

THE Shepherd's Fold

October 27, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Friends,

There is a natural ebb and flow to the weekly life of a Christian. We gather on Sunday morning for *worship* and spiritual nourishment and then we go out into our mission field to work for the *week*. And then we do it all over again: lather, rinse, repeat. This cycle forms us as disciples, as people of **purpose** and **empowerment** who are **on the way** with Jesus.

Having the same forgetfulness as the disciples, we often forget what it means to live the Christian life during the week. If only we had some sort of blueprint to remind us and show us what we are called to do and how we are called to be...

There is a concept within Christianity which describes the Christian life *as the liturgy after the liturgy*. Our Monday-Saturday life is shaped and formed by our Sunday worship; everything we do *after the liturgy* is a continuation of *the liturgy* we have celebrated. On Sundays we gather for a service of song, Scripture, sermon, supplication, and sacrament; our time is marked by prayer, forgiveness, healing, peace, formation, hospitality, nourishment, and mission.

In short: our marching orders for the week are embodied and enacted in our worship.

One of the gospel readings in the Daily Office this week came from Luke 10:1-16 when Jesus commissions and sends out the 70. They were sent on their way by Jesus as commissioned missionaries: they were to take the good news of the Kingdom of God into every home, town, and village by doing the very things Jesus had done, teaching what he had taught, and healing in his name. *This is our call, too!* When you leave church on Sunday, you leave not as an individual but as a *commissioned missionary* to take the good news of Jesus into your home, your neighborhood, and your workplace.

Peace,
Porter+

RECTOR'S FORUM

Join us this Sunday at 9:45am as we move to the Parish Hall. We will be joined by two special guests who complete the "unholy trinity," as Rebecca calls us. My in-laws, the Rev. Canon Ellis Brust and the Rev. Cynthia Brust, will be visiting this weekend and will help me lead this special edition of Rector's Forum (which this week we'll call Rectors' Forum). Ellis+ and Cynthia+ are each rectors of Episcopal churches in the Diocese of Central Florida and are incredible leaders, priests, and mentors to me. You won't want to miss it!

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.



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!

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**.

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 Byllesby 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 and a link for voting was sent out earlier this week. Please scan the QR code for the email link.



PET BLESSING IN PICTURES



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

HALLOWEEN PARTY

JOIN US FOR A SPOOKY GOOD TIME!

BOO!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
6 - 7:30 PM

DINNER, CANDY, GAMES, FACE PAINTING, SMORES
Dinner served from 6-6:45 PM

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, October 27, 2024

8:30 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher.....Porter Taylor
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay ReadersJennie Haynes, Cissy Bowden
Verger..... Robin Bailie
UshersJonathan Adams, Bill Hollingsworth

11:00 AM

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher.....Porter Taylor
Organist & Choirmasters.....Jim Nord
Lay Readers Lynn Smith, Heather Wheeler
Verger..... Fred Palmer
Ushers James Jones, Ashley Wilds

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Sonia Sullivan Clifton
Organist Nick Lowery
Lay ReadersJimPrice, Yvonne Harrison

All Services

Altar Guild Team II
Breakfast Team.....Team I
Vestry Person of the Day Ginger Chew

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.

CAKE WALK GOODIES NEEDED

The annual Halloween Party is this week, Wednesday, **October 30th!** To help make this event a success, we need volunteers to bring packaged goodies for the Cake Walk. Please drop pre-wrapped goodies at the front office by noon on Wednesday.

YOUTH GROUP

Due to the welcome reception for Father Taylor, Youth Group will not meet this Sunday evening, **October 27th.** We will resume on Sunday, November 3rd. We hope to see you at the welcome reception!

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Middle School Prayer Breakfast continues this coming Tuesday, **October 29th** at Christine and Frank Andersons from 7-7:45am. Thank you to Jane O'Dell for providing breakfast!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER

A Parent's Night Out fundraiser for the pilgrimage is underway. Parents, please save the date for **November 15th, 5:30-8:30pm.** We hope this fundraiser will give parents a night off and out as our teenage pilgrims care for and entertain your children!