



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham July 23, 2025

Reflections

*From the
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

As people of faith, we have come to understand God as the creative force behind all of creation. The wonder and beauty of nature and all its creatures can be breathtaking. God is so good and generous to have gifted us with so much beauty. If you haven't paused to observe and appreciate the gift of nature lately, I encourage you to do so. There is something calming to the heart, mind, and spirit when we immerse ourselves in nature. Perhaps that's because we can feel the presence of the creator when we are surrounded by so much wonder and beauty.

The best way to show our appreciation to God for the wonder and beauty of creation is by being good stewards of creation. Unfortunately, we are not doing such a good job with that. Global Warming is a reality of the present and not simply a possibility of the future. We use too much. We shop too much. We throw too much away. Let's be more aware of the waste and excesses of our lives and do what we can to preserve the wonder and beauty of creation.

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Peace,

Pastor Dan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 27, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
<u>READERS:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> MIKE ALFONSO <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> JOELLA CRUZ	<u>READERS:</u> BECKY RYDER JAN BARTON <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> DAN ANNA & BECKY HANSEN <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> SHERYL FACCHETTI <u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> NO NURSERY <u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u> VIV & GINA GALLERANI

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Sunday, July 27, there will be a *classical music concert* at Good Shepherd beginning at 5pm. Look below for more information.
2. Our *mid-year financial appeal* is currently underway. Donations to offset our church budget deficit are appreciated. As of July 20, we have received 31 donations, totaling \$6,445. Thank you! See below for more information.
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

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 last 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 Update

The Vestry has asked each of us to consider making a mid-year financial gift to help support our church's budget and reduce our budget deficit. ***As of Sunday, July 20, there have been 31 donations totaling \$6,445.*** You can still make a contribution by mailing it to the church, or by placing it in the offertory box on Sundays. 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

Our Good Shepherd community has 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.

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 not be a Noon Service 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 1st and 3rd 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), 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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