



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham September 10, 2025

Reflections

*From the
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

Life can be very challenging at times, sometimes too hard to handle alone. To have the support we need in life God has given us one another; our loved ones with whom we share our lives. Who are the ones God has sent into your life to celebrate with you during good times and carry you during difficult times?

Although these loved ones are sent by God, it is up to us to nurture these relationships so they can take root and grow stronger in time. Who are your loved ones? How much of your time, love, and energy have you invested in them in recent months and years? Do you take them for granted? Are there some you have neglected?

Peace,

Pastor Dan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 14, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
<u>READERS:</u> JOELLA CRUZ <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> MICHELLE MURRAY	<u>READERS:</u> SHERYL FACCHETTI JANE MANDELL <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> PAT PROBERT & SCOOTER HOLCOMBE <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> SHERYL FACCHETTI <u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> NO NURSERY <u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u> JANE MANDELL & FAMILY AND THE PRESTON FAMILY

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Sunday, the *Sunday Nursery* will not be open.

2. On Sunday, September 21, there will be an opportunity to receive *prayers for healing* at both Sunday Services. 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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THE GOOD & GREEN TEAM'S SEASON OF CREATION CHALLENGE: Ask yourself...Are you "Good & Green?" We bet you are, so...**GIVE YOURSELF CREDIT!**

The Good & Green Team wants you to feel good about your efforts to being good to God's creation, so we created a POINTS SYSTEM to help you realize what a good steward you already are and how you add to your efforts in small steps...

HOW DO YOU ALREADY REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE?

*** If you already **recycle** all your recyclable materials (plastic, metal, paper, glass) give yourself **5 POINTS** for every item you recycle.

*** For every alternative packaging item you buy, give yourself **10 POINTS** for every item you buy in glass or metal instead of plastic.

*** Every time you **REUSE** an item (bag, bottle, can- have the goal of reusing something 3 times before disposing of it), give yourself **15 POINTS** when you have used the item 3 times.

*** **REDUCE!** For every non-sustainable packaged item you **DON'T** buy, give yourself **25 POINTS** each time you refrain from purchasing an item.

Keep track of your "points" during this "Season of Creation" (September 1- October 4) and you may be surprised just how "Good & Green" you already are...and can be!

Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

The Next Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Thursday, September 11, 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 September 4.

Prayers for Healing – Sunday, September 21

As part of our Sunday Services on September 21, there will be an opportunity for you to receive prayers for healing. These prayers for healing will be available after the sermon. Along with the healing prayers, a blessing with blessed oil will be given. All are invited to come forward to receive healing prayers, since we are all in need of various kinds of healing in our lives.

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.

Turning Point Raffle Fundraiser

Turning Point is holding a raffle fundraiser in support of its work with the unhoused and those who are experiencing the threat of becoming unhoused. The raffle tickets are \$10 each and include (1) a five-night getaway to Loon Mountain, (2) two Patriots game tickets, and (3) a \$500 cash prize. Contact Linda Quinn to purchase tickets or for more information (lindamm.quinn@gmail.com).

September Reflections in the Forward Day by Day Booklets

The reflections for September in the Forward Day by Day booklets have been written by The Reverend Ema Rosero-Nordalm, who is a Deacon of our Diocese. She lives in Brighton and was ordained in 2012.

Sunday School

The Good Shepherd Sunday School is held during the first half of our 10am Sunday Service, usually 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).

The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery

The Good Shepherd 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).

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!

Thank You for Your Continued Financial Support

Thank you to all who are financially supporting Good Shepherd this year, especially those who made pledges for 2025. Our budget operates on a week-to-week basis, so thank you for keeping your pledge payments up to date. If you are behind on your pledge payments, please work to catch them up as you are able. If you are away for an extended amount of time, please consider mailing in your pledge payments. Again, thank you all for your financial support of the mission and ministries of the Church of the Good Shepherd!

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.

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.

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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