



# Along The Way

## The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham November 6, 2024



Good Shepherd Friends,

It is easy to imagine that some of us are not so pleased with the results of the election yesterday. The truth is that some of us would not have been pleased no matter the outcome. So, what do we, as followers of Jesus and the Way of Love, do if our candidates were not elected? We do the same things we did before the election. We continue the work of building up the Kingdom of God, of being practitioners of Love. God's people, especially the fearful, the lonely, the poor, and all those who have been beaten down and marginalized still need to know that God cares and that we care. We just keep loving.

If anger and bitterness have hold of you, take a deep breath and pray to God that you might be able to let them go. Pray that they will not take control of you. Focus that energy in spreading the light of God's Love in the lives of others.

As those who follow Jesus and the Way of Love, we must continue our work to build up the Kingdom of God, which Jesus announced and lived; a Kingdom in which love, compassion, kindness, mercy, and equal justice are a priority. To build such a Kingdom, to live as Jesus lived, and to love as Jesus loved, we need to stay focused on what is most important. We must be loving, be compassionate, be kind, be merciful, and act with fairness. Wherever you go today and with everyone you speak, I encourage you to be a messenger of God's Love through your words and actions. Let us not sow anger and bitterness, which only bring on more darkness, let us sow love.

Together, with God's help, we continue our work of building the Kingdom of God, by loving as Jesus taught us to love. When we do this, the light of God's Love shines in our families, our communities, our country, and in our world.

***God, help us through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
to continue to love as Jesus loved.***

Peace,  
***Pastor Dan***

# LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

8 AM	10 AM
<p><u>READERS:</u> KAREN CLARK</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> JOELLA CRUZ</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> CECILY KOST JO-ANN FINN</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY:</u> PAT PROBERT &amp; SCOOTER HOLCOMBE</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC:</u> JUDY ELLIS</p> <p><u>NURSERY:</u> S.G. PRESTON &amp; ALLY PRESTON</p>

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## A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Sunday, November 10, you are asked to **return your Pledge Forms** to the church. We will have the opportunity after the offering is brought to the altar to place our pledge forms in the pledge basket in front of the lectern. All parishioners are asked to return a pledge form. If you are unable to make a pledge this year due to your financial position, please indicate that on the pledge form and return it. This way we will not reach out to you again asking for your pledge.

2. The **Good and Green Team** will be meeting this coming Sunday from 9-9:45. More information can be found below.

3. If you have parish information to pass on to the Good Shepherd community in our weekly newsletter ("Along the Way"), please submit the information to our office manager Cathi Maurice or to Pastor Dan.

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# Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

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## 2025 Stewardship Pledge Drive

Our Good Shepherd 2025 Stewardship Pledge Drive has begun. Please return your completed pledge forms to the church on either Sunday November 10 or 17 and place them in the pledge basket in the front of the church when the offering is brought to the altar. If you will not be in church November 10 & 17, please mail in your pledge form to the church by November 10. Extra pledge packets are available in the back of the church and on our church website ([www.goodshepherdwareham.org](http://www.goodshepherdwareham.org)). With the realization that all we have is a gift from God, given for the greater good, let us work together to brighten our world with the peace, hope and love of our God. For those of you who have been supporting our parish through ministries and financial contributions this past year, thank you!

## The Good Shepherd Food Pantry to Close

Tuesday, December 3 from 3-6pm, The Good Shepherd Food Pantry will be open for the last time. This decision was made due to the opening of the new Damiens Food Pantry facility earlier this year. About 80% of those who used to come to our Good Shepherd Pantry now go to Damien's. For more information about the closing of our food pantry, please refer to the letter Pastor Dan emailed parishioners on November 4. Until then, we are still looking for donations of cereal, toilet paper (4 packs), and individually packaged paper towels. Donations to the Food Pantry can be dropped off on Thursday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 or can be left in the back of the church on Sunday mornings. **Good Shepherd's Table will continue to serve free meals every Thursday afternoon at 4:30.**

## The Next Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Thursday, November 14, beginning at 6:00pm. If you would like to submit possible agenda items for consideration, you can do so through Becky Hansen (Senior Warden) or Pastor Dan by November 7.

## Good and Green Team Reminder:

We are meeting with our Path to Creation Justice Companion Rev. Russ Norris **THIS Sunday November 10 at 9 AM in the upstairs meeting room.** We will be looking at our current work and resources, our accomplishments and challenges and start to map out a path for our parish and our community. All are welcome to join! We will have our regular Good & Green Sunday activities on **November 17**, collecting cans, bottles and sneakers and hosting Coffee Hour.

## Children's Sunday Service – November 24

Our next Children's Sunday Service will be held on Sunday, November 24 during our 10am Service. This Service will focus on the children of our Good Shepherd community. The prayers, music, readings, and the sermon will speak to the children. All are invited to participate in these children focused Eucharistic Services. There will be no age restriction. Everyone can benefit from these Services. Let us gather in support of our young families and their children.

## Parish Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Parish Thanksgiving Service on **Wednesday, November 27 at 7pm.** All are welcome to gather and together give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, including our parish family. Thanksgiving Day can be very busy with many details to attend to; the Parish Thanksgiving Service is a good way to make sure that thanking God is part of our Thanksgiving celebration. The Thanksgiving Eve Service will also be available online through Facebook Live, and the recorded Service will be made available following the live Service.

## The Good Shepherd's Table Thanksgiving Day Meal

On Thanksgiving Day (November 28) there will once again be a Thanksgiving meal served in the Church Hall at 1pm, preceded by an optional prayer service in the church at 12:30. All are welcome to share in this meal, which is open to the public. Please let others know about this opportunity, especially those who may be alone for Thanksgiving.

## Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Ministry

It's time once again for the "Operation Christmas Child" shoe box ministry. This is a *global* ministry where boxes filled with toys and useful items are sent to children across the world, along with messages of God's (and *our!*) love for them. Shoe boxes and information are available at the back of the church near the entrance. Filled shoe boxes can be dropped off at the church **through Sunday November 24.** Please include a \$10 check for shipping, made out to "Samaritan's Purse". You can also pay the shipping with a credit card online (see link below). Contact Jeane Wallace if you have questions: [jmarg2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jmarg2000@yahoo.com) or 508-291-2095. For more information about Operation Christmas Child, and guidelines for packing a shoe box visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

### **Church Service Booklet Ads Fundraiser**

One of the main fundraisers of our church is the ad section of our Sunday Service booklets. Businesses take out ads each year, which helps them and us at the same time. Please help us raise funds for our church by giving an area business the opportunity to advertise in our Sunday Service booklets. Church ads fundraiser packets can be found in the back of the church, which will guide you on how to invite businesses to advertise with us. Thank you!

### **The Guild Christmas Fair is Coming Soon - We Need Your Help**

On Saturday, December 7 from 9am-2pm, the Good Shepherd Guild will hold its annual Christmas Fair. We have been working on crafts, but we need your help through donations of the following items:

- o Used Christmas items
- o New and used jewelry
- o New and gently used scarves
- o New and like new gift items for children of all ages and for adults (for the Children's Shopping Room)

Please start collecting these items at home and bring them to the Church the week before the Fair so that we can sort and organize them. We will also offer a variety of Crafts and Gift Baskets created and assembled by the Good Shepherd Guild. All parishioners will receive a letter with all the details, raffle tickets and additional requests for the Baked Goods Table. Thank You! ***The Good Shepherd Guild***

### **Please Stay Home When You're Not Feeling Well**

This is a reminder that if you have covid or another contagious illness, please do not come to the church. Basically, if you are not feeling well, please stay home. It is important that you stay home and rest, and it is important that we be vigilant in order not to spread viruses with one another. Remember, the 10am Sunday Service is offered on Facebook Live every Sunday, and the link to the recorded Service is sent to those on our church email list following the live Service. Stay home, rest, and participate online.

### **The Good Shepherd Guild Craft Nights**

Every Monday evening the Good Shepherd Guild holds "Craft Night" in the Church Hall, which begins at 6pm. The crafts are later sold at the Guild Christmas Craft Fair in December. All are welcome to join in support of this fundraiser for the church, and to enjoy one another's company in the process. No experience is needed (really), just a willingness to help. We hope to see you there.

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. The Sunday School is located in the church meeting room, in the office area. All Sunday School volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children. Please contact Pastor Dan for more information. The registration form can be downloaded from our Good Shepherd website ([www.goodshepherdwareham.org](http://www.goodshepherdwareham.org)).

### **The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery**

The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery (for children through kindergarten age) is open during our 10am Sunday Services. Children are most welcome in the church, but the nursery will be available for them as well. Children can arrive at the nursery beginning at 9:50am and the nursery will close 10 minutes after the conclusion of the 10am Service. The Sunday Nursery is located on the third floor of the church, which can be accessed at the top of the church office stairwell in the back of the church building, through the door (marked Sunday Nursery). All nursery volunteers have undergone CORI background checks and received training, including the Safe Church training required by the Episcopal Church for all those who work with children. If you have questions about the nursery or would like to volunteer, please contact the church office (508-295-2840). The registration form can be downloaded from our Good Shepherd website ([www.goodshepherdwareham.org](http://www.goodshepherdwareham.org)).

### **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 mid-week Eucharist is approximately 20 minutes. ***There will not be a mid-week Service on Wednesday, November 13 & 27.***

### **WCTV Sunday Service Coverage**

WCTV, the Wareham local access channel, will now be broadcasting recordings of our Sunday Services. The recorded Services will air a week later. WCTV can be found on Comcast channel 9 and Verizon channel 30. This is a good way to share Jesus' message of love and compassion with our Wareham community, and also let people know about our Good Shepherd community.

### **Prayer Request Book**

In the back of the church on Sunday mornings, there is a Prayer Request Book. As you come into the church each Sunday, you are welcome to record in the Prayer Request Book the names of those who need prayers. During the prayers of the people, we pray for “all those whose names have been recorded in the Prayer Request Book.”

### **Sunday Coffee Hour**

Every Sunday, following the 10am Sunday Service, coffee hour is held in the Church Hall. Coffee hour is an opportunity for us to further get to know one another and share our lives with one another. The wearing of a facemask is welcome, for those who choose to wear one. Like all other indoor church functions, if you are not feeling well, please do not participate at coffee hour.

### **Good Shepherd Table**

Good Shepherd's Table serves a free in-person meal, which is open to the public, every Thursday at 4:30pm. Take-out meals are available from 4:30-4:45pm for those who choose not to eat indoors with others. Like all other indoor church functions, if you are not feeling well, please do not participate in the Good Shepherd Table indoor dining.

### **Pastoral Care**

If you would like yourself or someone else placed on the Good Shepherd prayer list, please contact me (Pastor Dan). The Good Shepherd prayer group prays daily for those on the prayer list. If you need or would like a pastoral visit from the priest, please let me know. My contact information can be found below and is also on the back of the weekly Sunday Service Booklet. The only way I know that you need a pastoral visit is if you let me know. You might want to keep my contact information (cell # 603-953-3659 for emergencies) somewhere handy, so you know where to find it if the need arises. Pastor Dan

### **Contacting Pastor Dan**

You can contact me by email ([pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com)), by calling the church number (508-295-2840) and leaving a message, or if it is an urgent matter by calling me through my cell phone (603-953-3659). Pastor Dan

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