

THE Shepherd's Fold

September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

FOLLOW ME!

“Follow me!” Do you remember when Jesus said those words to you?

I know exactly when I heard those words! My mother, not afraid to speak for Jesus, put it this way, “Joe, I don’t care if you have a stomach ache, you are going to church. Jesus is waiting for you!” Mother had a way with words.

My personal call(s) to follow Jesus came regularly over the years through my parents who were born and raised in Georgia in the first third of the 20th century. In that era in rural Georgia, if you were a southerner then by definition you were a churchgoer. If the church doors were open, my parents were there – I was there.

I will never be able to thank them enough for that!

We are all quite familiar with these words, “Follow me.” Jesus says those words thirteen times throughout all the Gospels, and he says the words to all sorts of different folks.

These two words have had a lot of attention over the course of the last two thousand years. The timeless question is, “exactly what did Jesus mean when he said, “Follow me?” What do these mean for us individually?

Some think that “Follow me” is an invitation. I believe these words are an imperative command that requires the hearer to make a clear choice, yes or no.

For me being a follower of Jesus Christ is to be one who attends to the needs of others just as Jesus did. Followers of Jesus are ministers of the Gospel. When Jesus sent the twelve into the world, his instructions were simple. He told them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal (Luke 9:2). To do this in the name of Jesus is to be a minister.

Peace,



PARISH REGISTER

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sandy, Heath, Rheagan, Rhyder and Baylor Timmerman; and Paige, Brian, Brooks and Hutch Balocki on the death of Sandy's husband, their father and grandfather Pat Timmerman.

WELCOME

Mark your calendars to welcome the 16th rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Rev. Porter C. Taylor. His first Sunday will be October 6, but we will officially welcome him with a reception on **October 27, 2024**. Join us at 6:30 pm. The nursery is available. Please scan the QR code to **RSVP by October 13th**.



WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Wednesdays at Good Shepherd kicks off with Bingo night, October 2nd! Come eat dinner, play games, spend time with old friends and new, and maybe win a prize! Dinner: 6 pm, Bingo: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. \$6 (ages 11 +), \$4 children ages 4-10, children 3 and under eat free. The family max price is \$25. To register scan the QR code here.



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 small parish hall.

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. This will take place from **9 am to 12pm on September 28th**. Youth or children can come accompanied by parents. Everyone who comes must have work gloves, safety goggles, and refillable water bottles. I will have extra work gloves and goggles as needed. It is recommended that folks have comfortable closed toe shoes/boots that you don't mind getting muddy, outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. We will have extra bug spray. Please let Lynn Tyson know

ltyson517@gmail.com or 706-833-7415 if you are interested in volunteering. Also, if folks have battery operated drills with charged batteries, clippers for plants, various drill bits (t25 and t20), hammers, pry bars, tape measurers, battery operated circular saws, saw table/horses, or battery operated reciprocating saws, as well as squares bringing these supplies would be helpful. There is plenty of work to be done other than carpentry so everyone's effort is needed. 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 worshiping and playing together. The next Cursillo, #129, will be held at Honey Creek. Please speak to Fr. Joe, if you are interested in attending.

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.

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, September 8, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay ReadersCamilla Davis, Bobbie Ingenito

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay Readers Mitzi McCoy, Lynn Tyson
Verger..... Mark Pritchett
UshersMatt Matson, Jonathan Adams

11:15 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
OrganistJim Nord
Lay ReadersAndrew Austin, Jennie Haynes
Verger..... Lee Neel
Ushers James Jones, Fred Palmer

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay ReadersJim Price, Yvonne Harrison

All Services

Altar Guild Team V
Breakfast Ministry Team II
Vestry Person of the DayGreg Haltiner

CHRISTIAN FORMATION AT GOOD SHEPHERD

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00

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.

