



# Along The Way

## The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham August 6, 2025

Reflections

*From the  
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

How is your summer going? You may have noticed that we are already in the second half of summer. Have you taken time to adventure? Are there summer activities that you usually enjoy, but have not yet engaged in this year? Have you gone out for ice cream? Have you been to the beach? Have you gone for a bike ride or a walk along the canal?

If you have not yet taken advantage of the summer months, I encourage you to get out and enjoy summer before it's over. It is important to take time to be present in the moment, enjoy nature, and create memories with family and friends.

Peace,

**Pastor Dan**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE AUGUST 10, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
<p><b><u>READERS:</u></b> KAREN CLARK</p> <p><b><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTER:</u></b> RICH SOUZA</p> <p><b><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u></b> CHERYL DENTON</p>	<p><b><u>READERS:</u></b> S.G. PRESTON SCOOTER HOLCOMBE</p> <p><b><u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u></b> PAT PROBERT &amp; RICH BALANCA</p> <p><b><u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u></b> RICH ELLIS</p> <p><b><u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u></b> NO NURSERY</p> <p><b><u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u></b> KERRI GALLAGHER THIBEDAU &amp; DONNA TOLLEY</p>

## WEEKLY SCRIPTERS

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## A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. **There is a Music from Land's End** concert this coming Sunday, August 10, beginning at 5pm. Look below for more details.

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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# Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

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## 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*

## 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.

## 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 27, there have been 38 donations totaling \$8,090.* 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!

## 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!

## 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.

### **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, 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!

### **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***

### **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**

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