

THE Shepherd's Fold

June 2, 2024

Second Sunday after Pentecost

THIN SPACES

Allison and I have just returned from a birthday trip to the North Carolina mountains. One of the things we like to do the most is simply to drive the mountain roads. Anyone who drives those roads will see many unusual signs: one of which is “Watch for Falling Rocks.” In all my years driving in the mountains, I have only encountered one significant rock on a highway, and it was not much bigger than a softball. However, the sign I never see, but which would be more useful would be “Slow down for Thin Spaces.”

Thin spaces are places of sacred power, where the separation between physical and spiritual worlds seems “thin.” They are places where God seems present in an almost palpable way. For me, the Blue Ridge Parkway is a thin space. As I look out on the grand scope of God’s creation, I sense God’s presence in a way that I rarely feel in my regular life. Thin spaces, however, are easily missed when we hurriedly go about our daily duties. On the Parkway, I need to slow down and take the time to stop at the overlooks in order to sense the “thinness” of the place.

In last week’s Shepherd’s Fold, Joe wrote about the need for us to take Sabbath time in order to “re-create” ourselves, a task particularly suited to the slower pace of summertime. As you slow down this summer, be sure to look for those thin spaces. You never know where they will be for you, but if you find one, you will have the blessing of an experience of God that only a thin space can give.

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SUMMER CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sawmill Theology is continuing to meet during the summer. Class time is at 9:00 am in the Conference Room.

RECEPTION FOR TED CLARKSON

Join us for a reception to honor the Rev. Ted H. Clarkson, Sunday, **June 23rd**. Plan to attend the Sunday morning service at 10 am and stay for a reception (catered by Jennifer Shuford) with mimosas in the Parish Hall. His last Sunday as our Interim Rector is June 30th.

We are grateful for his time here as our Interim Rector, and we look forward to celebrating with him!

Please RSVP by June 16th: bit.ly/tcreception.



SCAN ME

KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina, **September 20-22**. We will have activities for kids and youth, s'mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and complime on the lake, movie and game night, hiking, and more. 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**

BACK TO THE BIBLE

For the monthly readings pick up a bookmark or navigate to our B2B page: goodshepherd-augusta.org/b2b.



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START THE PARTY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Good Shepherd Episcopal and Woodlawn United Methodist are excited to present VBS for children age 4 years through fifth grade. Registration is now closed and there will be **no on-site registration, June 3rd**.

Check-in begins **Monday, June 3rd in the drive-through portico at 9:10am**. We will start the party at **9:30am in the Parish Hall!** Parents are welcome to escort the kids to their seat and Crew Leaders. This will be the same place for pick-up at 12pm. Parents will need to initial their attendance at pick-up.

We are grateful for the over 30 volunteers that make Vacation Bible School possible. Thank you!

Date: June 3 - June 7, 2024.

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 noon.

Place: Church of the Good Shepherd.

Eligible Participants: Rising Pre-K - Rising 5th Graders.

BREAKFAST TEAMS

Join a breakfast team! The time commitment is a few hours on Sunday morning every 4-6 weeks during the program year from August to May. The teams have fun cooking and fellowshiping together, and we would love a few extra volunteers! For more information, contact **Harriet Deas, (706) 373-0780.**

COGS AT GOLDEN HARVEST

Our next COGS outreach will be **June 8th** from 9am until 12 pm. to pack food items needed for children over the summer break from school. We will meet at the Golden Harvest Warehouse, 3310 Commerce Drive, and I will bring snacks and drinks. Golden Harvest requires that people volunteering wear long pants, closed toe shoes, and shirts with long sleeves. They request no Crocs to be worn. Golden Harvest also requires that children under the

age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and that **no children under 8 years old can volunteer.** Please let Lynn Tyson know if you can volunteer calling or texting **706-833-7415 or ltyson517@gmail.com.** Thanks so much to everyone participating in this ministry as we share Good Shepherd's Mission and the message of the Gospel in the community.



PJS & PANCAKES

 **SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH** 

Kids be sure to wear your pajamas and join us for a delicious pancake & bacon breakfast!

Immediately following the 10am Service

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, June 2, 2024

8:00 AM

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

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist.....Nick Lowery
Lay Readers.....Jim Price, Faith Moore

10:00 AM

Celebrant.....Ted Clarkson
Preacher.....Joe Bowden
Organist & Choirmaster.....Jim Nord
Verger.....Mitzi McCoy
Ushers.....Lewis Baird, James Jones
Lay Readers.....Andrew Austin, Jennie Haynes
Acolytes.....Rob Wynn, George Wynn, Betsy Wynn
Lucy Stewart, Si Williams

All Services

Altar Guild.....Team IV
Vestry Person of the Day.....Renee Austin

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.

POOL PARTY: Youth currently in grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for a Pool Party on **June 23rd** from 4-6 pm. Please RSVP to Mary Grace.

PJS AND PAJAMAS: Mark your calendars for the annual PJs and Pajamas breakfast party! **June 9th** directly after the 10am service. Wear your PJs and join the fun!

JULY ACOLYTE SIGN-UP: For the month of July through early August, we will use Sign Up Genius to schedule acolytes for the 10am service. Please head to the Shell Newsletter to add your name to dates available.