson, ltyson517@gmail.com**, with your name and contact information as well as the time you can work: 1-4pm, 1-2:30pm, or 2:30-4pm or call Lynn at **706-833-7415** if you have questions. Golden Harvest requires that people volunteering wear long pants, closed toe shoes and shirts with long sleeves. Water will be provided and snacks when the task is finished. We suggest this be an adult or family activity and if youth are involved Golden Harvest requires that children under the age of 13 be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children under the age of 8 may not volunteer.



What a great way to start
the New Year and spread
Good Shepherd's mission
into the community!