



# Along The Way

## The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham June 5, 2019

Reflections



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### Friends of The Good Shepherd,

I hope you are having a blessed week, with an awareness of the loving and compassionate presence of God in your life.

On Sunday we celebrate Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is the Holy Spirit that filled the heart and mind of Jesus, guiding him and encouraging him to witness the loving presence of God. And that same Spirit is still alive in the world today. The Holy Spirit can be found in acts of love, compassion, reconciliation, kindness and caring. The Holy Spirit can be found in the beauty and wonder of nature; in all creation. The Holy Spirit can be found throughout our Sunday Worship experience. The Holy Spirit inspires and motivates us. The Holy Spirit can give us an inner sense of peace in God's presence.

I encourage you to invite the Holy Spirit of God to come ever deeper into your life. Invite the Holy Spirit to direct your life in the way of God, the way of Jesus. Invite the Holy Spirit to enlighten you, comfort you and inspire you. Come alive with the Spirit of God and know the peace that comes when we are in the presence of God.

See you Sunday!

Peace,  
**Pastor Dan**

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### A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. Thanks to all who attended the Graveside Service for Joan Suddard today, and all who donated food for the reception. Another reminder of how wonderfully supportive our Good Shepherd community is.
2. This coming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Please plan to attend this important celebration of faith, and plan to wear red to Church that day! Red is the Church's liturgical color for the Holy Spirit.
3. 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

## **Pentecost Sunday**

Pentecost Sunday is June 9. Pentecost is a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Please plan to attend this important celebration of faith, and plan to wear red to Church that day! Red is the Church's liturgical color for the Holy Spirit.

## **July Calendar Raffle Fundraiser**

Throughout the month of June, we will be selling calendars for our "July Calendar Raffle Fundraiser". The cost is \$10 per calendar. There will be 27 chances to win cash prizes in the month of July. Your participation in our Calendar Raffle supports Good Shepherd and our many outreach programs. Calendars will be available during the 8am and 10am Service through the month of June. Any questions, please contact Natecia Alfonso.

## **Coffee Hour Hosting Schedule**

Coffee hour is a welcoming experience that builds the social community at Good Shepherd. Hosting Coffee Hour is an opportunity to be the face of the church in way that asks very little of us but gives so much back. The Vestry is now asking that we each commit to hosting coffee hour at least once a year. We are going to put together a schedule starting with the month of September where each person or family will be designated a week to host coffee hour. You could also team up with someone. Coffee hour is supposed to be simple and easy. Coffee and paper products are provided so you don't need to bring much. The last week of each month is birthday and anniversary Sunday so only a cake is needed. If you're an 8:00am worshiper, no worries, you can set up after the 8:00 Service (I will be there to help if you have any questions and I am able to show you where everything is and how to do coffee hour). If you are assigned a week and will be away that week, please call and switch with another person. If you do switch, please let Cathi Maurice (our office manager) know so she can make the adjustment in the Sunday Service Booklets and church newsletters. If you want a certain Sunday during the year, please let me know by email by July 31. My email is [browneyebetsy@gmail.com](mailto:browneyebetsy@gmail.com) for questions or you want to pick a week. The schedule (from September 2019 – August 2020) will be posted in the newsletter and in the parish hall beginning August 1. Thank you! **Karen Clark**

## **Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and Reception**

On Saturday, June 15, beginning at 10:30am, the following members of our Good Shepherd community will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation: Ethan Osley and Jasmine Reynolds. Also, the following members of the Good Shepherd community will be received into the Episcopal Church (They have already been confirmed in another Christian Church): Cheryl Denton, Carmen Dwyer, Geoffrey Paul and Jen Reihl. The Service will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church in Sandwich. Bishop Gayle Harris will be the Bishop for the Service. All are welcome to attend in support of our brothers and sisters being confirmed and received.

## **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 June 19.** 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.

## **Grant Applications for High School Graduates**

Good Shepherd High School graduates who would like to be considered for a church grant to help with their post-high school education are encouraged to apply to the Vestry. To be eligible for consideration by the Vestry for receipt of a church grant, please forward a letter to the Vestry (through Pastor Dan or Chuck McCullough) **by June 5.** This letter should contain information on your participation and contribution to the life of the Church of the Good Shepherd, especially in the last four years, and your plans after high school. The Vestry will be reviewing these letters at our June 13 meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Pastor Dan or Chuck McCullough (Senior Warden).

## **Vestry Meeting**

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place in the Parish Conference Room on Thursday, June 13, 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 June 6 (one week before the meeting).

## **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 Good Shepherd this year. Thank you to all of you who made pledges for 2019. 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!

## **Gardening Volunteers Needed**

We are looking for volunteers. Please consider giving about an hour a week to help keep the Memorial Garden and the other garden areas of the church looking nice and free of weeds. See Karen Clark if you are interested.

### **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!

### **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!!!

### **WCEI is Looking for Summer 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 with various programs during the summer. These programs take place various days and times. No major time commitment required. Contact Kelly at [wcei.wareham@gmail.com](mailto:wcei.wareham@gmail.com) for more information.

### **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 20-25 minutes.

### **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.

### **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.

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## Upcoming Events

WEEKLY UPDATE

### **Discretionary Fund Contributions**

Sunday, June 16, 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!

### **Healing Service Sunday**

Sunday, June 30, there will be a healing service as part of the 8AM & 10AM Services. Following the sermon, prayers for healing will be offered for all of us who wish to receive them (for whatever form of healing is needed; emotional, spiritual, relational, physical, etc.). Those who come forward to receive these prayers for healing will also be anointed with blessed oil. Please consider inviting family and friends to the Healing Service, especially those who might most benefit from healing prayers. These formal healing services, as part of the Sunday Services, are held quarterly.

### **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, June 30, we will celebrate with those who have June birthdays and anniversaries.

### **Annual Summer Parish Family Service and Barbecue**

Please save this date. Sunday, July 28, is the date of our annual Parish Barbecue following the 10am Service. The 10am Service that day will be a casual parish family celebration. **There will be no 8 am Service on July 28**, as we come together to worship and spend time together as a parish family. There will be a sign-up list for the barbecue in the coming weeks.

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# Others Parish News

WEEKLY UPDATE

## **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.

## **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!

## **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](mailto: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.

## **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**

## **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.



# June 2019

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