

THE Shepherd's Fold

August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PORTER'S WELCOME LETTER

An almost-cradle Episcopalian, Porter was ordained to the priesthood in 2013. He currently serves as rector of St. David's by the Sea in Cocoa Beach, Florida where he founded the St. David's Institute, a theological resource and training center. He previously served in diocesan leadership in California and at two church plants in California and Kansas.

Porter received an MAT from Fuller Theological Seminary (2014) and completed his PhD at the University of Aberdeen (2023) in the field of liturgical theology, a fancy term for the belief that the Church's worship is the primary expression of her faith and theology. While he will always have a foot in academia, Porter's true vocation lies in the local parish where he can help equip God's people for Kingdom ministry through the intersection of tradition and innovation. He is especially energized by preaching, liturgy, leadership development, discipleship, accessible theology, and pastoral care.

Porter has been married to his college-sweetheart, Rebecca, for sixteen years, and together they have three sons, Jet, Case, and Ellis. He loves reading (both to himself and to his boys), spending time with Rebecca, needlepointing, and taking every opportunity possible to talk about Manchester United.

Porter is excited to join in the ongoing kingdom work at Church of the Good Shepherd, building on the foundation of the parish's rich history and shepherding the community to faithfully respond to God's call for the future. Together we will continue to be a people of purpose, joining with God in his redemptive mission in the world.

And now a little about Porter's family:

Rebecca is a cradle-Episcopalian and clergy kid times two! In a three-priest family, she is committed to a robust lay ministry. She serves as director of communications for two churches in the Diocese of Central Florida and is part of the diocesan communications team. She has developed several theological resources including a liturgy for the O Antiphons, seasonal resource guides,

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and a Dementia Friendly Church Certification. She is pursuing a Masters in Theology and Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary.

Jet (age 12) is a voracious reader, nature buff, and classic first born. He loves art and giving us his opinions! Case (age 10) is the one we are counting on to take care of us in our old age. He loves guitar, art, and making us laugh. Ellis (age 8) is the youngest in age but oldest in soul. One of his greatest joys is serving as an acolyte...and telling his brothers what to do. They are all a perfect mix of tender and spicy.



The Taylors are thrilled to join the COGS community in October!

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PARISH REGISTER

Robert Story passed away, **August 14, 2024**. Our thoughts and prayers are with his nephew, Chuck Ashley. May Robert rest in peace and rise in glory.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Yves, Donna, William, Rachel, John, and Georgie on the death of Fernande Rossignol Latremouille, Yves' mother, and the children's grandmother.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Krista and Mary Lamar, on the death

of Marion Williams, Krista's mother, and Mary's grandmother.

Congratulations to Susannah and Andrew Fowler on the birth of their daughter, Lucille Ireland Fowler 'Lucy', on **August 4, 2024**. Welcoming her home are sister, Adelaide, and grandparents, Hugh and Lisa Long

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 UPDATE!

Join us this Saturday, **August 17th** from 10:00am until 12:00pm with the Turn Back the Block ministry. This ministry is revitalizing Harrisburg one block at a time and through volunteers as well as donations is creating much needed affordable home ownership opportunities for persons by cleaning up abandoned homes and vacant lots. **We will meet at the Turn Back the Block office of Ashley Brown 1924 Battle Row for orientation** with coffee, doughnuts, and fruit as well as parking across

the street. Please e-mail Lynn Tyson lytson517@gmail.com or call/text at 706-833-7415 to volunteer. Children are welcome to come if they come with and are supervised by parents. What a great opportunity to spread Good Shepherd's mission in the community. More to come on T-Shirts!

EXPERIENCE CURSILLO AT HONEY CREEK

Cursillo #129. 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 the following Sunday evening on **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.

HELP WITH CHURCH EVENTS

If you would be interested in volunteering to help with church events like: picnics, Lessons and Carols, receptions, etc. Please contact Emily at emily@cogsaugusta.org.

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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Fall Kickoff and Backpack Blessing

We will bless backpacks at the 10 am service, **August 18**, as we collect school supplies for Monte Sano Elementary. After the 10 am service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for a lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. On the church lawn, we will have snow cones and games for all ages!



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Church of the Good Shepherd

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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Shepard Community Blood Center

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Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, August 18, 2024

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
Preacher.....Bunny Simon Williams
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay ReadersLynn Tyson, Cissy Bowden

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist Nick Lowery
Lay Readers Anne Floyd, Faith Moore

10:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
Preacher.....Bunny Simon Williams
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay Readers Yvonne Harrison, Lynn Smith
Verger.....Stovall Walker
Acolytes..... Rob Tracy, Hamp Helton
Kate Tracy, Emma Sue Getchell, Johnny Getchell

All Services

Altar GuildTeam III
Vestry Person of the Day Matt Tracy

Christian Formation at Good Shepherd

SUNDAY MORNINGS BEGINNING AUGUST 25, AT 10:00 AM

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:** Room 208 • **J2A:** Room 303

ADULT FORMATION:

- **Young Adults Class:** Meets in Room 209. With August comes a new school year and a new Sunday School season. Led by Matt Matson.
- **Sawmill Theology:** Meets in the Conference Room. Join Ken Hardy, as they share God Stories – no telling what will happen next!

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.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS:

Join us for the 10 am service where we will bless backpacks for the school year and kids will gather at the front of the church to hear a children's sermon. After the service, we will have our picnic lunch in the Parish Hall. Kids in 5th grade and below will gather at the altar in the large Parish Hall for a **scavenger hunt at 11:30am** and kids in 6th grade and up will gather in the Parish Hall foyer to be divided into teams.