

THE Shepherd's Fold

May 26, 2024

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY

OK, I'm jumping the gun a little bit! The "official" start of summer is not until the summer solstice June 20th. Be that as it may, by the end of May most graduations have happened, most schools have concluded their academic year, and many families begin their vacations with Memorial Day and summer begins!

In 1935 George Gershwin gave the world his signature lullaby from Porgy and Bess, Summertime and the Living is Easy. In that lullaby the lyrics portray a different rhythm of life. Summer life affords us the opportunity to relax a little more, be refreshed, and be re-created. By that, I mean re-created by God's renewing Spirit.

God programmed into creation – recreation. He set into the cosmos a renewal. Somewhere along the way, a poet called this "the cycle of life." Summer is Sabbath time, true to the Hebrew definition of the word: to cease and rest.

So, how does one 'cease and rest' in God's gift of summertime? Our late daughter, Angela, gave us the answer on a large poster she had adapted from Susan Rainbow Kennedy. Angela was truly a "summer child." We called her a free spirit, which I came to realize somewhere along the way that she knew what it meant to be alive.

Here are a few things she left with us – you might try them this summer:

Drink Sunsets.

Make yes your favorite word.

Keep toys in the bath tub.

Write a love letter to yourself.

Delight someone.

Develop an astounding appetite for books.

Celebrate an old person.

Allow yourself to be rich without money.

Stop worrying now. If not now, then when?

You are always on your way to a miracle. The miracle is you.

Happy summer! May God restore you with his comforting Spirit.

Peace,



PARISH NEWS

In observance of Memorial Day the church office is closed on Monday, **May 27th.**

SCHEDULE CHANGES

- We are now on the summer schedule of 3 services, 8 am, 10 am, and 6 pm.
- Sunday breakfast will resume **August 25th.**
- Christian formation for children and youth will resume **August 25th.**
- Adult Formation will begin at 9 am.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to the congregation for all of your continued support and prayers as we continue to go through this next phase of our search for a new Rector. Every member of our committee is engaged as we move forward with the search.

Over the last two weeks, the committee met and updated our parish profile. We received valuable input and help from church staff to enhance areas of the profile to include additional information about children and youth ministry as well as EDS. The updated profile is now completed and will be available for distribution to prospective candidates via the church's website as well as social media and personal contacts. This document is an important tool in our search but should always be considered a work in progress. Thus, periodic updates and changes should be anticipated.

We hope to have more candidates by early June. We anticipate an initial round of interviews very soon after the receipt of these applications. We intend to be more aggressive in "putting the word out" so if you

have someone to contact, please pass that information along to Ashley or Neal. Loren Lasch, the Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese will still be our contact person for nominations and all applicants must be vetted through her office. Her address is Episcopal Diocese of Georgia; 18 E. 34th Street; Savannah, Ga. 31401. Her email is llasch@gaepiscopal.org.

While we may not have a Rector this summer, we believe it is reasonable to be able to call another candidate to be able to begin in the fall. Please continue to pray for our committee, the vestry and the church.



START THE PARTY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Episcopal and Woodlawn United Methodist are excited to present VBS for children age 4 years through fifth grade.

We are quickly approaching our limit, so please be sure to register as soon as possible. Space is limited to 100 participants. Remember, there will be **no on-site registration, June 3rd.**

Rising 4th & 5th graders will participate in community service activities. Rising 6th-12th graders are eligible to apply for Crew Leader positions. Crew Leader registration is on the same link: bit.ly/vbsgs.

Lifeguard needed Friday at the Nesbit's pool. If you know of a certified teen or adult, please contact Jinny Bradshaw or Mary Grace Wynn for more information.

Date: June 3 - June 7, 2024.

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 noon.

Place: Church of the Good Shepherd.

Eligible Participants: Rising Pre-K and Rising 5th Graders.

Register Here: bit.ly/vbsgs.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Byllesby Center will be sponsoring Cub Scout Pack #1914, and they need our help. These fifteen girls and boys from the Harrisburg community in downtown Augusta range in age from six to thirteen. The scouts from this impoverished neighborhood are seeking donations to enroll in the scouting program this year.

Please consider sponsoring one or more of these children for this year. Your donation of \$200 will ensure that one child can participate in scouting with insurance, registration fees, a uniform, scouting books, a camping weekend, and other activities. Not only does scouting instill values and ethics, but it also helps keep kids off the streets.

Donations can be made by writing a check directly to the Byllesby Center and dropped off at the Good Shepherd office. You can Paypal the money to Good Shepherd, [paypal.me/goodshepherd-augusta.org](https://www.paypal.com), noting Cub Scouts.

BACK TO THE BIBLE

For the monthly readings pick up a bookmark or navigate to our B2B page: goodshepherd-augusta.org/b2b.



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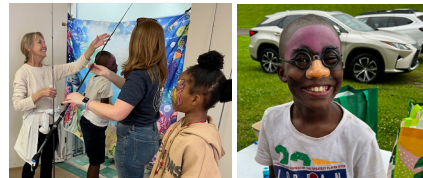
KANUGA

Good Shepherd Parish Retreat,
September 20-22, 2024.
Registration coming soon!



COGS AT THE BYLLESBY CENTER

Thank you for your support!



Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:00 AM

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

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist.....Nick Lowery
Lay Readers.....Jennie Haynes, Jim Price

10:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
Preacher.....Bunny Simon Williams
Organist & Choirmaster.....Jim Nord
Verger.....Lee Neel
Lay Readers.....Heather Wheeler, Lynn Smith
Acolytes.....Jack Manton, Milly Manton, Caroline
Doyle, Rob Wynn, George Wynn, Betsy Wynn

All Services

Altar Guild.....Team III
Vestry Person of the Day.....Paul Trotter

YOUTH NEWS

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

POOL PARTY: Youth currently in grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for a Pool Party on **June 23rd** from 4-6 pm. Please RSVP to Mary Grace.

VBS CREW LEADER SIGN-UP: Crew leaders are needed for VBS from **June 3rd-7th!** Rising 6th-12th graders are eligible to apply for Crew Leader positions for Vacation Bible School. Crew training will be on the afternoon of **June 2nd** and we will finish with a Pool Party Friday afternoon, **June 7th!** Head over to the SHELL and apply to be a Crew Leader.



PJS & PANCAKES

 **SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH** 

Be sure to wear your pajamas and join us for a delicious pancake & bacon breakfast!

Immediately following the 10am Service