

THE Shepherd's Fold

September 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GOD'S GARDEN

God is a gardener! Scripture records 29 references of God as a gardener. Those references begin with Genesis and end with the resurrected Jesus appearing to Mary in the garden (John 20:15). God created the Garden of Eden and gave Adam and Eve everything in it, saying "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food." (Genesis 1:29)


Jesus said in John 15:1, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener." Jesus' last hour before he was arrested was spent in the Garden of Gethsemane. "Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, 'Sit here while I go and pray over there.'" (Matthew 26:36)

Two weeks ago, I came to church early on a Sunday morning just as the sun was rising. As I walked past the sacristy door I was stopped in my tracks. The sunlight was shining on the new healthy plantings, which are poetic in their beauty and symmetry. I kept walking, enthralled by the rebirth of the Good Shepherd grounds.

All of this has happened through the vision, leadership and hard work of Lisa Long, ably assisted by Sada Huggins and several others. Please be effusive in expressing your thanks to these expert and committed gardeners.

It takes financial support to implement these significant changes, and long-term maintenance is absolutely necessary. Through the generous gifts of the estate of Anne Johnson and other anonymous donors, all of this has been made a reality. The Anne Johnson Memorial Garden is still a work in progress, but completion is right around the corner. Everything that is being done is to provide for all of us a place of peace, solace and healing.

Our church mission statement for 2024 – 2025 is "A New Creation." That describes the metamorphosis of the grounds of the Church of the Good Shepherd – God's new garden.

Peace, 

PARISH REGISTER

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kate, Mark and Grace Ferguson; Hank, Kelly Bridges and Allie Blume; and Kathleen Brown on the death of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother Alora Bridges on August 23rd.



A NEW CREATION

Order your T-shirt here with our 2024-2025 logo, "A New Creation, 2 Corinthians 5:17." If you are going to Kanuga, your t-shirt is included with your registration.

Deadline to order is **October 1**. Cost is \$18, and you can pay with check, cash or paypal. me/cogsaugusta.



WELCOME RECEPTION

Mark your calendars to welcome the 16th rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Rev. Dr. Porter C. Taylor, his wife Rebecca, and their children, Jet, Case and Ellis. His first Sunday will be **October 6**, but we will officially welcome him with a reception

on **October 27, 2024**. Join us at 6:30 pm. The nursery is available. Please scan



the QR code to **RSVP by October 13th**.

WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Wednesdays at Good Shepherd kicks off with Bingo night, October 2nd! Come eat dinner, play games, spend time with old friends and new, and maybe win a prize! Dinner is WifeSaver chicken, mac & cheese and banana pudding: 6 pm, Bingo: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. \$6 (ages 11 +), \$4 children ages 4-10, children 3 and under eat free. The family max price is \$25. To register scan the QR code here.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

"INQUIRERS" CLASS ends **Sunday, September 22nd**. These classes are led by Bunny+ and Joe+ and are designed for anyone seeking Confirmation or Reception into the church. That service will take place when the bishop visits us on **Sunday, September 29th**. For additional information call **Fr. Joe 706-294-2638**. Classes meet in the small parish hall.

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 VOLUNTEER DAY AT PHINIZY

Our next volunteer project will be at Phinizy Center and Nature Park, **1858 Lock and Dam road**, which is a non-profit providing leadership for sustainable watersheds and economic vitality through research, education, and by connecting people with nature. The vision is that every community will have a healthy environment that includes clean water and watersheds. This will take place from **9 am to 12pm on September 28th**. Youth or children can come accompanied by parents. Everyone who comes must have work gloves, safety goggles, and refillable water bottles. I will have extra work gloves and goggles as needed. It is recommended that folks have comfortable closed toe shoes/boots that you don't mind getting muddy, outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. We will have extra bug spray. Please let Lynn Tyson know lytson517@gmail.com or **706-833-7415** if you are interested in volunteering. Also, if folks have battery operated drills with charged batteries, clippers for plants, various drill bits (t25 and t20), hammers, pry bars, tape measurers, battery operated circular saws, saw table/horses, or battery operated reciprocating

saws, as well as squares bringing these supplies would be helpful. There is plenty of work to be done other than carpentry so everyone's effort is needed. What a wonderful way of providing stewardship for God's creation.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your furry, feathered, or scaled friend for a drop-in pet blessing on the church lawn! The COGS clergy, including our new rector, will be blessing pets on **Saturday, October 5 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.

Al-Anon

Are you affected by someone else's drinking? AlAnon may be able to help. All meetings are confidential. AlAnon meeting held in the conference room every



Sunday, September 22, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay ReadersCissy Bowden, Bobbie Ingenito

9:00 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay Readers Lynn Tyson, Mitzi McCoy
Verger.....Jean Chadwick
Ushers Bill Hollingsworth, Kevin McDougal

11:15 am

Celebrant.....Bunny Simon Williams
Preacher Joe Bowden
OrganistJim Nord
Lay Readers Jennie Haynes, Heather Wheeler
Verger.....Jerry Woods
UshersAshley Wilds, Lewis Baird

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher..... Joe Bowden
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay Readers Yvonne Harrison, Faith Moore

All Services

Altar Guild Team VI
Breakfast Ministry Team IV
Vestry Person of the Day Brice Wright

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

Youth Group meets this **Sunday, September 22nd!** We look forward to a fun evening of fellowship, games, and dinner! 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

Middle School Breakfast continues **September 24th from 7-7:45am.** This week, we will gather in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall instead of the Andersons. The schedule and transportation will remain the same. We will return to the Andersons on **October 1st.**