

# THE Shepherd's Fold

August 6, 2023

*10th Sunday after Pentecost*

## **THE END OF SUMMER?**

As a child, I never wanted summer to end. I liked school, but I like the freedom and relaxed schedule of summer much more. Some things never change. At Good Shepherd, summer is much more relaxed than the program year. We have fewer services, less formal Christian education, less EDS functions, etc. It is a really pleasant time of year for your church staff. Of course, all good things come to an end, including summer at Good Shepherd..

But just like summers as a child, the end of summer is also the beginning of something new and good. (By the way, I refer to the end of summer not from a meteorological/temperature standpoint, but rather as the end of summer vacation and the beginning of school/program year. As we all know, the heat of summer will be with us for a couple more months whether we like it or not.) On August 13, we will kick off our program year with the blessing of backpacks and a picnic on the front lawn. The next Sunday we will return to our regular Sunday schedule—8:00, 9:00, 11:15, and 6:00 PM— and begin Christian formation for children, youth, and adults. Our youth will have already gathered for a pool party and will be beginning their Journey to Adulthood curriculum for the year. EFM gets cranked up. Wendnesdays at Good Shepherd (WAGS) will commence after Labor Day. New Bible studies will also begin after Labor Day. For the first time in many years, a large contingent of parishioners will be attending Cursillo the weekend after Labor Day. It will be an exciting and busy year!

All of the above activities are enough reason to be enthused even while mourning the passing of summer, but there is another very special reason to be excited about the coming year. Barring something truly unexpected, this will be the year that Good Shepherd calls its next rector, something that has not occurred in decades. Please read the communication from the Search Committee that was mailed to parishioners earlier this week. On August 20 during the 10:00 AM hour, the Committee will hold a forum to discuss the results of the survey, receive feedback, and talk about the path forward.

This Sunday, August 6, will be our last regular Sunday. Let us enjoy this last bit of summer, all the while looking forward to an exciting year.

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## PARISH DIRECTORY

It is 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 20 and ending September 10. 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.

## 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.

## CURSILLO #127

Cursillo #127 will be held at Honey Creek September 7-10. All baptized Christian adults who are interested in growing their faith are invited to attend this 3-day weekend with others from around the Diocese of Georgia. This is a lay-led program, supported by clergy who serve as spiritual directors for the weekend. The format includes talks given by lay leaders and clergy, small group discussions, daily worship, music and singing, fellowship, time for personal reflection, and more. Cursillo (pronounced kur-SEE-yo) has enriched the lives of many from Good Shepherd and around the diocese over the years. Please speak with one of the clergy (who have all attended a Cursillo

weekend!) or visit <https://gaepiscopal.org/cursillo> for more information. Joe+ and Cissy Bowden will be serving on the team for #127.

## 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/>.

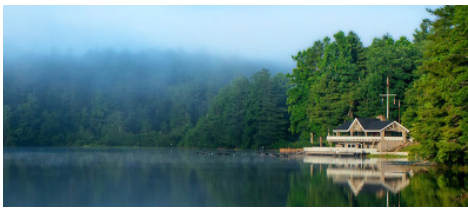
## BREAKFAST TEAMS

Love to cook? Join a breakfast team! The commitment is only a few hours on Sunday morning every six weeks or so. For more information or to join a team, contact Harriet Deas at 706-373-0780.

## WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

We still need a few teams for our Wednesday night suppers this fall! Teams plan and cook for our Wednesday night programming. This is a great way to get connected into the Good Shepherd community! For more information or to join a team, contact Mary Ashton Mills, [maryashtonmills@gmail.com](mailto:maryashtonmills@gmail.com) or (706) 267-9697.





## 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](http://bit.ly/gskanuga).

## FALL KICK OFF HELP

We need some volunteers to bring at least 4 grills to grill hamburgers and hot dogs on the morning of August 13. If you can help, let Emily know [emumford@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:emumford@goodshepherd-augusta.org).



## 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).

## YOUTH GROUP POOL PARTY

All youth in grades 6th-12th are invited to join us this Sunday, August 6th, from 5-8pm at the home of Andrea and Drew Prosser for a Pool Party to celebrate the start of a new year!

## PARENTS NIGHT

All parents of youth grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for a Parents Night at the home of Katie and Rob Wynn on Wednesday, August 9th from 5-7pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and volunteers that will be helping with Youth Programming this year and to hear about upcoming events and goals for this year. Please RSVP to Mary Grace Wynn ([mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org)).



## 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!

# Sunday, August 6, 2023

**8:00 AM**

Celebrant .....Ted Clarkson  
Preacher .....Joe Bowden  
Organist ..... Wayne Lord  
Lay Readers ..... David Lentz, Camilla Davis

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Celebrant .....Ted Clarkson  
Preacher .....Joe Bowden  
Organist & Choirmaster .....Jim Nord  
Choir ..... Good Shepherd Choir  
Verger.....Jean Chadwick  
Lay Readers ..... Yvonne Harrison, Cissy Bowden  
Acolytes..... Clayton Adams, Porter Adams,  
Rob Wynn, George Wynn, Rob Tracy, Kate Tracy  
Ushers .....John Stewart, James Jones

**6:00 PM**

Celebrant & Preacher..... Sonia Sullivan Cliftonn  
Organist ..... Nick Lowery  
Lay Readers .....Anne Floyd, Carleton Vaughn

## All Services

Altar Guild .....Team V  
Vestry Person of the Day .....Beth McCutcheon  
LEV ..... Bobbie Ingenito, Mitzi McCoy



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks to 20+ years of support from the Church of Good Shepherd and the entire Augusta community. Centro Medico William Salazar is now in their own free-standing clinic.

