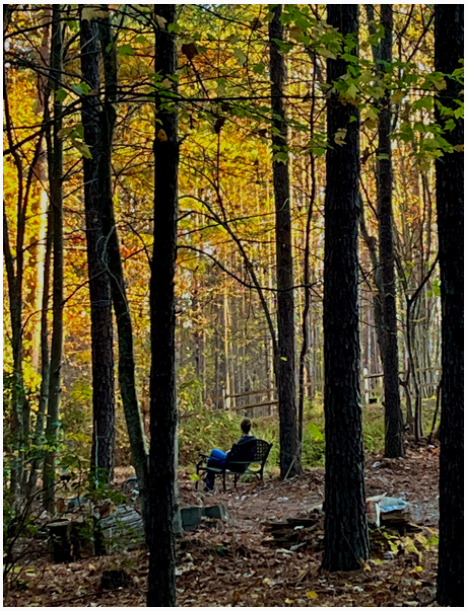
I loved my time sitting with the Lord, distractions quieted, just to hear His voice. Thank you for creating the space for His Spirit to dwell here.
Missionary K.S. serving in multiple war-torn areas!

November 2024

CONSTRUCTION/GUESTS/BOARD MEETING

Dear Friends and Partners of Shepherd's Refuge,

Oh, did we mention guests? Yes, guests have come and gone, every day since the last newsletter we had someone staying with us. Some needed a bit more attention when they found out this was a safe place to unload some of their burdens! Others, well others just sat in the quiet of the falling leafs communing with the Lord, waiting on Him to speak into their lives and their situations.



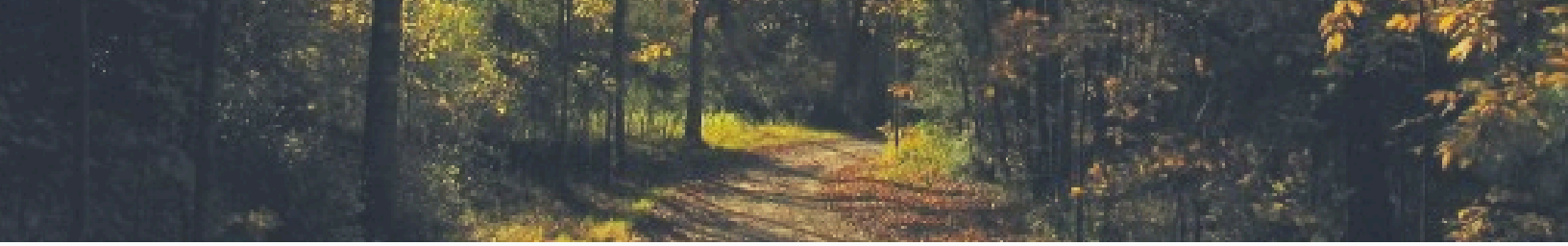
Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of Shepherd's Refuge, where so many apply the Selah principles!

We are grateful.

Ruedi & Sandy, Hosts

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."
- Matthew 11:28-29

Shepherd's Refuge is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that enables front line servants of the Lord to get refreshed and restored in their relationship with the Heavenly Father in order to return as leaders to their flock. Your support allows us to offer retreats at no cost to pastors and front line ministry workers. *Thank you for praying and giving generously.*



A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends of Shepherds Refuge,

We have great news to report! After at least two years of planning, the caretakers cabin is jumping out of the ground. **Rob Jones** has done a spectacular job managing the architect, local permitting government agencies and contractors to get the cabin built quickly. The cabin will be dried in before real winter weather arrives, allowing work to continue while "baby, it's cold outside!" Further the Lord has shown favor to SR by moving several companies to donate significant materials and make donations to the ministry. All of this happened so fast we see it as only the Lord providing. The Lord has also brought **Les and Lisa Shrock** forward to take on the role of caretakers when the cabin is complete. They will be raising support for their ministry here. More on that in the next issue!

In the past three months we welcomed **Tom Fowler** as our newest Director. Tom's career has been hospitality management in the golf industry and fund raising. He has been a great fit and we are glad he is on board.

Being a pastor or missionary has always been a difficult and under-appreciated career. The Lord guided **Ruedi and Sandy** to start SR making respite accommodations available to pastors, missionaries and Christian workers at no charge. At this time of year, could I ask you to prayerfully consider a year-end gift to Shepherds' Refuge to continue this ministry to ministers? In addition to cash, appreciated stock can be donated giving you a tax deduction for the full value of the appreciated assets for tax purposes at only the cost of your initial investment. If you are at the age where the IRS' Required Minimum Distributions from a 401(k) plan are required, you could gift that and allow the tax deduction to offset the gains your investments have created. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Grace and peace to you all,
Dave Tulka,
Chairman

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Two weeks before Phase 2 is complete, and all paid for! Praise the Lord! Just the deck in the back, gutters and paint will finish the dry-in portion of construction.

Currently, we are in the midst of raising funds to finish out the interior, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, insulation, sheet-rock, paint, floor and trim. Besides other items, the Range and Cook Top have been donated! Please consider joining those who have already been helping us expedite this process so that our caretakers can move in, **soon**!

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"I needed quiet from people's voices (real + digital) to re-establish the Lord's place above them all, re-tune my heart to perceiving His Will + Ways as they differ from human will/ways!" Missionary S.W. (working in restricted areas)