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Wednesday – 11:00 AM

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Rector's Reflections

Life can have many surprises along the way. Val frequently tells me that we should always expect the unexpected. I agree. Because of the broken world in which we live, we will face challenges and setbacks that might cause us to pause and question our faith over and over again. These trials can happen to individuals as well as institutions.

Recently, in one of our Sunday readings from Luke's gospel, we learned about a woman who suffered from an ailment for eighteen years. An ailment that kept her from standing straight. We don't know why she suffered, nor do we know what, if anything, she was doing for all of those years to try to get some relief for her condition. What we do know is that Jesus notices her in the synagogue and reaches out to heal her. In sharing this account, Luke doesn't dwell on the past but instead focuses on the miracle of Jesus' healing in that moment. Luke also points out how Jesus challenges the leader of the synagogue to understand that helping others far exceeds any feeble attempts to cling to temporal power. We see how Jesus restores power to the powerless, while offering us an example of how we can follow.

Institutions like the Church of Our Savior are not spared from challenges and trials. Some in our congregation have shared with me the challenges that the Church of Our Savior has experienced over the years. I have also heard about the exciting and inspiring moments in our parish history. Like our lives, the Church of Our Savior has had its fair share of ups and downs, and by Church, I am talking about us, the Body of Christ. Many of us come to church for prayer and healing. Whether it is healing for a physical ailment, sorrow, anger, discontentment, sinful desires, or whatever it may be, we must first be open to receiving God's amazing grace and mercy. An openness of our minds and hearts will help us experience the true power of healing through the Holy Spirit and bring about renewal. And because we make up our Church, we continue to pray together for Jesus' healing touch in our lives so that we can, in turn, carry out Jesus' commandment to go out into the world to love and serve God's creation.

The Church of Our Savior is entering an exciting time this Fall with a multitude of activities. From the upcoming Annual Barbecue, to the Oyster Roast, the Oktoberfest, and to the Holiday Craft Market, to name a few, there is an event every month. While the events are organized to raise funds for church ministries and operations, they are also excellent platforms for us to invite the community to learn about us and our Church. We will have learning opportunities with Episcopal 101 for those who want to learn more about the Episcopal Church history and why we do what we do. Following that, you can be part of a group book study on C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters* that will take place over 5 weeks.

Our overall well-being as a Church and the Body of Christ can be achieved when we choose to be actively engaged in meaningful activities, study, and communal bonding with each other, all of which will contribute to developing a healthy spirit, mind and body. I invite you to prayerfully discern where God is leading and empowering you to serve.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
(Proper 16, BCP p. 232-233)

Blessings,
Fr. Al+

September Wedding Anniversaries

1 Jenna and Adam Wittke
30 Dennis and Bettie McClendon



September Birthdays

5 Fran Weber
7 Scott Aldrich
Sara Jean Reimsnider
Nicki McFarland
11 Father Al Crumpton
10 Tom Wright
Teresa Metzler
Chandler Ashe
13 Maggie Haney
14 Ron Carte
15 Paul Reinke
16 Margie Lerch
17 Wayne Bailey
18 Charles Reinke
20 Jim Lightner
David Maddox
Angela Beaumont
21 Stefani Williams
24 William "Bill" Groves
25 Russell Jordan
London Patel
29 Brent Smith



Young Adult Dinner

A Young Adult Dinner will be held Thursday, September 12th at 6 p.m. in Burgamy Hall. In addition to the meal, there will be a short program and discussion of the young adult ministry. Contact Jody Grant to RSVP by Sunday, September 8th. Childcare will be provided.



Youth Group News



On Sunday, September 8th, the youth group (grades 6-12) will join other youth in the convocation for an afternoon of indoor paintball. The youth will be transported by bus from the Church of the Good Shepherd to Augusta Paintball at 2:30 p.m. and return at 5:30 p.m.

We will have a pizza dinner when we return to Good Shepherd. The cost of this event is \$25 which includes all rentals and pizza (Scholarship is available). Please see Jody Grant for more information or to get signed up.

Youth Group will meet in Burgamy Hall on Sundays, September 15 and 22, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for dinner and program.

Intercessory Prayer List

In our parish family we ask prayers for Luke, Rondi, Curtis, Rhett, Kevin, Harry, Frank, Nadine, Ron, Susan G., Jessica, Lou, Arnetta, Karin, Betty, Bob, Jean, Frankie, Elizabeth, Bill, Becky, Evelyn, Dennis, Eleanor, Yvonne, Julie, Mackie, Lee, Jeanette and our shut ins.

Pray for our service men and women, especially Jeff, Sean, Scott, Brian, Bryson, Dominic, Richard, Kevin, Kris, Paul, Josh, Jonathan, Tracy, Larson, Jacob, Robert and Kelly.

We ask your prayers for all who have died, that they may have a place in your heavenly kingdom.



**Fall is right around the corner,
which can only mean one thing...**

TRUNK OR TREAT!!

Decorate your trunk, fill it with candy, throw on a costume, and join us for a howling good time on Sunday, October 27th! Immediately following the 10:30 service, we will enjoy our traditional Holy Ghost Weenie Roast, followed by Trunk or Treating!



Who: All children ages 3 through 8th grade

What: Sunday School

When: Sunday, Sept. 8, 9:30-10:15

Why: To learn all about God's love for you!

Ages 3 through 3rd grade will meet with Mrs. Margaret Jordan.

Grades 4th through 8th will meet with Ms. Faith Wittke.

*Anyone interested in helping out with either class

OR

getting on our substitute list,

please contact Mendy Grant 706-840-0959.

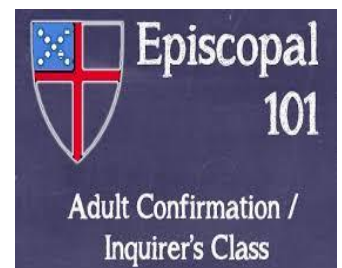
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A PLACE TO DREAM

Church of Our Savior is partnering with the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta to provide beds to children from low-income families in the CSRA. Studies have shown that poor and lack of sleep is detrimental to our health and well-being. In 2018, the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta started the *A Place to Dream* program. This program initially provided a new bed and bedding to children in need in Richmond county. Through discussions with other nonprofits, especially the Augusta Housing Authority, it became apparent that there was a critical need for safe, clean, and comfortable beds for low-income families. Multiple studies have shown the link between poor sleep and cognitive, physical, and behavioral health issues.

A delivery of 53 beds to 18 households in Wrens, GA has been scheduled to take place on **Saturday, September 7th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast is provided. Teams of volunteers are needed to help make the bed deliveries and set up the beds in each of these homes. The Family Y welcomes members of Church of Our Savior to volunteer and experience first-hand the joy of a child and members of their family at receiving a brand new bed. A volunteer sign-up sheet is available on the Human Needs board in the parish hall if you wish to volunteer.

It costs \$200 per bed set. This includes a sturdy set of bed frames, a mattress, one pillow, bed linens, a box of food for the family, a stuffed toy and age appropriate Bible for each child. If you wish to make a contribution, please write your check to "Church of Our Savior" and designate your check for "Human Needs - A Place to Dream." For more information about the program, please call Val Crumpton at (706) 922-9742 during the weekdays.

Fr. Al will lead an **Introduction to the Episcopal Church/Episcopal 101** class starting on September 22, 2019. The class will take place in the Community Room in Stuart Hall on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am, and will last for 5 weeks. Are you new to the Episcopal Church and want to know more? Maybe you are interested in learning about confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. Perhaps you are a longstanding member who would like a refresher on why we do what we do as Episcopalians. **This class is for YOU!!!** The material covered will be for adults and youth at the junior to senior high levels. Please join us!



Our Savior's Annual Oyster Roast

Saturday, September 28, 2019

4:00 - 6:30 PM

Dine In Only - No Tickets Sold at Door

**\$45 Per Person
All Inclusive**

**Food to include: steamed oysters, low country boil,
crab legs, hush puppies, grits and slaw**

**Tickets are available
from the following:**



George Anderson
Gette Carter
Travis Foust
Betty Meehan
Bob Thompson
Parish Office

Joshua Beaumont
Wendy Flowers
Valerie Haney
Rhett Ransom
Christy Smith



We would like to welcome Maggie and Baby Fraser back to church! We are so excited to have her with us in the nursery once again. We are looking for volunteers to help Maggie out on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Mendy Grant at 706-840-0959.



Our Savior is scheduled to work in the soup kitchen on Fenwick Street on Saturday, September 14, at 9 AM. Volunteers are needed!

A sign-up sheet is on the Human Needs Bulletin Board in Burgamy Hall.