



# Along The Way

## The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham August 2, 2017



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### Friends of The Good Shepherd,

I hope you are having a week filled with the realization of God's loving presence in your life!

Do you ever feel inadequate; that you are not good enough; that you don't have what it takes to succeed in life and in discipleship? So did the early disciples of Jesus. But the truth is that with God's help, and with our loved ones and our brothers and sisters in faith by our side, we have all we need to be the persons God calls us to be. We have all we need to transform the world around us with the power of God's love. Alone we can accomplish little, but together we can accomplish great things for the kingdom of God.

See you Sunday! Remember to stay close to God today and everyday!  
**Peace! Pastor Dan**

### A Few Notes and Reminders:

1. This coming Sunday is our annual Parish Barbecue, after the 10am Service. If you have not yet signed up for the barbecue, please call the parish office and let us know how many are coming and whether you will be bringing a desert or side dish to share. This will help with the planning. There will only be one Service (at 10am) on Sunday. See below for more details.
2. If you have information to get to the Good Shepherd community in our weekly newsletter ("Along The Way"), please submit the information to our office manager Cathi Maurice.



### **Wareham Community Engagement Initiative – Update**

In recent months we have been looking for ways to make Wareham a stronger and healthier community. To this end we have formed the “Wareham Community Engagement Initiative” (WCEI), with the sole purpose to help make Wareham a Stronger and Healthier Community. This summer the WCEI committee members have been interviewing individuals from Wareham; asking them to share their joys, concerns, and dreams for the Wareham community. On July 15, the Wareham Community Engagement Initiative (WCEI) committee members gathered to review the results of the 75 interviews which had been conducted, and looked for similar thoughts that were present in the results of the interviews. We found that there were two themes that stood out: (1) The desire to support the school system and those attending Wareham public schools so that all children are able to succeed; (2) concern about the addiction crises in our community and the many people it impacts (those with addictions and family members of the addicted). Based on these results of the interviews, the WCEI committee members have refocused the interviews to address the two community concerns mentioned above. We will continue to conduct interviews until the end of August. If you would be willing to be interviewed you may call the Church to arrange an interview (508-295-2840). In September the WCEI committee members will gather to decide on which initiative we will work on at this time, and what specifically within the initiative we will focus on.

### **Pastor Dan Will Be Away**

I will be on vacation beginning Monday, August 7, and will be returning to the office on Wednesday, August 23. On Sunday August 13 & 20, the Reverend John McGinn will be presiding at the Sunday Services. If you have a parish or pastoral need which can't wait for my return, please contact our Senior Warden Chuck McCullough (see the back page of the Service booklet for contact information) and he will help you to receive the information/services you need. **Pastor Dan**

### **Coffee Hour Hosts are Needed**

We are in need of coffee hour hosts, after the 10AM Service. The sign-up list and an instruction sheet can be found on the small bulletin board in the Parish Hall, behind the table where the coffee is served during coffee hour. You can sign-up with others to share the expense and the work! Thank you to all who have been coffee hour hosts in the past! Thank you to the groups and organizations in the parish who have been providing back-up Coffee Hour coverage on the Sundays when no one signs up to host!!!

### **Mid-Week Eucharist**

Wednesdays at Noon there is a celebration of the Eucharist in the church, which is open to all. This is an opportunity to gather for prayer and reflection, and be reminded of God's presence between Sundays. For those on your lunch break, the celebration of the Eucharist is approximately 25-30 minutes. **There will be no Noon Service on Wednesday, August 9 & 16.**

### **Good Shepherd's Table Supplies**

Please consider assisting the Good Shepherd's Table ministry to the hungry, by purchasing items that are needed to serve the meals. You can check the “Acts of Kindness” board on the doors in the back of the church for items that are needed. Thank you!

### **Peanut Butter and Cold Cereal Donations for the Food Pantry**

Please consider donating jars of peanut butter and boxes of cold cereal to help feed the hungry in our community. You can bring them in any Sunday, but we are looking for them specifically on the last Sunday of the month. You can leave them in the baskets in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Creating Mattresses From Plastic Shopping Bags**

One of our Good Shepherd's Table guests, has formed a group (outside of Good Shepherd) to "knit" mattresses for the homeless from plastic shopping bags. She has asked us to bring in plastic shopping bags for this project. You can bring in the plastic shopping bags and leave them in the back of the church on Sundays, or you can bring them to the parish office during the week (please check the schedule for the parish office in the back of the Sunday service booklet). ***There will be a sample mattress available in the parish hall following the 10am Service on Sunday, July 30. Those who may be interested in being a part of the knitting team are encouraged to be present.***

### **Music from Land's End Concert**

Music from Land's End Wareham is returning this year for its sixth season, from July 26-August 13 with concerts in Wareham (Good Shepherd), Marion, North Dartmouth and Falmouth. Wareham summer resident Ariadne Daskalakis said she started this series as an intimate summer chamber music festival. At Music from Land's End Wareham, Daskalakis and her husband Sebastian Gottschick have created fascinating programs combining different musical styles which have drawn rave reviews. All concerts are open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$25/\$10. The schedule includes two concerts here at Good Shepherd (Sunday July 30 & Sunday August 13, both begin at 5:00pm). For more information, and for the full schedule, please visit their website [www.mlewareham.org](http://www.mlewareham.org).

### **Are You Receiving Our Weekly Newsletter?**

Good Shepherd now publishes a weekly electronic newsletter called "Along The Way". The newsletter is published mid-week. If you would like to receive a copy of the electronic newsletter, please email the parish office with your name and email address ([goodshepherdwareham@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdwareham@gmail.com)). We also print a limited number of copies of the newsletter for distribution on Sunday mornings. You will find these paper copies in the back of the church. Please save these printed copies for those who do not have email access.



Upcoming Events

### **Adult Faith Formation Opportunity**

Beginning Wednesday, August 30, there will be a 6 session adult faith formation program called "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God." The sessions will be held every other week from 6:30-8:00pm, in the parish conference room. The sessions will focus on the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God, and will include video presentations and discussions. The video presentations are from John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg (two of the world's leading Jesus scholars), which were recorded on location throughout Galilee and Jerusalem. The cost for the sessions is \$5 to help cover the cost of the video resource. For planning purposes, please sign the list in the back of the church if you are planning to attend.



### **Were you There?**

In May of 1947, the building that would become St. Peter's Church-on-the-Canal in Buzzards Bay was floated on a barge from the town of Hull, MA through Cape Cod Bay and the Cape Cod Canal to its current location on Main St. St. Peter's will be holding several events in September to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this monumental event. Were you there? Do you have family or friends who may have been there? Do you or they have pictures? We would love to hear your stories and see your pictures! If you or a loved one would be willing to share your memories or pictures, we would love to hear from you and include you in our celebrations! Please contact the parish office via phone at [508-759-5641](tel:508-759-5641) and leave a message, or by email at [saintpeters@verizon.net](mailto:saintpeters@verizon.net). The **70th Anniversary celebration events are:** September 16, 2017 @ 2:00 p.m. - **OPEN HOUSE** & September 29, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m. - **SERVICE OF REDEDICATION with Bp. Alan Gates**

### **Prayers of the People – Prayer Requests**

Every Sunday before the 8AM & 10AM Services you have an opportunity to record in our new Prayer Request Book the names of those for whom you wish us to pray, including those who are in particular need of prayers at this time and those who have died. The book is at the back (main) entrance of the church. The Prayer Request Book will be placed on the altar during the opening procession and we will pray "for all those whose names are recorded in our prayer request book" during the Prayers of the People. During the Prayers of the People you may also voice the names of those you would like to be remembered, as we pause during the prayer for those in particular need and the prayer for those who have died.

### **Thank You for Your Continued Financial Support**

The ministries and services of our parish continue to make a difference in so many people's lives in our community. Your financial and prayerful support help make them possible. Thank you to all who are financially supporting the parish this year. Thank you to all of you who made pledges for 2017. Our budget operates on a week to week basis, so thank you for keeping your pledge payments up to date. If you are behind on your pledge payments, please work to catch them up as you are able. If you are away for an extended amount of time, please consider mailing in your pledge payments. Remember, whenever pledge payments fall behind, the parish also falls behind in its bill payments. Again, thank you all for your financial support of the mission and ministries of the Church of the Good Shepherd!

### **We have a Deacon Coming to Good Shepherd**

Deacon Sharon Powers will soon be joining our Good Shepherd faith community. Sharon lives in Wareham and has been serving Episcopal churches in the area as a deacon for the past 12 years. Some of you may know her or remember meeting her when Bishop Alan came for his visitation last Fall. She will join us formally in September, but will be with us on and off informally through the summer as she gets to know us. Her ministry responsibilities will be determined by her and I as she gets to know our community and discovers how God is calling her to serve. **Pastor Dan**

### **Sunday Flower Donations**

Please consider making a donation for Sunday Flowers in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for blessing in your life. You may do so by filling out the "Altar Flower" sheet in the back of the church and signing the altar flower schedule in the back of the church. The amount we are charged by the florist for the two arrangements of flowers is \$35. Please make a check out to The Church of the Good Shepherd, with a notation of "Altar Flowers". The "Altar Flower" sheet and your check should either be placed in the offering box in the church, or mailed to the parish office. If you are unable to pay the \$35 offering, please give as much as you are able. Your thanksgiving/memorial will be included in the Sunday Worship Booklet and in the Prayers of the People.

### **Acts of Kindness – In Support of Those in Addiction Recovery**

In an effort to reach out to those who need to hear the Good News of God's love and compassion, our Good Shepherd community has begun an Acts of Kindness - Baking Ministry. The idea is to deliver baked goods to those who are in particular need, especially the forgotten ones. We begin our focus on those who are in recovery from addiction, and are living at one of the area halfway houses. The idea is that we can support someone in recovery by letting them know that we care, that we are praying for them, and that they are not alone. We will begin this Baking Ministry by providing baked goods and a card of support from our community once a month. Please contact Donna Tolley ([spydah714@verizon.net](mailto:spydah714@verizon.net) or 508-888-9337) for more information about how you can help with our Baking Ministry.

### **NAR-ANON Support Group - We Can All Use a Little Help**

There is a support group for those who have family members who suffer from addiction to narcotics. It is so important that loved ones of those who are addicted have a place to go and share their stories and receive support. Please pass the information below along to your friends and family members. It could make a big difference in their lives. The NAR-ANON Family Group "Let it Begin with Me" meets on Mondays from 7:30-9pm at the LifeHouse Church in Middleboro (17 Jericho Rd.). This is a 12 step program open to family and loved ones affected by someone else's addiction. This is an "anonymous program. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Krystina 857-294-1716 or Natecia 774-260-1924.

### **Prayer Group Meeting**

The Parish Prayer Group meets on the last Thursday of every month. If at any time you would like to have someone included on the parish prayer list, please contact Pat Probert ([pattip46@verizon.net](mailto:pattip46@verizon.net) or 508-291-3364) or Pastor Dan. The information is kept confidential and is only shared with the members of the Prayer Group. If the person you wish to add to the prayer list is outside your immediate family, please get their permission before having them placed on the prayer list.

### **Children's Activity Bags**

Coloring books and word search books have been stocked in the Children's Activity Bags at the back of the church. These are meant to be a help for younger children whose attention spans are a bit shorter. Please feel free to grab a bag anytime during the service. At the end of the service, simply return the bag where you found it.

### **Pastoral Care**

If you would like yourself or someone else placed on the Good Shepherd prayer list, please contact Pat Probert (508-291-3364) or myself. The Good Shepherd prayer group prays daily for those on the prayer list, and prays together as a group once a month. If you need or would like a pastoral visit from the priest, please let me know. My contact information is on the back of the weekly Sunday Service Booklet. The only way I know that you are in need of a pastoral visit is if you let me know personally or through another person. You might want to keep my contact information (cell # 603-953-3659 for emergencies) somewhere handy, so you know where to find it when the need arises. **Pastor Dan**

### **The Good Shepherd's Table**

Just a reminder that every Thursday evening at 5PM the Church of the Good Shepherd hosts the Good Shepherd's Table, which serves a free meal. All are welcome! We thank all the many volunteers who make this ministry happen every Thursday! If you would like to assist in the ministry of The Good Shepherd's Table by purchasing items that are needed to serve the meals, please see the Shepherd's Table "Acts of Kindness" board on the doors in the back of the church. Thank you!

### **Healing Prayers**

Prayers for healing are offered on Sundays during communion at the side altar. Healing Prayers can be for many forms of healing; physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual, etc. All are welcome

### **Please "Like" us on Facebook**

Please like us on facebook ("Church of the Good Shepherd Wareham") so we can get the word out about what is happening in our parish community.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> <i>The 8th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8 AM Holy Eucharist Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings 10 AM Holy Eucharist Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings 11:15AM Coffee Hour	<b>31</b> 6PM Crafts	<b>Aug. 1</b> 3-5:00PM Food Pantry	<b>2</b> 12N Holy Eucharist	<b>3</b> 5PM Good Shepherd's Table  6:30PM Vestry Mtg.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <i>The 9th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10 AM Casual Sunday Service 11:30AM Parish Barbecue	<b>7</b> 6PM Crafts	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5 PM Good Shepherd's Table	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <i>The 10th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:15AM Coffee Hour	<b>14</b> 6PM Crafts	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5 PM Good Shepherd's Table	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <i>The 11th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:15AM Coffee Hour	<b>21</b> 6PM Crafts	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 12N Holy Eucharist	<b>24</b> 5PM Good Shepherd's Table	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <i>The 12th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:15AM Coffee Hour	<b>28</b> 6PM Crafts	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 12N Holy Eucharist  6:30PM Jesus and The Kingdom of God Adult Study	<b>31</b> NOON Prayer Group  5PM Good Shepherd's Table	<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>2</b>