

# THE Shepherd's Fold

August 13, 2023

*11th Sunday after Pentecost*

## ANTS MARCHING

This past Sunday I was driven to the Seattle -Tacoma airport. You know the scene. Fifty Lyft and Uber drivers all jockeying for a space to pull in front of the car next to his so that he can unload his passenger at the baggage check and be off for another fare. Four lanes become three. Then two. Then one. The four traffic officers yelling at everyone, "Pull over. Slide in." It is a harrowing experience at best. Seriously, I could hear the Dave Matthews band playing in my head as we marched and fell into place.

As we approached the baggage check a black Suburban limousine pulled in right in front of us. The bumper sticker caught my attention. Do you follow Jesus this close? I had to laugh. He proudly displays that bumper sticker, yet almost takes off our front bumper as he shoves in ahead of us. The irony is obvious.

But as I had more time to think about the bumper sticker, other thoughts came to mind. How closely do I follow Jesus? Do I keep my focus on Jesus throughout my day? Do I take the time to read and study his Word? Do I pray throughout the day asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Or am I so distracted by all the traffic in my life that I lose my focus on Jesus?

I read an article years ago that asked this simple question. What if you spent as much time with the Bible as you do with your phone? I often remember that question when I run back into the house to pick up that extra appendage which controls a good part of my life. Would I think to run back into the house for my Bible? Honestly...no. Unless I needed it to teach a Bible study.

Maybe it is time to march less like ants and more like Christian Soldiers. It may require a little boot camp work, but the retirement plan would be worth it!

Keep on keeping on...

*Sunny+*

## **FEAST AND FELLOWSHIP**

It is time to kick off Feast and Fellowship Fall reorganization. Please join us 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. We will re-form small groups during dinner so that you have an opportunity to meet and plan your first dinner. Feast and Fellowship includes small groups of 8 – 10 people (singles or couples) that meet once a month for dinner in the home of each group member until everyone has hosted. These dinners are meant to be casual and informal. The purpose is to get to know more Good Shepherd folks and have a great time in a relaxed, informal setting. If you are interested in participating, but can't join us on the 27th, please email Jan Jackson [infaucus2001@gmail.com](mailto:infaucus2001@gmail.com), Laura Rollins [lhrollins@icloud.com](mailto:lhrollins@icloud.com), or Bobbie Ingentio [bobeee8@gmail.com](mailto:bobeee8@gmail.com). You will be added to a group. Please send your name(s), email, street address, and phone numbers for contact information. Looking forward to seeing you then. Bring friends!

## **PARISH DIRECTORY**

It's time to publish a new pictorial directory! Jerry Woods will be taking photos of parishioners from 10 am until 12:30 pm Sunday mornings beginning August 27 and ending September 17. If you are unable to be present for these times, you may email your family photo to either Toni ([toniclay@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:toniclay@goodshepherd-augusta.org)) or Emily ([emumford@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:emumford@goodshepherd-augusta.org)). You may also stop by the church office to have your photo taken.

## **PARISH HOUSE UPDATE**

We are replacing our Parish Hall roof and the aging HVAC units on that roof in the next few weeks. We are so thankful that we are able to complete this work that needs to be done to be able to continue to offer the usage of the Parish Hall for our parishioners, the Episcopal Day School, and the wider community. When this work is underway, we will not have air conditioning in the majority of spaces in the Parish House for two weeks, although we do not yet have a date. We will continue to offer Christian Formation and the nursery on Sunday, 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!

## **DONATE TO MONTE SANO ELEMENTARY**

Please drop off school supplies in the lobby for Monte Sano Elementary. You can donate the following (but not limited to): backpacks, pencils, notebooks, etc. We will bless the supplies and present them at our Blessing of the Backpacks, August 13th.



## **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.

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE FORUM**

Join us August 20th at 10 am in the Parish Hall for an open forum to elaborate more on the survey results from Holy Cow and to discuss a timetable. We urge as many of you as possible to attend this session.

### **REGISTER FOR THE EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM!**

It's now time to register for the 2023-24 year! Contact Tom Smyth at [tom.smyth@icloud.com](mailto:tom.smyth@icloud.com) or 706-231-1720 for details. The EFM group meets on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and will begin in late August. Details about the program are located at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>.

## **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).

### **KICKOFF SUNDAY AND BACKPACK BLESSING**

Join us this Sunday, August 13th, as we celebrate the kickoff of another wonderful program year at Good Shepherd! Be sure to bring your backpack to be blessed and stay after the 10am service for hamburgers, sno cones, and games!

### **ACOLYTES**

The new Acolyte Schedule will run through September 24th. Please plan on being in attendance for Acolyte Training on September 24th from 1:30-3pm to be included in the Acolyte Program this year. Open to Grades 3rd & up! New schedule will be released after Acolyte Training. Please reach out to Lauren Hargrove with any questions.



### **FALL KICKOFF, AUGUST 13**

We will bless backpacks at the 10 am service as we collect school supplies for Monte Sano Elementary School. After the 10 am service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. The Kona Ice sno-cone truck will be there, and on the church lawn, we will have games for all ages!



# Servers of the Shepherd

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**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**8:00 AM**

Celebrant .....Joe Bowden  
Preacher.....Ted Clarkson  
Organist ..... Wayne Lord  
Lay Readers ..... Lynn Tyson, Bobbie Ingenito

**10:00 AM**

Celebrant .....Bunny Simon Williams  
Preacher.....Joe Bowden  
Organist & Choirmaster .....Jim Nord  
Choir ..... Good Shepherd Choir  
Verger.....Stovall Walker  
Lay Readers ..... Mitzi McCoy, Katie Tracy  
Acolytes.....Anabelle Wilkes, Lillian Wilkes  
Ushers .....Alex Wier, Ed Enoch

**6:00 PM**

Celebrant & Preacher..... Ted Clarkson  
Organist ..... Nick Lowery  
Lay Readers ..... Yvonne Harrison, Jennie Haynes

**All Services**

Altar Guild .....Team V  
Vestry Person of the Day ..... Mary Margaret Adams  
LEV ..... Mike Sombar, Dody Neely



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# 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).