

# THE Shepherd's Fold

February 9, 2025

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Dear Friends,

As we have gotten to know Augusta by walking around town, we've discovered that the Summerville Cemetery is one of our favorite places to wander. The quiet and quaint setting with the beautiful gravemarkers and remembrances to family members of generations gone before bear the stunning reminders of faith in God. One particular marker has stood out to me since the first time I saw it and I share the quote with you here because I believe it is an invitation for us as a church:

*The will of God will never take you where the grace of God will not protect you.*

This wonderful quotation is a holy invitation to step out in faith, to step up in our commitment to God, and to step into the glorious future to which God is calling us. This Sunday our lessons focus on the holiness of God and our need for his salvation and rescue. The will of God may call us to repentance, to faith, and to an amended life, but we know that the grace of God will be with us every step of the journey.

Friends, God has a plan for us at Good Shepherd and he has a plan to work through us in Augusta for the furthering of his kingdom and the flourishing of those around us. This plan includes gossiping the Good News of Jesus' unrelenting love as expressed on the cross with everyone we meet. This plan includes the work of "equipping the saints" for ministry, of making disciples, of baptizing children and adults, of growing in faith, and in looking beyond our walls to carry for the community where God has planted us. This plan includes children, women, and men living with their hearts on fire for God and sharing it contagiously with others. As we prepare to worship God in all of his holiness, remember that the *will of God will never take you where the grace of God will not protect you.*

Peace,

Porter+

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Your requested offertory envelopes are now available for you to pick up in the lobby. Please let the church office know if you want to receive an offering envelope for this year.

## WAGS RETURNS

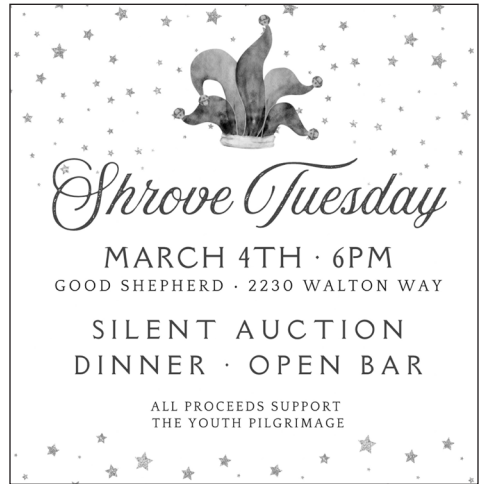
WAGS is back! Join us every Wednesday in February for “Feast: A Theological Exploration of Food.” Food is more than sustenance—it is a gift from God that nourishes both body and soul. Feast: An Exploration of Food and Theology will explore the sacred significance of food in Scripture and our faith. This week, we’ll reflect on a central biblical theme: Wine, representing joy, covenant, and transformation; and Honey, a sign of God’s abundant blessings and the sweetness of His Word. We’ll end by looking at the feasts in Scripture and talking about what they mean for our common life in Christ! Join us as we discover how God meets us at the table and calls us into deeper communion with him and one another. Dinner begins at 6:00pm! \$6 (ages 11+), \$4 children ages 4-10, children 3 and under eat free. The family max price is \$25. To register head over to our website.

## EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSINGS

The COGS clergy are available for house blessings throughout the Epiphany Season (January 6 - March 4). This special liturgy lasts only a few minutes and is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to join you. To schedule a house blessing, please email Rebecca Taylor ([rebeccaebtaylor@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaebtaylor@gmail.com)).

## EPIPHANY READING GROUP

Please join us for our discussion of Fleming Rutledge’s book, *Epiphany*, this Sunday, **February 9** at 4:30pm in the Conference Room.



## SHROVE TUESDAY

Mark your calendars for the Shrove Tuesday celebration at Good Shepherd on **March 4th** at 6pm! There will be a full dinner, silent auction, dessert bar, and more. All proceeds benefit the 2025 Youth Pilgrimage to Greece!

We are collecting items for this auction. Examples include artwork, event tickets, a weekend stay at a vacation home, antiques, homemade food, tours and passes, golfing, dining certificates, services, and lessons. If you wish to donate items, please contact Mary Grace Wynn or Kristen Weston.

## WILD GAME DINNER

The EDS Association is excited to announce that the Wild Game Dinner will be held Saturday, **March 15**, at 6:00 P.M. at Episcopal Day School’s Walton Way Campus. This much anticipated event is one of the

EDS Association's most successful fundraisers. Proceeds are used to purchase items on the faculty "wish list" and provide curriculum support, enhancing our student and faculty experiences. This year, proceeds will be used for renovating and updating the teachers' workroom, as well as installing a permanent sound system in the gym to enhance our athletic events, chapel services, and school performances. The EDS Association cannot do it without your support, and are incredibly grateful for parents, grandparents, and local businesses.

The event will feature unlimited food and drinks, with both a silent and live art auction that feature local artists who have collaborated with each grade for a one of a kind piece of art! Dress is casual. **(Please note, this event is for ages 21 and up!)**

### **Wild Game Dinner Ticket**

**\$75** : This ticket provides access to the Wild Game Dinner at 6:00 P.M. Enjoy an open bar, delicious food, and the silent and live auctions.

**VIP Ticket \$125:** This premium ticket will allow an hour of early access to the Wild Game Dinner with open bar, food, and premium tastings beginning at 5:00 P.M.

Head over to the EDS website for more details.

### **COGS**

Our group will be ministering on **February 15** from 8:30-11:30am. Those participating should come to the St. John UMC parking Lot (736 Greene Street) between 8:00-8:30am where the DCCM participants will be setting up the

food distribution. Participants should plan on parking on 8th St. or across the street on Telfair since the parking lot is used for the drive through and walk-up distributions. The participants will be at the various stations with the food and place it in the client's trunk as they drive up. They have a separate area for the walking clients. A "personal shopper" takes their cart and goes to get their food. The food distribution generally occurs between 9:00-11:00am. Those participating in this ministry must be at least twelve years of age and if they are under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please e-mail Lynn Tyson at **ltyson517@gmail.com** if you would like to participate or call or text at **706-833-7415**. I will have name tags for our COGS participants. They report that donations of granola bars or ready to eat items such as peanut butter crackers for snack bags for the homeless are always appreciated. DCCM reports that this ministry is doing what Christ has asked us to do: "Feed his sheep."

### **EDS IS LOOKING FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

Episcopal Day School is looking for part-time substitute teachers. If you want to work with children, set your own schedule, and, as a bonus, get paid, this is a great opportunity for you! Training is required, but we will pay you to complete the training. If this has you excited about your future as a substitute teacher at Episcopal Day School, please contact Mrs. Nina Tomlin, Assistant to the Division Heads, at **ntomlin@edsaugusta.com** or call the main office at **(706) 733-1192**. We can't wait to hear from you!

# Servers of the Shepherd

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Sunday, February 9, 2025

**8:30 AM**

Organist & Choirmaster .....Dr. Dan Hardin  
Lay Readers .....Bob Nesbit, Camilla Davis  
Verger.....Jean Chadwick  
Ushers .....Mark Pritchett, Paul Trotter

**11:00 AM**

Organist & Choirmaster .....Dr. Dan Hardin  
Lay Readers .....Yvonne Harrison, Kelley Norris  
Verger.....Sada Huggins  
Ushers .....John Stewart, Kevin McDougal

**6:00 PM**

Organist & Choirmaster .....Dr. Dan Hardin  
Lay Readers .....Jim Price, Jennie Haynes

## All Services

Altar Guild .....Team V  
Breakfast Ministry ..... Team IV  
Vestry Person of the Day ..... Ed Enoch

