



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham **April 23, 2024**

Reflections

*From the
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

Happy Easter!

The Church season of Easter lasts for seven weeks, ending on Pentecost Sunday (which is June 8 this year). During the season of Easter, we focus on the presence of Jesus in our lives and our call to continue Jesus' mission of love in this world.

This coming Sunday we will read a passage from the Gospel of John about Jesus appearing to his disciples after his death. It reminds us about the importance of community, of gathering to remember Jesus. And it is a reminder to us all of the importance of our Good Shepherd community as we journey through life.

Our Sunday gathering is the time in which we connect with God and one another, and recommit our lives to Jesus' mission of love. It should be a priority in our lives, not to be put aside lightly. Without our Sunday gatherings, we can so easily lose our focus on God's light and love, and we need God's light and love. Without our Sunday gatherings we can so easily lose focus on Jesus and the way of living and loving that he has shown us.

May God Bless you in this Holy Week,

Pastor Dan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE APRIL 27, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Sunday, April 27, is *Good & Green Sunday*, which will include an invitation to sign our *Good Shepherd pledge board* in support of being better stewards of God creation for the next year. Look below for more information about Good and Green Sunday.

2. 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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Reduce and Reuse Tips for April, “Earth Month”

As we close out April, here are a few more tips. Stop by coffee hour to pull a tip out of our **“Reduce & Reuse Tip Jar”** this Sunday.

- o Help create a market for recycled paper – **buy recycled paper products** made with post-consumer waste.
- o **Recycle paper to save trees from being cut down** – this process reduces the amount of energy needed to produce more paper by about half and reduces air pollution emissions.
- o **Use reusable dishware and** utensils rather than paper plates, cups or napkins. **Choose “tree-free”** paper products, such as those made from hemp.
 - o Clean out juice bottles and **REUSE** them for water.
- o **Donate extras** to people you know or to charity instead of throwing them away.

Good & Green Sunday is THIS Sunday:

Since Easter was on the 3rd Sunday of the month, the Good and Green Team activities will happen on **Sunday, April 27th**. In addition to our usual collections of cans and bottles and sneakers, we will be collecting our community **2025 Pledge Forms** and signing our **Pledge Poster** at both services. If you are interested in joining together with other parishioners on community efforts, please fill out the **Community Pledge Form** and put in the box at the back of the church. Whether you fill out a form or not, please join us in signing our pledge poster.

If you do not have any cans or bottles or sneakers to donate but want to support our work, you can use the **Good Shepherd PayPal** site on our home page and put **Good & Green** in the memo section or you can just put money in our jar at the church **on Good & Green Sunday**.

Good & Green Team at the Gleason Family Y on Earth Day April 22

Team members were at the community Earth Day Fair and afterwards cleaned up the area on Charge Pond Road. Thanks to Jo-Ann Finn and her sister Sandi, Jan Barton, Kathy Doyle and Linda Quinn for their help!



Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

Good & Green Team Plastic Easter Eggs Collection

As a part of our Good & Green Team's *Reduce, Reuse and Recycle* initiatives, we will be collecting empty plastic Easter eggs (when the children are done enjoying them) so we can reuse them and re-fill them next year. We will have a collection basket in the back of the church through May 11. Thank you for caring for God's creation.

Easter Flower Donations - Thank You

Thank you to all who made donations, which allowed us to purchase flowers and prepare the church for the celebration of Easter. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

An Easter Thank You

Thanks to all those who helped to make our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter celebrations so meaningful. Thank you to the liturgical ministers. Thank you to Maurice Parkonen for the beautiful Palm Sunday palm arrangements. Thank you to Cheryl Denton and Maurice Parkonen who helped prepare the church for the Easter Services. Thank you to our music ministry team: Jeane Wallace, Jon Andrews and Leslie Bernier; for sharing your gifts of music so generously and beautifully with us; also, for Joe Wallace and Preston for your musical Easter contributions. Thank you Choir for the beautiful anthem on Easter Sunday. Easter Blessings to all! *Pastor Dan*

Pastor Dan Will Be Away

I will be on vacation from April 24-May 2. The Reverend Sue Lederhouse will be presiding at the Sunday Services on April 27. I will be back in my office on May 3. If you have a pastoral issue which cannot wait until my return, please contact Deacon Hilary. If you have some church-related business which cannot wait until my return, please contact our Senior Warden Joella Cruz. Their contact information can be found in the church picture directory. *Pastor Dan*

The Next Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Thursday, May 8, beginning at 6:00pm. If you would like to submit possible agenda items for consideration, you can do so through Joella Cruz (Senior Warden) or Pastor Dan by May 1.

The Wareham Recycling Center – Volunteers Needed

The Wareham Recycling Center is seeking volunteers to help organize their Book Shed and Swap Shed. Duties would include greeting donors and receiving items for the sheds, alphabetizing books, cleaning and organizing, and interacting with the public. The Center is open Wednesdays 1-3 and Saturdays 9-12. Volunteers could work one day or both...or it would be a perfect "job sharing" opportunity. Benefits: you get first pick of some great "stuff", and you'll work with some awesome volunteers while helping to save the planet! If interested, reach out to Amanda Cobb at warehamrecycling@gmail.com.

"Wareham Walks for the Homeless" Fundraiser

Please save the date of Sunday, May 18. On Sunday, May 18, the Wareham Area Clergy Association is sponsoring its 3rd annual 5-mile walk in support of Turning Point (<https://turningpointwareham.org>) and its work to assist the homeless and near homeless of our area. The walk is called "Wareham Walks for the Homeless," and begins at 1:00pm. The 5-mile Walk will start and end at Good Shepherd. Please consider supporting this fundraiser by becoming a walker or by donating to those who will be walking. Walker sponsor forms are available in the church and on our Good Shepherd website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org). For more information, you can reach out to Deacon Hilary, Pastor Dan, or Scooter Holcombe.

Purchase Flowers in May and Help Us Feed the Hungry

Our Good Shepherd's Table Thursday meals has once again been selected to benefit from Stop & Shop's Bloomin' 4 Good Program, created to fight hunger across the communities they serve. For the month of May, a bouquet in the sleeve marked "Bloomin' 4 Good" from the Stop & Shop at Wareham will brighten a home or make someone's day while also directing a donation to Good Shepherd's Table. So, if you're looking to buy flowers in May, this is a way to help us feed the hungry as well.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

We would like to invite every household to host coffee hour, which follows our 10am Sunday Service. You can host by yourselves or join with another household. Coffee hour hosts are asked to bring a quart size carton of half-n-half, a half-gallon carton of juice, and some snacks to feed 6-8 children and about 30 adults (for example: cake, pastry, cookies, brownies, cheese and crackers, fruit, cut up veggies, etc.). Hosts arrive at the church by 9:15 to set up for coffee hour. Judy Govoni will be there to assist you. Hosts are also asked to clean up after coffee hour. The idea is that each household would host coffee hour about every three or four months. The sign-up list can be found on the food table during coffee hour.

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 be no Mid-week Service on April 30.***

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.

Sunday School

Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service on the 1st and 3rd 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).

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).

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), 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

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.

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