

THE Shepherd's Fold

December 31, 2023

First Sunday after Christmas

ALERT- 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 and the Senior Box Program. It is hard to realize that in our community 1 in 6 children suffer with hunger. Many of these children rely on school meals to get enough to eat during the school year. During weekends and holidays, they may receive little or nothing to eat at home. The Backpack Program provides school-aged children in need with a bag full of healthy food and snacks each Friday so that they have enough to eat over the weekend. We will also be packing Senior Food Boxes. Many seniors in our area endure hunger in silence. After working their whole lives many seniors are now unable to work in the wake of a disability or chronic medical issues. Some find themselves alone and vulnerable faced with the choice between buying enough to eat or paying for medical care and housing. The Senior Food Box program provides senior adults in need with a monthly box of nutritious, meal-ready groceries.

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. Golden Harvest requires that people volunteering wear long pants, closed toe shoes and shirts with sleeves. Water will be provided and snacks when the task is finished. We suggest this be a family activity but Golden Harvest requires that children under the age of 13 be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For questions you can contact Lynn Tyson at 706-833-7415. What a great way to start the New Year and spread Good Shepherd's mission into the community!

Lynn Tyson

Stewardship

giving back to God

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2024 is wrapping up. If you have not returned your pledge card, please do so by the end of this month. We thank you for your continued support and generosity!

MEN'S NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday **January 10**, beginning at 5:30pm. The menu will include Brats and beer, beans, sauerkraut, pie and tea. Please invite someone ! Text or email Robin at 706-736-4460 or email robin.bailie@gmail.com.

SHEPARD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person – the gift of life. The Bloodmobile will be parked at the Church of the Good Shepherd back parking lot on **January 7, 9 am - 12:30 pm**. Please consider donating a unit of lifesaving blood.

NO BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY

Breakfast will resume on January 7th.

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS: WELCOME HOME ULTREYA

On **January 6** at 6:00 PM, we will have a Welcome Home Ultreya for those who attended Cursillo #127, pot luck in the parish hall. All those who have been to Cursillo and anyone interested in attending a Cursillo weekend in the future are invited to an evening of song, celebration, and good food.



After a 10-year hiatus, Back to the Bible (B2B) returns to Good Shepherd in 2024! The groups will begin on **January 8**. The five groups offer the following meeting times: Sundays at 10:00 AM and 4:30PM, Tuesdays at 4:00 PM, Wednesdays at 11:00 AM and Thursdays at 5:30 PM. There is also a group that will meet on Sundays at 4:00 PM, but this group will aim to complete the reading in two years rather than one year. Sign up with Signup Genius at **bit.ly/b2bible** and begin a one year journey into the entire Bible.



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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION & YOUTH GROUP

Mark your calendars! Christian Formation and Youth Group will resume on **January 7th**. We look forward to seeing you there!

dates to Remember

- Sunday Breakfast resumes Sunday, January 7th.
- Christian Formation resumes January 7th.
- The church office will be open Dec. 26-29 from 9 am - 3 pm.
- There will be no Tuesday Healing service, Dec. 26
- There will be no Wednesday morning Eucharist, Dec. 26.

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Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, December 31, 2023

8:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
OrganistJim Nord
Lay ReaderLynn Tyson, Bobbie Ingenito

10:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Verger..... Mark Pritchett
Lay ReadersKelley Norris, Yvonne Harrison

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Verger..... Stovall Walker
Lay ReadersFaith Moore, Jennie Haynes

All Services

Altar Guild Team IV
Vestry Person of the Day John McCollum

