



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham July 9, 2025

Reflections

*From the
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

"Who is my neighbor?" This is the question a lawyer asks Jesus in the Gospel passage we have this coming Sunday. The lawyer knew that the greatest commandment is to love God and to love one's neighbor. So, what he really wanted to know is who he didn't have to love; who was not included as neighbor. Did he have to love those deemed to be sinners? Did he have to love those who were not his family members? Did he have to love those who were not Jewish? The lawyer wanted to tighten the circle of inclusivity when it came to love. But this was not the way of Jesus.

Jesus used a parable to teach us that we are to see everyone as neighbor, as family. And he emphasized this by having the Samaritan as the hero of the story. The Jewish people saw the Samaritans as their enemies, yet in the story it is the Samaritan who helps the person in need. In doing this, Jesus was widening the circle of who we should love. We should love everyone. We should show kindness to everyone. That's why at Good Shepherd all are welcome here, just as we are.

Who is outside your circle of inclusivity when it comes to loving? With God's help, let us work to ever widen our circle of inclusivity.

Peace,

Pastor Dan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE JULY 13, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
<p><u>READERS:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> RICH SOUZA</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> CHERYL DENTON</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> RICH ELLIS JEAN NYMAN</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> JUDY GOVONI & RICHIE BALANCA</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> ELAINE GRAYBILL</p> <p><u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> NO NURSERY</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u> THE WINTERS FAMILY</p>

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Saturday morning, July 12, there will be a **Memorial Service** at Good Shepherd for Bob Scott. It will begin at 11:00. All are welcome to join in the Service in support of Bob's family as we commend him to God.
2. This coming Sunday, July 13, there will be a **mid-year church budget review** meeting from 9-9:45am (between Services), which will be led by our treasurer Becky Hansan. Look 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

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 will be distributed beginning this coming Sunday. 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!

Mid-Year Financial Review Meeting

On Sunday, July 13, there will be a mid-year church financial review meeting from 9-9:45am (between Services), which will be led by our treasurer Becky Hansan. This meeting will update parishioners on the church's financial position halfway through our budget year. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Good Shepherd Display Table at the Onset Summer Concert Series

Beginning July 16, our Good Shepherd Church will have a display table at the Onset summer concert series on Wednesday evenings. The concerts 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 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.

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 Shawl Ministry

As a way of reaching out to those who are ill or struggling in some way, parishioners have knitted shawls to be given to those who can benefit from receiving these gifts of warmth and comfort. Pastor Dan blesses each shawl 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 Shawl Ministry Coordinator) or Pastor Dan if you would like a shawl 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 a beautiful, lacey shawl. It can also be modified to make a man's lap robe. 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*

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.

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.

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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