

# THE Shepherd's Fold

October 20, 2024

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Friends,

Every week we engage in an essential liturgical call and response which captures the whole of our worship. In this action, we allow our hearts to ascend to the heavenly Throne Room where the Son is seated at the right hand of the Father and where the “angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven forever sing” the thrice holy hymn to the glory of God. Here it is:

*Priest: Lift up your hearts.*

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

This little exchange is part of our Eucharistic prayer, and we say it weekly as we prepare to come to the Lord's table with our own offerings and to partake in his once and for all sacrifice. In Latin, it is known as the *Sursum Corda*, meaning quite literally, “Up hearts!” The very hearts which we said were “open” earlier in the liturgy during the Collect for Purity are now offered up to God as a gift of gratitude.

It is not just our hearts that we are to send “up” to the Lord, but all that we do on Sunday, and indeed all that we do in the Christian life, is meant to ascend or to be lifted up to the Father. Our prayers and confessions are a form of praise to God, the reading of Scripture and the sermon are a form of praise, the partaking of communion and singing hymns are a form of praise. How you live your life when you're not in church can be a form of praise as you seek to cultivate forgiveness, mercy, justice, kindness, love, charity, respect, and the fruit of the Spirit in your lives.

Join us for worship on Sunday as we continue to lift up our hearts to the Lord!

Peace,

Porter+

## **RECTOR'S FORUM**

Join us again this Sunday, during the formation hour in the Chapel. This forum will dive into thought-provoking and timely articles, discussions on faith, culture, current events, and more. We'll explore theological reflections, the dechurching phenomenon, and the intersection of Christian values and modern society. Whether you choose Rector's Forum or another class, we hope you will join us during formation hour. Discipleship is at the heart of the Christian journey, and these opportunities to learn and grow together are vital to our mission and ministry at Good Shepherd

## **ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Join us **October 30th** from 6:00 - 7:45pm for our Annual Halloween Party! Dinner served from 6:00 - 6:45pm. Free hot dogs and candy, games, and more! Put together your best Halloween Costume and plan on a spooky good time.

## **CAKE WALK GOODIES NEEDED**

Save the date for the COGS Halloween Party on Wednesday, **October 30th!** To help make this event a success, we need volunteers to bring 2 dozen packaged goodies for the Cake Walk!

## **WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

Join us for on Wednesday, **October 23rd!** Come eat dinner, play Pictionary, spend time with old friends and new, and maybe win a prize! Dinner is chicken pasta and will be served at 6:00pm. \$6 (ages 11+), \$4 children ages 4-10, children 3 and under eat free. The family max price is \$25. To register head over to our website.

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Bring your furry, feathered, or scaled friend for a drop-in pet blessing on the church lawn! We will be blessing pets this **Saturday, October 19th from 10:00am - 12:00pm.** Pet treats provided. We are accepting donations for DNA - Dog (and cat) Networking Agents. They need puppy pads, dog and cat food, and pet treats.

## **HEALING OF THE MIND AND SPIRIT POSTPONED!**

Our thoughts and prayers are with all in our community as we all recover from this devastating storm. Our Service for Healing of the Mind and Spirit on October 8th on the **National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery has been postponed to a later date** because of the devastating damage done by the

storm affecting so many. We will reschedule at a later time. Prayers for safety, well-being, and recovery for everyone.

### **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 Bylesby 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 Bylesby Center on **December 7th**.

### **SOCKTOBER**

Join us for our Socktober sock collection for distribution to those in need in Augusta. Socks are another of those luxury items that most of us take for granted, but when faced with increased food and housing costs, things like socks are often not a priority. However, socks are the number one most requested clothing item by the working poor and housing

challenged. Would you please consider collecting new socks of all sizes for children, men, and women throughout the month of Socktober (October)? The Bylesby Center will handle the November distribution of all socks collected. **Please feel free to contact Larry Jesion with any questions at 239-272-0569.**

### **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 will be sent out next week.

2025 Youth Pilgrimage Announcement

**Where to?  
Come see by  
purchasing a  
tasty treat.**

**When?**

**Sunday, October 20th from 8-11:30 AM in the parish hall!**

# Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, October 20, 2024

8:30 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden  
Preacher.....Porter Taylor  
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord  
Lay Readers .....Bobbie Ingenito, Lynn Tyson  
Verger.....Stovall Walker  
Ushers ..... Matt Matson, John Manton

11:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden  
Preacher.....Porter Taylor  
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord  
Lay Readers ..... Yvonne Harrison, Andrew Austin  
Verger..... Mark Burgreen  
Ushers .....Alex Wier, Peter Martinez

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton  
Organist ..... Nick Lowery  
Lay Readers ..... Anne Floyd, Jennie Haynes

## All Services

Altar Guild .....Team I  
Breakfast Team..... Team VIII  
Vestry Person of the Day .....John Manton

**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](mailto:mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org).

## YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets this **Sunday, October 20th!** Youth Group schedule is as follows:

**5:00 - 6:00 pm:** Rite-13: Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)

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

**6:30 - 7:30 pm:** J2A: Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The Middle School Prayer Breakfast will resume this coming week on Tuesday, **October 22nd**, at Christine and Frank Andersons. Head over to the Shell for details.

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER:** A Parent's Night Out fundraiser for the pilgrimage is underway. Parents, please save the date for **November 15th**. We hope this fundraiser will give parents a night off and out as our teenage pilgrims care for and entertain your children! Registration and details to come.

**PILGRIMAGE PARENTS MEETING:** For parents of students in grades 10th-12th interested in participating in the 2025 Youth Pilgrimage, our rescheduled meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 22nd**, from 6-7pm. Zoom will be available for those who can't join in person. We will discuss where we are going, when we are going, fundraising, forms, purpose, etc.