



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham October 22, 2025

Reflections

*From the
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

What a beautiful day it turned out to be. This morning it was stormy, dark, and gloomy, but since the storms passed it has been sunny, warm and delightful. What a difference a few hours can make. This can be a reminder to us that the storms of life, which can roll in quickly and unexpectedly, will come to an end. The cold and darkness will give way to warmth and light. It may take longer than we want, but it will come.

When you are in the middle of a storm of life, trust in God and put your life in God's hands. Pray that God will guide you out of the darkness and into the light. Then look for God's guiding hands. Look for messages of God's love coming into your life. Remember, God is with you, always with you, even when you are lost in the darkness. Look for God. God is there.

Peace,

Pastor Dan

Remember, God is with you today and every day. Look for acts of love, kindness, compassion and acceptance and you will find God's presence.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE OCTOBER 26, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
<u>READERS:</u> JANET DRUM <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> KAREN CLARK <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> NATECIA ALFONSO	<u>READERS:</u> CHILDREN'S SERVICE <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> DAN ANNA & BECKY HANSEN <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> JUDY ELLIS <u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> CHILDREN'S SERVICE <u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u> JAN BARTON

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Sunday, October 26, the 10am Service will be a *Children's Service*. All are welcome. Children are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to church on Sunday. Look below for more information.
2. The 2026 *Pledge Packets* will be distributed at the Sunday Services this coming weekend. Look below for more information.
3. The sign-up board for the "*Evening of Music and Fellowship*" on November 8 is in the back of the church. Look below for more information.
4. Boxes for the *Operation Christmas Child Ministry* can be found in the back of the church. Look below for more information about this Christmas Outreach ministry.
5. 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

2026 Pledge Drive: In Support of the Mission of Good Shepherd

During the Fall of each year, we hear about the importance of stewardship in our lives of faith, and in the mission of the Church, as we prepare to make our annual parish financial pledges for the following year. On **Sunday October 26**, pledge packets will be distributed to parishioners at the Sunday Services. More information about the pledge drive will be made available at that time. Meanwhile, please begin to consider the ways God has blessed you in your life, especially through the Good Shepherd faith community, as you prayerfully consider your financial pledge for 2026. Thank you for your ongoing financial support in 2025. Your contributions keep our faith community alive and active in the lives of many people, both within and outside of our Good Shepherd community.

Good Shepherd Evening of Music and Fellowship

SAVE THIS DATE: On Saturday Evening, November 8 from 6:30-8:00, all are invited to participate in an evening of music and fellowship. We will gather in the church sanctuary at 6:30 to be entertained with music performed by our fellow parishioners and guests. Following the musical entertainment, we will proceed to the Church Hall to enjoy desserts that parishioners are asked to bring and share with one another (please leave them in the Church Hall when you arrive. If you plan to attend this event, please sign up on the board in the back of the church starting October 12.

Children Invited to Wear Halloween Costumes to Church

Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to church on Sunday, October 26. The preference is for fun type costumes over horror costumes. If you are not sure about the appropriateness of the costume reach out to Pastor Dan.

Children's Sunday Service – October 26

Our first Children's Sunday Service for the school year will be held on Sunday, October 26 during our 10am Service. This Service will focus on the children of our Good Shepherd community. The prayers, music, readings, and the sermon will speak to the children. All are invited to participate in these children focused Eucharistic Services. There will be no age restriction. Everyone can benefit from these Services. Let us gather in support of our young families and their children.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Ministry

It's time once again for the "Operation Christmas Child" shoe box ministry. This is a *global* ministry where boxes filled with toys and useful items are sent to children across the world, along with messages of God's (and *our*!) love for them. Shoe boxes and information are available at the back of the church near the entrance. Filled shoe boxes can be dropped off at the church **through Sunday November 23**. Please include a \$10 check for shipping, made out to "Samaritan's Purse". You can also pay the shipping with a credit card online (see link below). Contact Jeane Wallace if you have questions: jmarg2000@yahoo.com or 508-291-2095. For more information about Operation Christmas Child, and guidelines for packing a shoe box visit: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Please Help Good Shepherd's Table Serve Our Neighbors

Every Thursday for the past 25 years, Good Shepherd's Table has served a community meal. We need help with the tasks needed to make this happen and so we have created a sign-up sheet for the tasks each week. No job takes longer than 45 minutes and you can help set up, plate food, serve food, or clean the dining room after the meal. We especially need help cleaning the dining room after the meal. The sign-up sheets for November and December will be in the back of the church or you can reach out to Deacon Hilary for more details and to sign up when you can help. You can choose any week you are available. Thank you in advance for your help!

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 next Sunday School Sundays are November 2 & 16.*

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). *The Sunday Nursery will not be open on October 26 due to there being a Children's Service that day.*

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!

Please Stay Home When You're Not Feeling Well

This is a reminder that if you have or may have covid, the flu, or another contagious illness, please do not come to the church. Basically, if you are not feeling well, please stay home. It is important that you stay home and rest, and it is important that we be vigilant in order not to spread viruses with one another. Remember, the 10am Sunday Service is offered on Facebook Live every Sunday, and the link to the recorded Service is sent to those on our church email list following the live Service. Please stay home, rest, and participate online.

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.

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 the Good Shepherd Guild holds “Craft Night” in the Church Hall, which begins at 4:30pm. 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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