



# Along The Way

## The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham July 16, 2025

Reflections

*From the  
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

Are you someone who has to be in motion, has to be busy about something most of your waking hours? Are you often multitasking? For example, while on the phone talking to someone, are you also texting or surfing the internet or doing some other tasks? I believe this is the case for many of us. We find the meaning of our lives to be about what we do. So, we keep busy and perhaps even hope others see just how busy we are. The problem with being too busy is that we can lose touch with our life's true meaning. Our lives can simply become about being busy, and we lose touch with who we are and who we are called to be.

In the gospel passage for Sunday, we have the story of Martha and Mary. In this story we are taught the importance of having balance in our lives of both doing good in the world and just being.

Is your life out of balance? If so, I imagine the weight of your time is spent in the doing. If this is the case, I challenge you to take some time to just be. Just be in the moment and in the presence of God in some way. Let go of the busyness and just be for 15 minutes or 10 minutes, or even 5 minutes. Don't try to be productive with the time, just be. Take a slow, deep breath, invite God in, and just be.

Peace,

**Pastor Dan**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 20, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
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## A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. Check the announcements below for an update on our **bell tower renovation**.
2. This coming Sunday, July 20, is **Good & Green Sunday**. There are no meetings this summer, but we will still be accepting redeemable bottles and cans and used sneakers.
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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**Good & Green Team Sunday** is this Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup>! Thank you in advance for bringing in your redeemable cans, bottles and your used sneakers. We also will have our fundraising jar out at the services in case you want to throw in some spare change or dollars to help fund our sustainable initiatives. You can also use the church's **PayPal account** (found on our home page: <https://goodshepherdwareham.org/>) The **Good and Green Team** will be hosting **Coffee Hour** and though we postponed our monthly meetings, we are busy caring for God's good creation all summer long. Please take a look at our bulletin board for "**Reduce and Reuse**" tips – also you can find some at our Good Shepherd Table at the **Onset Music Series** every Wednesday! And our web page has links to more info on how to reduce our use of single use plastics and other materials that harm our environment.

Thank you for your support and engagement in our program. Stay tuned!

## Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

### **Bell Tower Renovation Update – The Clocks are Working**

Our Bell Tower has been in the process of being renovated since April. So far, the bell wheel has been replaced, the bell mounts repaired, and the bell area floor was resealed to prevent further leaking. As of this past week, the clocks have been installed and are operating. All that remains is for the spire to be painted and the cross to have gold leaf applied. **We give thanks to Chuck and Rebecca McCullough, Sam & Gerry Gray, and Rev. Dorothy Greene** (Deacon Hilary's mother), each has generously donated or pledged \$15,000 towards the project (a total of \$45,000). Their donations will offset the \$70,000 cost of the renovations. What we do not receive in donations to cover the cost of the renovations, will be taken from the Pond Fund.

### **Mid-Year Financial Appeal**

The Vestry is asking each of us to consider making a mid-year financial gift to help support our church's budget and reduce our budget deficit. A mid-year financial appeal letter and donation envelope were distributed in early July. The letter can also be found on our Good Shepherd Wareham website. You can make a contribution by mailing it to the church, or by placing it in the offertory box on Sundays through the end of July. The Vestry appreciates your ongoing financial support of our Good Shepherd Community. We also appreciate any additional financial gift you can make and understand if you are not able to do so. Thank you!

### **We Are Looking for Sunday Nursery Volunteers**

We are looking for 4 new Sunday Nursery (10am Service) volunteers for the next school year, beginning in September. Volunteers will serve approximately every 4-6 weeks. This is mostly play time for the children, with a short time to tell and discuss a story. All nursery volunteers must undergo a background check and complete Safe Church Training. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Dan. Thank you.

### **Good Shepherd Display Table at the Onset Summer Concert Series**

During July & August, our Good Shepherd Church will have a display table at the Onset summer concert series on Wednesday evenings. The concerts are at the band stand near the Onset pier, beginning at 6:30pm. This is one of the ways we are letting people know who we are and what is important to our community. Come by and say hello to those who will be staffing the table. Let Becky Hansen know if you would like to help us staff the table.

### **The Next Vestry Meeting**

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Thursday, July 24, 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 July 17.

### **Music from Land's End Concerts**

Music from Land's End Wareham is returning to Good Shepherd this year. Wareham summer resident Ariadne Daskalakis said she started this series as an intimate summer chamber music festival. At Music from Land's End Wareham, Ariadne and her husband Sebastian Gottschick have created fascinating programs combining different musical styles. It will be open seating and donations for the concerts will be accepted at the door. For more information, and for the full schedule, please visit the Music From Land's End website [www.mlewareham.org](http://www.mlewareham.org).

#### ***Sunday, July 27 (5pm):***

Chamber Music for Strings and Voice, featuring Linda Tsatsanis, Soprano; Ariadne Daskalakis, violin; Sebastian Gottschick, composer/viola and Nathan Whitaker, cello.

With works by Beethoven, Haydn, Gottschick and Theodorakis

#### ***Sunday, August 10 (5pm):***

Masterpiece Piano Trios by Beethoven, Brahms and Faure; with Gideon Rubin, piano; Ariadne Daskalakis, violin; and Paige Riggs, cello

### **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.

### **We Need Some Gardening Help at the Church**

We are looking for volunteers to do some weeding around the church grounds. Would you be willing to give one hour a month to help us keep our gardens beautiful? If so, please contact Rich Ellis (508-295-5318) or Pastor Dan. Thank you!

### **Prayer Blanket Ministry**

As a way of reaching out to those who are ill or struggling in some way, parishioners have knitted blankets to be given to those who can benefit from receiving these gifts of warmth and comfort. Pastor Dan blesses each blanket before it is given. He prays that "this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and well-being... sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones." Please contact Judy Ellis (Prayer Blanket Ministry Coordinator) or Pastor Dan if you would like a prayer blanket 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 beautiful prayer blankets. All patterns, of course, are welcomed. If needed, yarn will be provided. If you would like to support the prayer shawl ministry but do not knit or crochet, ask Judy about a way you can help.

### **Food Pantry Wish List**

Church of the Good Shepherd is partnering with Damien's Place Food Pantry by provided needed items for those using the pantry. These items are difficult for Damien's to purchase from the Greater Boston Food Bank. Damien's is looking specifically for **cereal and jars of jelly**. Donations can be left in the baskets in the back of the church on Sunday mornings or dropped off at the Church Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-1pm. Thank you!

### **Be Aware of Scammers**

Be aware of scammers who send emails or texts to church members in the name of their pastors (the fake emails are very close to the pastor's authentic email address), asking them to send gifts cards electronically to support those in need during a crisis. Please do not do so. I would never ask you to send electronic gift cards. If you are not certain about an email or text, please call me or email me (using my correct email) directly with

your questions. **Pastor Dan**

### **Sunday Flower Donations**

Please consider donating for the purchase of altar flowers for our Sunday Services in memory of deceased loved ones or in thanksgiving of blessings in your life. More information about how this works can be found in the “Sunday Flower Donations” envelopes which are located in the back of the church, and on our “Church of the Good Shepherd Wareham” website. Please check the Sunday Flowers board in the back of the church, or call the parish office (508-295-2840), to determine which upcoming Sundays are available in 2025.

### **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed**

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. Every household is invited 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 and more information 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 Wednesday Eucharist on August 13 & 20.***

### **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.”

### **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.

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

The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery, for children through kindergarten age, is closed for the summer. It will reopen on Sunday, September 7.

### **Sunday School**

Our Good Shepherd Sunday School, which is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service (usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month), is on summer break. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 7.

### **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

### **Wareham Media (WM) Sunday Service Coverage**

Wareham Media, the Wareham local access channel, will now be broadcasting recordings of our Sunday Services. The recorded Services will air a week later. WM 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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