



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham February 6, 2019



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Friends of The Good Shepherd,

Did you encounter the presence of God today? Did you encounter beauty; beauty in nature or relationships? Did you encounter goodness; an act of kindness given or received? Did you encounter compassion; a listening ear or a caring heart? Did you encounter joy; in a smile or in heartfelt laughter? Did you encounter peace; peace of mind, heart or spirit?

God is found in beauty, goodness, compassion, joy, and peace. If you encountered any of these today, you have encountered the presence of our loving God.

For the rest of today and for tomorrow, let's be more aware of our ability to be reflections of our loving God in the lives of those we encounter; and so, make the world a better place.

Peace,
Pastor Dan

A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. 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.

Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

Annual Meeting Leadership Decisions

At our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 3, we had the following parishioners take on new leadership positions. The new Junior Warden is Karen Clark. The new Clerk of the Vestry is Donna Tolley. The new members of the Vestry include Jo-Ann Finn, Earl Fowler and Judy Govoni (each for a three-year term); Heidi Foley and Rosanne Leverone (each for a one-year term). Our Delegates to Diocesan Convention are Maurice Parkonen and Dale Winters (serving one-year terms). Our Deanery Assembly Representatives are Maurice Parkonen and Dale Winters (serving one-year terms). We thank these individuals for stepping forward and accepting the call to leadership in our church.

Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place in the Parish Conference Room on Thursday, February 14, beginning at 6:30PM. Anyone who would like to submit possible agenda items for consideration can do so through Pastor Dan or through our Senior Warden Chuck McCullough by February 7 (one week before the meeting).

Addiction Drop-In Center

The Wareham Fighting Against Addiction coalition has opened an addiction drop-in center for Wareham, which is open every third Wednesday of the month from 5-8pm. **The next Drop-In Center night is February 20.** The Drop-In Center, which is held in the Parish Hall at Good Shepherd, is a place where those who need and want to be treated for their addiction can be helped. It is a place where resources related to addiction can be found, including recovery support groups and support groups for those whose loved ones have an addiction. Please keep the efforts of the Wareham Addiction Coalition in your prayers. And remember, addiction is not about choice or a reflection of one's moral character, addiction is a disease that takes hold of one's life and we should treat it as such.

Plastic Pea Pod Delivery Bags

Good Shepherd's Table is in need of the plastic bags used by Pea Pod (Stop & Shop) in their deliveries. They are very sturdy and can hold ten to-go meals, which we send to the area motels every Thursday. You can either bring them in the Shepherd's Table on Thursdays from 3-5:30pm or bring them with you to the church on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

Discretionary Fund Contributions

Sunday, February 17, is the third Sunday of the month. Although donations can be made at any time during 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 assists those in need. You may make contributions 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!

Nights of Hospitality Ministry

Good Shepherd will again be participating in the Nights of Hospitality (NOH) Ministry. NOH is an outreach ministry of area churches to shelter the homeless during the cold winter months. The Church of the Good Shepherd will be participating by staffing two of the weeks when the shelter is being held at St. Patrick's Church. On the weeks we will be staffing the Nights of Hospitality ministry, the host church (St. Patrick's) will provide the space for the shelter, but the staffing of the shelter and the meals will come from our church. Our weeks for staffing and providing meals for the Nights of Hospitality ministry will be the weeks of **February 3-9 and March 10-16**. Please consider this important ministry. On the weeks leading up to our NOH ministry week, there will be a sign-up list in the back of the church. You may also contact Chuck McCullough to sign-up or to receive more information (cwmccullough@comcast.net or 508-758-1326).

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.

Winter Weather and Sunday Services

In the event that the Sunday Services are being cancelled due to the weather conditions, an email will be sent out informing you that the Services are being cancelled, and the church answering machine will have a message announcing the cancellation. Of course, please use your own discretion as to whether or not it is safe for you to get to church, even if the services have not been cancelled.

Cold Cereal, Toothpaste, Barr Soap and Toilet Paper Donations for the Food Pantry

Please consider donating boxes of cold cereal, toothpaste, bar soap and toilet paper to the Food Pantry. 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 one of the baskets in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Collecting Socks and Underwear for the Homeless

Please consider purchasing socks and underwear (men's and women's of any size) for our homeless brothers and sisters. They are very much needed and welcomed by those who live outside. There is a collection box in the back of the church for you to place them in.

Mid-Week Eucharist

On 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.

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). 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

WEEKLY UPDATE

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, February 24, we will celebrate with those who have February birthdays and anniversaries.

Food Pantry

On Tuesday, March 5, the Good Shepherd Food Pantry will be open from 3-5PM. All who are in need are welcome! The Food Pantry is open on the first Tuesday of every month.

Others Parish News

WEEKLY UPDATE

Watch Our 150th Anniversary Concert

Our 150th Anniversary Concert was filmed by WCTV and can now be viewed using the following link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cgKaEJ02T8>). It is a reminder of the wonderful job our choir and other music ministers did. Please pass this link along to those who might want to see the concert.

Looking for "Homework Heroes" Volunteers

Our Wareham Community Engagement Initiative, which is working to help all children of Wareham to succeed, is looking for volunteers! This is an opportunity for you to support and encourage children in the community by becoming a "Homework Hero", and helping children check over their school work. No expertise or major time commitment required. Contact Kelly at wcei.wareham@gmail.com with any questions.

The Good Shepherd's Table – Acts of Kindness board

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!

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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!!!

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 an Acts of Kindness - Baking Ministry. We deliver baked goods to 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 provide baked goods and a card of support from our community once a month. Please contact Donna Tolley (dtolley714@gmail.com or 508-888-9337) for more information about how you can help with our Baking Ministry.

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

As a way of reaching out to those who are ill or struggling in some way, parishioners have knitted shawls to be given to those who can benefit from receiving these gifts of warmth and comfort. Pastor Dan blesses each shawl before it is given. He prays that "this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and wellbeing... sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones." Please contact Judy Ellis (Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator) or Pastor Dan if you would like a shawl for yourself or someone else. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, and join our knitting team, please be in touch with Judy Ellis (508-295-5318). There is a very basic pattern that makes a beautiful, lacey shawl. It can also be modified to make a man's lap robe. All patterns, of course, are welcomed.

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 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 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*

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

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February 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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						8-11 AM Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Service
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The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany – Annual Meeting Sunday 9 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Annual Meeting 11:15AM Coffee Hour		3-5 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12Noon Holy Eucharist	5 PM Good Shepherd's Table		8-11 AM Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Service
Nights of Hospitality	Nights of Hospitality	Nights of Hospitality	Nights of Hospitality	Nights of Hospitality	Nights of Hospitality	Nights of Hospitality
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The 5th Sunday after the Epiphany 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30AM Coffee Hour 12NOON Faith Enrichment Session	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Meeting	6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12Noon Holy Eucharist	5 PM Good Shepherd's Table 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting		8-11 AM Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Service
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
The 6th Sunday after the Epiphany 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:15AM Coffee Hour		6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12Noon Holy Eucharist 5-8:00 PM Addiction/ Recovery Drop-In Center	5 PM Good Shepherd's Table		8-11 AM Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Service
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The 7th Sunday after the Epiphany 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:15AM Coffee Hour 12NOON Faith Enrichment Session		6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12Noon Holy Eucharist	5 PM Good Shepherd's Table		