



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham August 13, 2025

Reflections

*From the
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

As we are all very well aware, life can sometimes be very difficult. We can find ourselves in overwhelming and painful situations such as the pain associated with the death of a loved one, recovering from an injury, or the ending of a relationship. During these times it can feel like the pain will never come to an end.

At these difficult times it is so important to have loving family, good friends, a caring church community, and a strong faith. We turn to our family, friends, and community to support us and love us. And we turn to God for healing, strength and patience.

Life teaches us that, with God's help, eventually the times of difficulty will come to an end, and we will be able to move on with our lives. Meanwhile, we take life one day at a time, praying and trusting that our loving God will see us through.

Peace,

Pastor Dan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 17, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
<p><u>READERS:</u> JOELLA CRUZ</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> MICHELLE MURRAY</p>	<p><u>READERS:</u> CECILY KOST JO-ANN FINN</p> <p><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> JUDY GOVONI SCOOTER HOLCOMBE</p> <p><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> KATHY DOLE</p> <p><u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> NO NURSERY</p> <p><u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u> GOOD AND GREEN TEAM</p>

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. 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 August 17th! 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 for our kick-off of the "**Season of Creation**" on Sunday, September 7th. Our Sunday School students will be helping us fill out our Good & Green Banner with God's creation on the 6th day: **US!** We will be adding people of all colors to our banner to proudly hang through this entire season- September 1st through October 4th, St. Francis Day.

Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

Pastor Dan Will Be Away

I will be on vacation from August 13-22. The Reverend Sue Lederhouse will be presiding at the Sunday Services on August 17. I will be back to the church on August 23. 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***

Discretionary Fund Donations

Good Shepherd has a Pastor's Discretionary Fund. It is from the Discretionary Fund that Pastor Dan is able to assist those in need. There are envelopes at the entrances of the church for you to use to make donations to the Discretionary Fund. Place your donations in one of these envelopes and place the envelope in one of the offertory boxes in the church, or you can mail the donation to the church office with a note that the donation is for the Discretionary Fund. Thank you to those who have contributed to the Discretionary Fund over the years. Those who have benefited from your donations are always very grateful.

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!

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.

Annual “Good Shepherd Family” Barbecue – September 7

Mark for calendar, September 7 is the date for our annual Good Shepherd Family Barbecue, which will be held in the Church Hall following our 10:00 Sunday Service. There will only be a 10:00 Service on that Sunday. There will not be an 8:00 Service that Sunday. If you plan to attend, please sign-up on the poster in the back of the church. Let us know how many will be in your party and whether you will be bringing a side dish or dessert to share. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. You can also sign-up by calling the parish office and giving your name, how many will be in your party, and whether you will be bringing a side dish or dessert to share. ***The deadline to sign up is Thursday, September 4.*** We hope to see you at the Service and at the barbecue!

Sunday School

The Good Shepherd Sunday School begins September 7. The 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 found in the church and can be downloaded from our Good Shepherd website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org). ***Please register your children by August 31.***

The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery

The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery will reopen on September 7. The 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 found in the church and can be downloaded from our Good Shepherd website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org). ***Please register your children by August 31.***

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 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.

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.

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***

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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