

THE Shepherd's Fold

November 17, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

“As the twig is bent, so grows the tree.” This proverb was written by the 18th century poet, Alexander Pope, and basically means that early influences can have lasting effects on a person.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, we are all seriously dedicated to providing early positive spiritual and Biblical influences for our children of all ages. You may not know this, but Good Shepherd has the only full-time youth minister in the entire Diocese of Georgia.

Our diocese is also committed to providing Christian experiences for our youth. This coming Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 22-24, Happening #110 will take place at our diocesan camp and conference center at Honey Creek.

I must emphasize that this retreat is presented by teenagers for teenagers in grades 9-12. Clergy and adult leadership is present to help while at the same time staying out of the way.

Throughout the weekend a series of talks are delivered by youth and clergy. The presentation of key talks by youth using personal life experiences is intended to offer Christ's message to attending “Happenings” on a level they can understand and to answer many of the faith questions youth struggle with daily.

Throughout the weekend there is music, singing, dancing, great food and just plain fun. Cissy and I have experienced at previous Happenings that something special happens at “Happening.” At many different levels both the youth and the adults experience a fuller and deeper relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Good Shepherd has both youth as candidates and youth and adults as teams attending Happening #110. Please join me in praying for the Happeners and Staff as they prepare for Happening #110:

“Be present Lord Jesus at Happening #110. Be in the hearts and minds of the youth and adults and open their hearts and minds to receive the awesome revelation that each and everyone of them is incredibly loved by you and their community.”

Amen.



RECTOR'S FORUM

Yesterday, I sent out a special email to the parish regarding the Archbishop of Canterbury's resignation and the call to a special Rector's Forum in the Parish Hall at 9:45am Sunday morning. All adult formation classes will pause for one Sunday. If you missed the special email, you may read it here.

Peace,
Porter+

VOLUNTEERS FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

We need helpers to set up, serve food, and clean up. Please contact **Harriet Deas at 706-373-0780 by November 18th**, if you can help.

HELENE RELIEF

Thanks to the generosity of many people in our area and throughout the Southeast, Good Shepherd has created a Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. We have gift cards and cash available to help those in need, but we are first making these funds available to Good Shepherd families.

If you want to apply for aid, please scan the QR code to complete the Helene Recovery Assistance form.



POSTPONED CSRA SENIOR CITIZENS THANKSGIVING MEAL

The CSRA Senior Citizens Council, in collaboration with Good Shepherd and the Community and World Ministries Commission, has postponed their Thanksgiving meal. More information to come.



POSADA

To learn more and sign up for Posada, visit the Posada sign-up table in the Parish Hall, which will be open from Sunday, **November 10th, until November 24th**. Modern Posada utilizes nativity figures of Mary and Joseph who travel from place to place. This gives each family the chance to create their own celebration of making room for Jesus in their lives. To participate, add your name to the schedule on a night that best suits your family and friends. The previous participant will arrange to bring the figures to your home at a time that best suits both of your schedules.

COGS UPDATES AND CHURCH PROGRAM

Thanks to those who have volunteered to make Thanksgiving boxes for the families at the Byllesby Center **this Saturday 9-12pm meeting in the Parish Hall at Good Shepherd** with fellowship as well. Our next COGS event will be a Christmas Festival at the Byllesby Center on **December 7th** following the community meal served by Laura Irwin's group from Good Shepherd. We need volunteers for the festival from 12 noon until 3:00pm for set up and for the Christmas Festival following the meal. Please let Lynn Tyson know if you can

volunteer ltyson517@gmail.com
or call at **706-833-7415** for further
information. Thanks to everyone for
supporting this ministry spreading
the mission of Good Shepherd in our
community.



CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT & POINSETTIA FUNDRAISER

The COGS Youth Group is excited to bring back Christmas ornaments and Poinsettia orders to help raise funds for the youth pilgrimage. You can order your 2024 ornaments and poinsettias using the order form available in the Parish Hall foyer and front office. Orders and payment are due by **Sunday, November 24th**. All orders must be picked up from the Parish Hall on **Sunday, December 1st**. Please reach out to Harriet Dees or Mary Grace Wynn with any questions.

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is up in the Parish Hall. Please help a child in need this Christmas season by taking a tag and returning gifts to the church by **Friday, December 1st**.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING SERVICE

Bring a friend and join us on the church lawn for hot chocolate and carols as we light our Christmas Tree to mark the beginning of Advent on **December 1st at 6:00pm**. There will also be a service of Holy Eucharist following the tree lighting for all who are interested.

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: We look forward to another fun evening of fellowship this coming **November 17th**. Thank you to Leah and Josh Gaudin for providing dinner! The schedule is as follows:

5:00 - 6:00pm: Rite-13: Meet in Youth Lounge

6:00 - 6:30pm: Rite-13 & J2A: Gather for Dinner in Small Parish Hall

6:30 - 7:30pm: J2A: Meet in Youth Lounge

CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Church League Basketball will start in December! Registration and payment are due by **Tuesday, November 19th**. Please register through the Shell newsletter. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Rush Barrett or Mary Grace Wynn.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Join us at **9:45 am, Sunday, December 1st**, in the Parish Hall to construct your Advent wreath. Families and individuals of all ages are welcome. Please bring clippings from your own or friends' evergreen bushes or trees and your own clippers. All other materials (foam wreath base, candle holders, and four Advent candles) will be available for purchase. Those who wish to purchase just the set of candles may do so for \$5.

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, November 17, 2024

8:30 AM

Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay ReadersLynn Tyson, Cissy Bowden
Verger.....Sada Huggins
Ushers Sean Roche, Matthew Norris
Acolytes..... Rob Wynn, George Wynn, Betsy Wynn,
Gray O'Meara, Walton Mize

11:00 AM

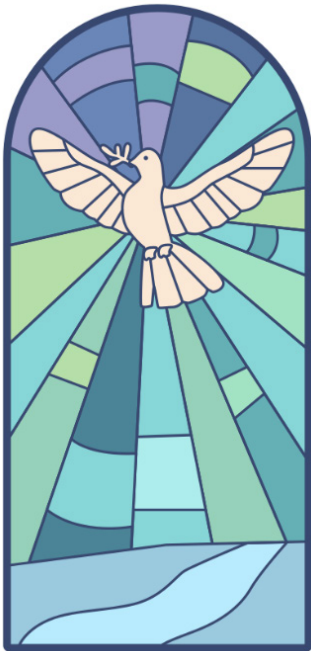
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay ReadersLynn Smith, Norris
Verger.....Choppy Woodward
Ushers George Sancken, Matt Tracy
Acolytes.....Elle Benjamin, Raymond Benjamin,
Spencer Weston, Annie Weston, Wynn Prosser

6:00 PM

Organist Nick Lowery
Lay Readers Anne Floyd, Faith Moore

All Services

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



Happening #110

Please keep the Good Shepherd youth attending Happening this coming weekend, November 22-24th, in your prayers: Emeline Andrew, Helen Pritchett, Adam Austin, Rob Tracy, Roland Brune, Rosalie Brune, and Spencer Weston.

Blessing for Happening #110's Candidates & Staff:

O Lord Jesus Christ, keep these young people in your love. Let them hear your voice and believe what you say, for you alone have the words of life. Teach them how to profess their faith, bestow their love, and impart their hope to others. Make them convincing witnesses to your Gospel in a world so much in need of your saving grace. Amen. -Pope John Paul II