



# Along The Way

## The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham May 17, 2017

Reflections

  
*From the  
Pastor*



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**Friends of The Good Shepherd,**

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I hope that you are having a good week, filled with the realization of God's love and peace!

When was the last time you asked someone for help? I was in the produce section of the grocery store recently. As I was looking for a few items on my grocery list, someone came up to me and said hello. As I was trying to figure out who she was, she asked me if I could get her an item which was high and out of her reach. I quickly smiled and took down the item and handed it to her. I admire her willingness to ask for help, especially from someone she didn't know.

This got me to think about the times when I have been hesitant to ask for help. I tend to want to do it myself. Maybe its because I don't want to inconvenience someone, or because I don't want to admit that I need someone else's help. But I have discovered over the years that I do need the help of others, and I especially need God's help.

What do you need help with at this time in your life? Have you asked for help? God is willing to help, and God sends people into our lives to help. But no one, not even God, can help us if we don't ask.

See you Sunday! Remember to stay close to God today and everyday!

**Peace!**

**Pastor Dan**

### **A Few Notes and Reminders:**

1. There will be Sunday School this coming Sunday as part of our 10am Service.
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.



### **Discretionary Fund Contribution**

Sunday, May 21, is the third Sunday of the month. On the third Sunday of the month parishioners are invited to make a contribution to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, as they are able. It is from the discretionary fund that Pastor Dan is able to assist those in need. You may make a contribution to the discretionary fund, by placing your contributions in one of the discretionary fund envelopes (found in the back of the church) and placing the envelope in one of the church offertory boxes. Please consider making a contribution to the discretionary fund. Checks should be made out to "Church of the Good Shepherd – Clergy Discretionary Fund." Thank you to those who have made contributions in the past!

### **Wareham Community Engagement Project (WCEP) Needs Your Help**

As you have been made aware, our Spreading the Good News committee (which is tasked with finding ways for us to spread the good news of God's love and compassion) is working on a project to engage our Wareham community and find a way we can partner with the Wareham community in making Wareham a stronger and healthier community. This will allow us to move outside the walls of the church and witness to the greater Wareham community that we are invested in Wareham, and want to do our part to help make Wareham an even stronger and healthier. The first phase of this process has been to interview people in regards to their joys, hopes, and dreams for Wareham. We have interviewed members of our Good Shepherd community, now we are preparing to interview member of the greater Wareham community. ***We need your help! If you are willing to help in this interview process by interviewing people from the greater Wareham community, you are invited to attend a meeting on Sunday, May 21. The meeting will be from 11:30-1:00, and will take place in the parish conference room.***

### **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 basket, 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.

### **Youth Group**

The Good Shepherd Youth Group has resumed its Wednesday evening meetings from 5:30-7:00pm. We meet in the Youth Group Room, which is on the third floor of the church building. All youth (grades 7 through 12) are welcome to join us as we play games, pray, learn of the power of God's love in our lives, and support one another on this journey of life. It is a great time to be together and learn about what it means to be a Christian and try to live as Jesus did. On the last Wednesday of the month we bag food for the food pantry, as we do our part to help those who are in need. ***The Youth Group will not meet on May 24.***

### **Sunday School**

Good Shepherd K-6 Sunday School has begun its year. Sunday School is generally held on the first and third Sunday's of the month during the first part of the 10AM Service. Please be in touch with Donna Tolley ([spydah714@verizon.net](mailto:spydah714@verizon.net) or 508-888-9337) to register your children, to serve as an adult volunteer, or for more information. ***The Sunday School Schedule: May 7 & 21***

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

On the last Sunday of the month we recognize, with a special blessing at our Sunday Services, those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during that month. On Sunday, May 28, we will celebrate with those who have May birthdays and anniversaries.

### **A Walk for Hunger Update**

Sunday, May 7, was the eighth annual Greater Wareham Walk for Hunger, and it was a great success. There were 72 walkers (and four dogs) and so far we have raised approximately \$9,000. The proceeds from the walk will benefit Project Bread, which provides millions of dollars each year to more than 300 emergency food programs in 100 communities statewide, including our own Shepherd's Table and Food Pantry. Thank you to all who participated in the Walk as walkers, sponsors and volunteers!

### **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!

### **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.

### **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!

### **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.

### **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

### **Vacation Bible Camp**

Our 2017 Good Shepherd Vacation Bible Camp is being held this week (June 26-30). Vacation Bible Camp is open to all children who are finishing Kindergarten through 6th grade. Each day, we will hear a bible story, make crafts, play games, and have a lot of fun! More information will be coming in the next couple of weeks.



### **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.

### **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.

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### **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!

### **Donations for the Food Pantry**

Please consider donating jars of peanut butter and spaghetti sauce to help feed the hungry in our community. You can leave them in the baskets in the back of the church on Sundays. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Healing Prayers**

Prayers for healing are offered every Sunday 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.

# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> <i>The 3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:15AM Coffee Hour	<b>May 1</b>	<b>2</b> 3-5PM Food Pantry 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5PM Good Shepherd's Table	<b>5</b> Rummage Sale Items Drop-off	<b>6</b> 9am-1pm Good Shepherd's Guild Rummage Sale
<b>7</b> <i>The 4th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Sunday School 11:15AM Coffee Hour 1:00PM Walk for Hunger	<b>8</b> 6:00PM Good Shepherd Guild Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 12N Holy Eucharist 5:30PM Youth Group	<b>11</b> 5 PM Good Shepherd's Table 6:30PM Vestry mtg.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <i>The 5th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:15AM Coffee Hour	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 12N Holy Eucharist 5:30PM Youth Group	<b>18</b> 5 PM Good Shepherd's Table	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <i>The 6th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Sunday School 11:15AM Coffee Hour	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 12N Holy Eucharist	<b>25</b> NOON Prayer Group 5PM Good Shepherd's Table	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <i>The 7th Sunday of Easter</i> 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:15AM Coffee Hour	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30PM Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 12N Holy Eucharist 5:30PM Youth Group	<b>June 1</b> 5PM Good Shepherd's Table	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>