

THE Shepherd's Fold

November 3, 2024

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Friends,

We have a big weekend ahead as we “fall back” the clocks, enjoy the Fall Festival at EDS, and hold the 155th Annual Parish Meeting between the 8:30am and 11:00am services. In addition to all of that, we are transferring the celebration of All Saints’ Day to Sunday. I don’t want All Saints’ to get lost in the shuffle, however, so I wanted to take a moment to talk about this principle feast in the life of the Church.

All Saints’ Day may just be one of the most misunderstood and confused days in the liturgical calendar. In fact, most churches avoid this day because they don’t know what it is (and what it isn’t), and because they think it will be too hard to explain.

All Saints’ Day was first known as Allhallows or hallowmas, shortened from Allhallowsmas. We actually have records of Allhallows prior to the year 1000! *Hallow* was an old word used to describe a holy person or a saint. This is the day that the Church has set aside as one of the seven principle feast days, one of the four preferred days for baptism (but I will baptize someone on any Sunday of the year!), and the day that we commemorate the saints of the church.

What about those in our family or our parish who have died in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection? They were pretty saintly, weren’t they? Well, maybe not Uncle Carl, but everyone else was! Are they commemorated today? The short answer: no. The Church has set November 2, also known as All Souls’ Day or All Faithful Departed, for those who have died in the faith.

While we celebrate and commemorate all women, men, and children who have run the race of faith ahead of us, the focus of All Saints’ Day centers on the saints of the Church whom we recognize and who have passed on the rich tradition and heritage we now profess. You are each a member of Good Shepherd because *someone* invited you to church, shared their faith with you, or helped to form faith in you – this is what it means to be part of the communion of the saints! I encourage you to prayerfully consider who the Lord is calling you to share your faith with and invest in as a *saint-in-training*.

Peace,
Porter+

THANK YOU FROM THE TAYLORS

We are so incredibly grateful for the beautiful welcome reception last Sunday. We were touched by your generosity and each detail that went into making the evening so lovely. A huge thank you especially to Carol Palmer, Carol Robertson, bunny williams, Lee Ash, Milla Gibbs, and Kathryn Walker for the work they each put into planning such a special gathering. We were especially touched by the warm welcome you extended to Cindy and Ellis as well as each of our boys! We truly feel we have come home.

-Rebecca and Porter

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Our Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **November 3rd at 9:45am** (In between services). Join us as we elect a new vestry class and hear about the health of our parish. An email with bios for nominees and a link for voting was sent out earlier this week. Please scan the QR code for the email link.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - FALL BACK

Daylight Savings ends this Saturday, so remember to turn back the clock!

RECTOR'S FORUM

Due to the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) there will not be a Rector's Forum this Sunday. Please join us instead at 9:45am in the Parish Hall as we convene the 155th APM to elect a new vestry class, hear from the Rector, and look to the future.

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.



VOICE RECITAL & COAT DRIVE

We hope you will join us on **November 10th at 3:00pm** for *Let All the World in Ev'ry Corner Sing*, a vocal recital by Soprano Kim Bollinger and accompanist Jim Nord. Please consider bringing gently used coats you no longer use for our coat drive benefitting the Byllesby Center.

COGS UPDATES AND CHURCH PROGRAM

Thanks to everyone for support of COGS initiatives in the community this year! Our next COGS outreach will be on **November 16th, 9:00am-12:00pm**, in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall to prepare Thanksgiving meal boxes for families from the Byllesby Center. We will have refreshments and fellowship along with preparation of the boxes. Please let Lynn Tyson know if you can attend or have any questions **ltyson517@gmail.com or 706-833-7415**. Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming Christmas Festival for the Byllesby Center on **December 7th**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The CSRA Senior Citizens Council, in collaboration with Good Shepherd and the Community and World Ministries Commission, will be hosting a catered Thanksgiving meal for select members of low income and under- resourced neighborhoods in our community on Tuesday, **November 19, 2024** from 11:00 to 1:00pm. It is anticipated there will be 200+ guests, all over the age of 55 with some level of disability. Volunteers are needed to help greet and guide guests, serve meals and assist as needed. If you have several hours in the midst of your Thanksgiving preparations to serve others, please call or email Kathleen Barnhart at **706-394-4110** or send email to **kathleenibarnhart@gmail.com** by **November 15**. Thank you in advance.

PET BLESSING IN PICTURES



Check out our website for more photos!

2025 PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISER

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY
November 15th

5:30-8:30 PM

AGES: Pre-K
through
5th Grade

GAMES, MOVIE,
PIZZA, & DESSERT



Cost:
\$30 first child
\$15 for additional child

Please register your child beforehand at bit.ly/cogsparents



2230 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga. 30904

 Church of the
Good Shepherd

BLOOD DRIVE

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SIGN UP TO SAVE
3 LOCAL LIVES!



November is throwback month!

ALL DONORS WILL GET TO CHOOSE
A GIFT OF THEIR CHOICE!



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BLOOD DRIVE!
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Shepard Community
Blood Center
@shepardblood

Kristallnacht

The Night of Broken Glass

November 9, 1938

Prayers for Remembrance

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 7:00pm



Church of the Good Shepherd

A Dessert Reception will follow



JCCFA
Augusta

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, November 3, 2024

8:30 AM

Celebrant & Preacher..... Porter C. Taylor
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay ReadersBob Nesbit, Camilla Davis
Verger.....Fred Palmer
UshersMark Pritchett, Jonathan Adams
Acolytes..... Julian Barrett, Catherine Barrett
Caroline Doyle, Mary Coles Doyle, Bo Cates

11:00 AM

Celebrant & Preacher..... Porter C. Taylor
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay ReadersAndrew Austin, Yvonne Harrison
Verger..... Gene Rollins
UshersJohn Stewart, Kevin McDougal
Acolytes..... Mary Dennis Trotter, William Hargrove,
Sam Hargrove, South Bryan, Cricket Bryan

6:00 PM

Celebrant..... Porter C. Taylor
PreacherSonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist Nick Lowery
Lay ReadersJim Price, Anne Floyd

All Services

Altar GuildTeam III
Vestry Person of the DayGilchrist Phillips

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for upcoming 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 **Sunday, November 3rd**. Thank you to Mary Margaret and Jonathan Adams 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

PARENTS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER: We hope you will support our youth pilgrims by taking the night off and out on **November 15th** from 5:30-8:30pm. Drop your children off at church for a fun evening of games, a movie, and dinner! Pre-K through 5th grade students are invited!

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 reach out to Rush Barrett or Mary Grace Wynn.