

The Church of the Good Shepherd



Ministry Directory

Welcome to the Church of the Good Shepherd Ministry Directory. You will find in this directory the many ministries of our community and volunteer opportunities, including contact information for volunteering. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in any of these ministries. Together we do the work of making God's love and compassion known within our Good Shepherd community and beyond, following the example of Jesus.

-Pastor Dan

THE GOOD & GREEN TEAM

Our mission is to follow the “three R’s” of caring for creation: REDUCE your use of non-sustainable products; REUSE those products as often as you can before the final option: RECYCLE.

Formed in the Spring of 2023, the Good and Green Team works together to care for God’s creation because as God says over and over again in the book of Genesis: God saw what God had made and said it was good, very good. The good people of Good Shepherd care very deeply about serving God and our community and are working together to collect information, raise money to implement green initiatives at our parish and in the wider community and to pray together to bring environmental justice to God’s world.

Creation Care Education Work:

The Good and Green Team manages the bulletin boards in the Parish Hall and the page on our Good Shepherd web site: <https://goodshepherdwareham.org/green-team/> where members post articles, tips, and flyers about environmental stewardship. It is updated monthly.

Collection of Redeemable Bottles, Cans, and Used Sneakers:

On the 3rd Sunday of every month, the Good and Green Team collects redeemable cans and bottles for redemption and sneakers to be recycled via GotSneakers.com. New/good condition sneakers are donated to Turning Point to help our unhoused neighbors. The funds raised will go to fund our creation care efforts in our parish- for example purchasing a recycle bin for the parish hall to be used for our coffee hours, Good Shepherd’s Table and other community events; buying more sustainable dinnerware, cups and utensils for our meals and community gatherings; a water bottle filler purchased and installed to replace the overuse of single use plastic water bottles; and more!

Volunteer Opportunities:

All are welcome to join our team by collecting redeemable cans and bottles, bringing in used sneakers, participating in community clean-ups, providing information for our resource

boards, participating in our monthly meetings, and advocating for the care of God's good creation in your own community.

For more information and/or to volunteer, contact Deacon Hilary Greene at 508-737-4542 or hgreene78@comcast.net.

GOOD SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Good Shepherd's Table is a soup kitchen run by volunteers of our Good Shepherd community. The doors of our Good Shepherd's Table open wide each Thursday evening to serve a free hot meal to one and all from Wareham and the surrounding community. The meal is served at 4:30pm in our church hall. Good Shepherd's Table also provides takeout meals for those who prefer to take a meal home.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteer are always needed to set up tables and chairs (2:30 - 3:00pm), to serve the meal (4:30 - 5:00pm), to wash pots and pans (4:30-5:30), and to help clean the parish hall (5:00-5:30pm).

For more information and/or to volunteer in this rewarding ministry, please contact Pat Probert at Pattip46@verizon.net or call 508-291-3364.

PRAYER GROUP

The Good Shepherd Prayer Group prays for those who request prayers concerning health and other needs. Our Prayer list includes names of those who are ill, the hungry and needy, the abused, the unemployed, for caretakers, and for the Church of the Good Shepherd and all its ministries. To add a name to our prayer list, please contact Pastor Dan (508-295-2840 or pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com) or Pat Probert (her contact information below).

Volunteer Opportunity:

All are welcome to be a part of the Good Shepherd Prayer Group.

For more information about the Prayer Group or to join the Prayer Group, please contact Pat Probert at Pattip46@verizon.net or 508-291-3364.

MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE

The Good Shepherd Memorial Garden is located at the far end of the gardens in the front of the church (along High Street). The Good Shepherd Memorial Garden provides a place on our property for the interment of cremated remains of church members and their immediate families. A record of all persons interred in the Garden is recorded in a glass covered case in the rear of the church. There is also a memorial stone, on which deceased members'

names can be engraved. Our Memorial Garden Committee meets two times per year to oversee the upkeep and conditions of the Memorial Garden.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We welcome new Memorial Garden committee members and assistance is always needed for the upkeep of the Memorial Garden, such as weeding and mulching.

For information and volunteer opportunities, please contact Rich or Judy Ellis at richellis1947@gmail.com or at 508-295-5318.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday School:

The Good Shepherd Sunday School (children from 1st grade through 5th grade) meets on the first and third Sunday of the month from September through June. The Sunday School is held in the church meeting room (in the parish office area of the church) on Sunday mornings from 9:50 through 10:40. The children read and discuss a story which teaches them the values associated with the Way of Jesus, the Way of Love. Then the children do some kind of activity that reinforces what was learned through the story and discussion. The children go into the 10:00 Service just before the Eucharist part of the Service.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Teacher – Choose a story from the children's book collection in the classroom, read the story and lead the discussion. Prepare and carry out an activity (crafts, puzzles, coloring, learning a song, etc.). Lead the opening and closing prayers with the children. Teachers minister once a month.

Teacher's Assistant – Assist the teacher with welcoming the children, provide support for all the activities as needed, especially the activity of the day. Teacher's Assistants minister once a month.

All Sunday School volunteers must undergo CORI background checks and receive training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children.

For more information or to volunteer for the Sunday School, please contact Pastor Dan: pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com or 508-295-2840.

Sunday Nursery:

The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery (for children through kindergarten age) is open during our 10am Sunday Services. The Sunday Nursery time includes the telling of a story (related to the importance of living as Jesus lived, living the Way of Love), informal play time, and a snack. Children arrive at the nursery beginning at 9:45am and the nursery closes 10 minutes after the conclusion of the 10am Service. The Sunday Nursery is located on the third floor of the church.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Volunteers minister in teams of two and rotate to cover the nursery, usually volunteering every 4-6 weeks (depending on the number of volunteers).

All Sunday Nursery volunteers must undergo CORI background checks and receive training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children.

For more information or to volunteer for the Sunday Nursery, please contact Pastor Dan: pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com or 508-295-2840.

SUNDAY LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgical Ministers are important to the Sunday Services at Good Shepherd. Training is provided for all Liturgical Ministers. Liturgical Ministers assist in the Sunday Services through the following ministries:

Sunday Services Set-Up:

The Set-Up ministry for the Sunday Services includes putting out the vessels, books, and service booklets for the Service. It also includes helping in preparing the church for other Services during the year, such as Christmas and Easter. This ministry takes about 20-30 minutes for Sunday Services (either the 8am or 10am Services). Set-Up ministers serve on a rotating basis every 2-4 weeks.

Sunday Readers:

The Sunday Readers read the First Reading and lead the congregation in the recitation of the Psalm. These ministers read on a rotating schedule every 6-8 weeks.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Eucharistic Ministers assist the Priest during the Service by leading the Prayers of the People, assisting in the preparation of the altar, distributing communion, and helping clear the altar after the Service. Eucharistic Ministers serve on a rotating basis every 4-8 weeks.

Hospitality Ministers:

Hospitality ministers welcome Service participants as they arrive, assist guests as needed, bring the offering up to the altar, direct people during communion, pick up and dispose of

Service booklets after the Service. Hospitality Ministers serve on a rotating basis every 4-8 weeks.

Sunday Services Clean-Up:

The Sunday Services Clean-Up ministers clean up and put things away after the Sunday 10am Services. Clean-Up ministers serve on a rotating basis every 2-4 weeks.

For more information or to volunteer for any of these Sunday Liturgical Ministries, please contact Pastor Dan: pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com or 508-295-2840.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Music Ministry of Good Shepherd is primarily focused on our Sunday 10am Service. Music is an important part of our 10am Sunday worship experience. God speaks to us in many ways, including through music. Through the gift of music we can experience God's loving, healing, and guiding presence.

Volunteer Opportunities:

If you have a gift of music and would like to share that gift with our Good Shepherd community, you are welcome to speak with our Music Ministry team about that possibility. Particularly, we welcome those who would like to sing in our occasional choir or play a musical instrument.

For more information or to explore if music ministry might be a good fit for you, please contact our Music Ministry coordinator Jeane Wallace: jmarg2000@yahoo.com or 774-283-0090.

GOOD SHEPHERD GUILD

The Good Shepherd Guild meetings are held on the second Monday of the month beginning at 4:00pm in the church hall. We typically start the church year in September, take a winter break after the Christmas Fair, and reconvene in March/April and finish the year with a June luncheon. We are a social group that helps to support the church in various ways. We make an annual pledge to the church budget. We review who needs prayers and send cards to members, families and others in need of support. We have rummage sales and help with church sponsored events. Most of all we have fun.

We have a group dinner twice a year. After the Christmas Fair and in June before we take our summer break.

Good Shepherd Crafters:

We have a subgroup (which is most Guild members) that does crafts on the other Monday nights of the week, beginning at 6:00pm (from April until the Christmas Fair). Our major

purpose for these craft nights (other than having fun) is to make crafts for our Annual Christmas Fair, which is how we reach our pledge goal for the year.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Participate in the monthly Good Shepherd Guild meetings
- Participate in the weekly Crafters Group
- Assist with the Spiring Rummage Sale
- Assist with the Christmas Fair

For more information about the Good Shepherd Guild or to join us, please be in touch with Judy Govoni or just show up. Judy Govoni: jggovoni@gmail.com or 508-295-4187.

COFFEE HOUR

Every Sunday there is a coffee hour in the Church Hall immediately following the 10:00am Service. It is a time for inviting guests and members to socialize and get to know one another better. We offer coffee, juice and simple snacks.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Everyone is welcome to help host the coffee hour. Some have used it to commemorate a special day for them, such as a birthday or anniversary. It basically requires coming in around 9:00am to help set up and make the coffee (coffee, juice, cream & sugar are provided). You are asked to provide simple snacks. Plates, napkins & silverware are all available at the church (unless you have a special occasion and wish to bring in special items). We typically have 25-35 adults & children. When it starts thinning out you can start cleaning up. Deacon Hillary has graciously offered to take any dirty dishes & silverware home to wash. I (Judy Govoni) am always available to help.

For more information or to sign-up, please contact Judy Govoni: jggovoni@gmail.com or 508-295-4187.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee plans the social gatherings of our Good Shepherd community. These include potluck suppers and the annual church barbecue. The purpose of these gatherings is to bring our community together so that we can deepen our friendships and strengthen our bonds of support for one another. There are generally 4 social gatherings each year.

For more information or to volunteer for the Social Committee, please contact Pastor Dan: pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com or 508-295-2840.

GARDENING GROUP

The Good Shepherd gardening group is responsible for weeding planted areas around the church. Volunteers claim a **small** area and, when weeds pop, pull them up and dispose of them either in their own compost pile or bagged in paper in the dumpster at the bottom of the parking lot.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Areas to be cleaned are the sidewalk strip along High Street including the sidewalk cracks, the front garden (area on either side of the flag pole), the area along the ramp leading up to the main entrance to the church, the rose garden off the back parking lot of the church, and planted area along the rear porch. Time needed is about twenty minutes whenever the volunteer sees weeds coming up.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Rich Ellis at richellis1947@gmail.com or call or text him at 508-728-4820.

PRAYER SHAWL/PRAYER MANTLE MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl and Prayer Mantle Ministry is a quiet, behind-the-scenes group that offers love from our faith community as a way of reaching out to those who are ill or struggling in some way. Parishioners knit or crochet these items to provide security and warmth to those people. Before the shawl or prayer mantle is given out, the Pastor blesses each one and asks that through it God will continue to sustain and embrace the person in good times as well as difficult ones.”

We are always looking for help in creating prayer shawls and prayer mantles. Directions are available for a very basic knitting pattern that makes a lovely, lacey shawl that can be modified to make a men’s prayer mantle. All patterns, of course, are welcomed.

Volunteer Opportunities:

If you would like to knit or crochet a shawl or mantle, please contact Judy Ellis: judyellis1969@gmail.com or 508-245-9344.