

# THE Shepherd's Fold

August 27, 2023

*13th Sunday after Pentecost*

## **THERE, BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD, GO I**

We modern Americans are fascinated by disasters, especially natural disasters. The media is aware of this and will go to wall-to-wall coverage whenever a disaster strikes. The fires in Maui and the storm in California are just the most recent examples. If you have any question about this aspect of our human nature, you need only look at the ratings for The Weather Channel whenever there is a hurricane. Hurricanes are particularly good subjects for the media because you can have two days of coverage anticipating the landfall, a day of the actual storm hitting the US, and days of coverage of the damage. What is amazing is that people all over the country tune in even though hurricanes are not a danger for them. Watching the disasters affecting others almost becomes a spectator sport; we live vicariously through the troubles of others without having to be exposed to any risk ourselves.

The irony of our fascination with disasters is that most of us live as if we are somehow magically immune from disasters, which of course we are not. We believe that they are something that happens to other people, and we operate on the assumption that we are in such control of our lives that all will be well. Of course, such an assumption is patently false. Even if we do not live in an area of likely hurricanes, fires, etc. (as we are fortunate to do so in Augusta), there is always the random lightning strike, cancer diagnosis, or some other misfortune that can come our way no matter how much we prepare. Yes, we can improve our odds of avoiding calamities with prudence, but 100% protection is unattainable.

So how are we to live our lives? First, we need to give thanks to God to the extent we have avoided disaster. Then, if trouble does strike, we need to remember that God is with us even in our struggles. As Jesus told his disciples before his ascension; "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28.20) Finally, we need to help bear the burdens of those who are currently suffering. That is the mission of Episcopal Relief and Development, which currently is engaged in getting relief to the victims of the Maui fires.

As Joe so often reminds us, "life is short." So, let us be grateful for the blessings we have received and be a blessing for those who are suffering misfortune. For there, but by the grace of God, go I.

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## PARISH HOUSE UPDATE

We are replacing our Parish Hall roof and the aging HVAC units on that roof beginning **August 28th**. During this time the **CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** to visitors. Please call the church office at 706-738-3386 during office hours for assistance. When this work is underway, we will not have air conditioning in the majority of spaces in the Parish House for two weeks. We will continue to offer Christian Formation and the nursery on Sundays, but we are going to be creative in where we meet. We will list all of this information in the Shepherd's Fold in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for it! All of the groups that meet in the Parish House during the week will have to make other arrangements during this time. Thank you for your patience!

## FEAST AND FELLOWSHIP

It is time to kick off Feast and Fellowship Fall reorganization. Please join this Sunday, **August 27**, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall for dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share. Fried chicken, wine, iced tea, and water will be provided. The purpose is to get to know more Good Shepherd folks and have a great time in a relaxed, informal setting. Looking forward to seeing you then. Bring friends!



## COGS IN THE WORLD

WAGS (Wednesdays at Good Shepherd)

resumes **September 13!** This fall we will be looking at Christ's love in the world through the lens of various organizations that Good Shepherd supports in the Augusta area. Come and here the stories of lives sustained and lives changed through this work. Dinner begins at 6 pm, followed by the program at 6:30 pm, which will include not only a speaker from the organization but also a chance to reflect how we can further Jesus' message of love in the world. We wrap up our program with compline and end at 7:15 pm.



## CHOIR FOR CHILDREN

The St. Gregory Choir (Grades 3 and up) sings every Sunday at the 9am service. As an affiliate of the Royal School of Church Music, the choir provides a invaluable opportunity in Christian education and music for children. We begin rehearsals this Sunday from 4:30-5pm. Please contact Jim Nord ([jnord@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:jnord@goodshepherd-augusta.org)) for information.



## BACK TO THE BIBLE (B2B)

Ten years ago, Good Shepherd started a program of reading the entire Bible in a year in the context of small groups. The program was a great success at the time,. Of course, many who are at Good Shepherd now were not here at that time, so we are going to offer B2B again, starting in September. Keep a lookout for more details!

# PURSENALITY NIGHT

with Comedian Tracy DeGraaf

SEPTEMBER 7 • 6PM

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## THIS SUNDAY

Sunday breakfast continues! Join us for a home-cooked breakfast of sausage, eggs, bacon, pancakes, and biscuits. Served from 8:30 am - 9:30 am. Price is \$6 for adults, \$4 children, under 3 eat free.

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Pictures in the Lychgate for our Directory from 10:00 am - 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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Children's and Student Christian Formation at 10 am. For the complete list of classes, Check the SHELL.

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Adult Christian Formation resumes this Sunday at 10 am.

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Feast & Fellowship Dinner at 6:30 pm

## YOUTH NEWS

**Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events.** For any questions, email [mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org).

### SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP

#### Rite-13 Grades 6th - 8th

Youth Lounge .....5:00-6:00 PM

#### Dinner, Grades 6th - 12th

Small Parish Hall.....6:00-6:30 PM

#### J2A Grades 9th - 12th

Youth Lounge.....6:30-7:30 PM



# Servers of the Shepherd

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**

**8:00 AM**

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

**9:00 am**

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden  
Preacher .....Ted Clarkson  
Organist & Choirmaster .....Jim Nord  
Ushers .....Matt Tracey, Mark Pritchett  
Verger..... Robin Bailie  
Lay Readers ..... Kelley Norris, Katie Tracy  
Acolytes.....Jackson Evans, Mary Dennis Trotter  
Wiley Trotter, Bridges Trotter

**11:15 AM**

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams  
Preacher .....Ted Clarkson  
Organist & Choirmaster .....Jim Nord  
Ushers ..... Sean Roche, John Manton  
Verger..... Mark Burgreen  
Lay Readers ..... Cissy Bowden, Yvonne Harrison  
Acolytes..... Mary Kingsley Broome, Patrick Broome  
Lucy Roche, Anne Ross Roche, May Roche

**6:00 pm**

Celebrant & Preacher.....Ted Clarkson  
Organist .....Nick Lowery  
Lay Readers ..... Carleton Vaughn, Faith Moore

## All Services

Altar Guild ..... Team VI  
Breakfast ..... Team VI  
Vestry Person of the Day ..... Ed Enoch

## KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina September 29 - October 1! We will have activities for kids and youth, s'mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and compline on the lake, movie and game night, hiking, and more. Bring your tennis rackets as we will have a friendly round of tennis play on Saturday afternoon. This is a fun weekend that you do NOT want to miss. Pick up a form in the lobby or register online: [bit.ly/gskanuga](https://bit.ly/gskanuga).

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF AUGUST 29.**



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