

THE Shepherd's Fold

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

HONORING THE DAY

It's hard to believe, but this coming Monday is Labor Day. A day created to honor and give respite to the American worker. Labor Day represents the end of summer, bar-b-ques, and travel. It marks the beginning of school, the football season, and begs the question what to wear when it's not summer, but still feels like summer (Is it ok to wear white after Labor Day? What about linen?). It is the "last hurrah" of summer vacation and marks the return to our hectic, "academic year" schedule.

When I was little, stores were closed on Labor Day. It was truly a day of rest and relaxation for most workers except, of course, some professionals like doctors and nurses, police officers, fire officials, etc. Now, stores are open and overflow with shoppers who have eagerly anticipated Labor Day sales. Isn't it ironic that those very sales which necessitate long hours of work on a holiday defeat the purpose of a day created to honor the American worker.

As Christians, we have a sort of weekly Labor Day. For most of us it falls on Sunday. I often wonder if we have done to the Sabbath Day what we have done to Labor Day. Defeated the purpose.

God commanded us to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all this is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it." (Exodus 20:11) "Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore, the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day." (Deuteronomy 5: 15)

Have we allowed ourselves, like the Israelites, to become enslaved? Not to the Egyptians, of course, but to our own self-absorption? Do we honor the Sabbath Day, remembering the many blessings received from the hand of God? Or have we defeated the purpose of the Sabbath Day by honoring self over God? That is a question that you only can answer for yourself. But it is something to think about.

keep on keeping on...

Sunny+

PARISH REGISTER

Our thoughts and prayers are with Hank and his wife, Kelly Bridges, and Kathleen Brown on the death of their mother, Alora Bridges on **August 23rd**.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

On **September 1st** the church office will be closed, in observance of the holiday.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We will not have Christian Formation classes the Sunday for Labor Day Weekend.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST!

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

“INQUIRERS” CLASS starts **Sunday, August 25th** at 10:00 am and will go through **Sunday, September 22nd**. These classes will be led by Bunny+ and Joe+ and are designed for anyone seeking Confirmation or Reception into the church. That service will take place when the bishop visits us on **Sunday, September 29th**. For additional information call **Fr. Joe 706-294-2638**. **This Sunday we meet in the conference room.**

KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

The Parish weekend has been changed to October 25-27. Our new rector Porter, his wife Rebecca, and their children, Jet, Case and Ellis will be attending. Plan on spending time with the Taylor family and with your Good Shepherd family in the beautiful North Carolina Mountains! 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. 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**. Deadline to register is **September 25th**.

COGS

Our next volunteer project will be at Phinizy Center and Nature Park, 1858 Lock and Dam road, which is a non-profit providing leadership for sustainable watersheds and economic vitality through research, education, and by connecting people with nature. The vision is that every community will have a healthy environment that includes clean water and watersheds. More details to follow. This will take place from **9 am to 12pm on September 28th**. Please let Lynn Tyson know **ltyson517@gmail.com** or **706-833-7415** if you are interested in volunteering. What a wonderful way of providing stewardship for God’s creation.

EXPERIENCE CURSILLO AT HONEY CREEK

Want to experience a deeper dive into what following Jesus is like for those of us in the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement? An upcoming retreat at Honey Creek will offer you a chance to reflect on the life of faith with other Episcopalians from Central and South Georgia. Cursillo (pronounced ‘kur-see-

yo') begins **Thursday, September 19th** and ends Sunday evening, **September 22nd**. During those three days the participants engage in listening to talks given by priests and lay people, and small table discussions, while worshipping and playing together. The next Cursillo, #129, will be held at Honey Creek. Please speak to Fr. Joe, if you are interested in attending.

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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HERITAGE ACADEMY VOLUNTEER OR MENTOR

Interested in volunteering or becoming a mentor at Heritage Academy? Please join us for an informational meeting on **Thursday, September**

5, from 5:00-6:00 pm at Heritage Academy. The school is located at 333 Greene Street. For questions or more information, please email Debbi Campbell at dcampbell@heritageacademyaugusta.org or call her at **706.821.0034 ext. 107**.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

DON'T LET THE FLU GET YOU!!!

Flu Vaccine Clinic, **September 15th 8:30 am-12:00 pm**. Most insurance and Medicare plans accepted Cash price \$40 under age 65. \$90 over age 65. Provided by Surrey Center Pharmacy, Call **(706)738-4558** for questions.

Al-Anon

Are you affected by someone else's drinking? AlAnon may be able to help. All meetings are confidential. AlAnon meeting held in the conference room every **Wednesday at 7:30p**. Questions? Call **706-799-4060**.

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.

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF: Save the date for the Youth Group kick-off party on **September 8th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** at Drew and Andrea Prosser's home. Be sure to wear your bathing suit and bring a side dish or dessert to share! Burgers and hotdogs will be served. See ya there!

ACOLYTE TRAINING: To acolyte during the 2024-2025 program year, students must attend **Acolyte Training on Sunday, Sept. 15th, from 1-2pm**. The Acolyte Program is open to grades 3rd and up. To serve as Crucifer, please stay for Crucifer training from 2-2:30pm. Open to grades 8th and up.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRAYER BREAKFAST: The weekly Middle School Prayer Breakfast will resume on **Tuesday, September 10th**. Students in grades 6th-8th are encouraged to join us from 7 to 7:45 a.m. at the home of the Andersons. We will start with a hot breakfast followed by Bible study. Transportation to EDS and St. Marys will be provided.

STUDENT CONFIRMATION: Confirmation is on **September 29th** with Bishop Logue. Confirmation classes are scheduled for **September 11th, 18th, and 25th** from 7-8pm at Good Shepherd. To register, fill out the form in the Shell Newsletter or contact Mary Grace Wynn. Forms are due by **September 6th**.

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, September 1, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherSonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay ReaderBobbie Ingenito, Camilla Davis

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherSonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay Readers Bob Nesbit, Lynn Tyson
Verger..... Robin Bailie

11:15 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
PreacherSonia Sullivan Clifton
OrganistJim Nord
Lay ReadersLynn Smith, Andrew Austin
Verger..... Fred Palmer

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
OrganistJim Nord
Lay ReadersFaith Moore, Jim Price

All Services

Altar Guild Team IV
Breakfast Ministry Team I
Vestry Person of the Day Paul Trotter

CHRISTIAN FORMATION AT GOOD SHEPHERD

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00

RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8TH

CHILDREN'S FORMATION:

• **Three Year Olds:**

Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Room 305

• **PK-K:**

Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Room 306

• **1st-3rd Grades:**

Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Room 304

• **4th and 5th Grades:**

Weaving God's Promises, Room 302

STUDENT FORMATION:

• **Rite-13:** Lead by Jessica Perry and Taylor McCutcheon, Room 208

• **J2A:** Lead by Katie Wynn and Brice Wright, Room 303

ADULT FORMATION:

• **Exploring Faith: Room 209** Join Matt Matson for a participant-led discussion of the Bible and how our faith impacts our daily lives. Formerly called the "Young Adults Class" this class has traditionally been comprised of people with school-aged children, but all are welcome.

• **Sawmill Theology:** Join Ken Hardy, **September 8th** at 10 am in the Conference Room, as he shares God Stories.

