



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham November 5, 2025

Reflections

*From the
Pastor*



Good Shepherd Friends,

How do you respond to those who have ideas or points of view that differ from yours? Are you open or closed minded to new ideas and possibilities?

In Sunday's gospel passage we will hear about the Sadducees who confront Jesus about his belief in the resurrection. We read that the Sadducees did not believe in resurrection, which was a fairly new belief held by some of the Jewish people at the time of Jesus. It is clear that they are closed minded to this new idea and possibility.

This leads me to wonder if there are new ideas and possibilities that we have missed because of our closed mindedness. God may be trying to lead us down paths of life that could bring greater healing and wholeness and peace. Do we sometimes reject these new paths that God is calling us to and choose instead to follow the paths we have always known and followed?

I encourage you to try something new this week. Drive someplace you have never been and be observant along the journey. Or try a new item on the menu. Or read a book, just for fun. Or sit someplace different in church on Sunday (okay, maybe that is pushing it). Just try something new and observe the experience and the new world view it may present to you. Trying something new can be a first step in your journey down a new path to more fulfilling and satisfying life possibilities which God has in store for you.

Not everything new that you try will work out but imagine the possibilities when some of them do.

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 NOVEMBER 9, 2025	
8 AM	10 AM
<u>READERS:</u> JOELLA CRUZ <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> CHUCK MCCULLOUGH <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> CHERYL DENTON	<u>READERS:</u> CECILY KOST JO-ANN FINN <u>HOSPITALITY MINISTERS:</u> PAT PROBERT <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:</u> DALE WINTERS <u>NURSERY MINISTERS:</u> ELIZABETH MANDELL & ANDREA LAMONTAGNE <u>COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)</u> THERESA SCOPETSKI & VIVI MARTY PAQUIN

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Saturday, November 8, is our ***Fall Evening of Music & Fellowship***. Look below for more information.
2. This coming Sunday is the second Sunday of our two in-gathering Sundays for our 2026 ***Pledge Sheets***. Look below for more information.
3. Boxes for the ***Operation Christmas Child Ministry*** can be found in the back of the church. Please return them by November 23. Look below for more information about this Christmas Outreach ministry.
4. 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 Stewardship Pledge Drive

Our Good Shepherd 2026 Stewardship Pledge Drive has begun. Please return your completed pledge forms to the church on either Sunday November 2 or 9 and place them in the pledge basket in the front of the church when the offering is brought to the altar. If you will not be in church November 2 & 9, please mail in your pledge form to the church by November 9. Extra pledge packets are available in the back of the church and on our church website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org). With the realization that all we have is a gift from God, given for the greater good, let us work together to brighten our world with the peace, hope and love of our God. For those of you who have been supporting our parish through ministries and financial contributions this past year, thank you!

Church Service Booklet Ads Fundraiser

One of the main fundraisers of our church is the ad section of our Sunday Service booklets. Businesses take out ads each year, which helps them and us at the same time. Please help us raise funds for our church by giving an area business the opportunity to advertise in our Sunday Service booklets. Church ads fundraiser packets can be found in the back of the church, which will guide you on how to invite businesses to advertise with us. Ads should be returned to the church by November 23. Thank you!

A Thanksgiving Day Food Donations Thank you

Thank you to all who signed up to provide food items for the Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Day meal. These items need to be dropped off in the Church Hall kitchen on either Sunday morning, November 16 or 23, or on Wednesday the 26th from 2-3:00. In case you forgot what you signed up to bring, the sign-up list of items needed can be found in the Church. Again, thank you for helping us to have a special Thanksgiving meal for all of our guests.

Good Shepherd Evening of Music and Fellowship

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, or call the church office and leave a message that you plan to attend and the number in your party.

Parish Thanksgiving Service

There will be a Parish Thanksgiving Service on **Wednesday, November 26 at 7pm**. All are welcome to gather and together give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon us, including our parish family. Thanksgiving Day can be very busy with many details to attend to; the Parish Thanksgiving Service is a good way to make sure that thanking God is part of our Thanksgiving celebration. The Thanksgiving Eve Service will also be available online through Facebook Live, and the recorded Service will be made available following the live Service.

The Good Shepherd's Table Thanksgiving Day Meal

On Thanksgiving Day (November 27) there will once again be a Thanksgiving meal served in the Church Hall at 1pm, preceded by a prayer service in the church at 12:30. All are welcome to share in this meal, which is open to the public. Please help us let others know about this opportunity, especially those who may be alone for Thanksgiving.

Donations From Our Online Community

Thank you to those from our online Sunday worship community who have made regular donations to support the ministries of Good Shepherd. It is very much appreciated. If you have never donated or have not donated recently, please consider doing so as you are able. Your donations help us to continue our mission to spread the good news of God's Love and compassion. Thank you!

Christmas Fair - The Good Shepherd Guild Needs Your Help

On Saturday, December 6 from 9am-2pm, the Good Shepherd Guild will hold its annual Christmas Fair. We have been working on crafts, but we need your help through donations of the following items:

- Used Christmas items
- New and used jewelry
- New and gently used scarves

Please start collecting these items at home and bring them to the Church the week before the Fair so that we can sort and organize them. We will also offer a variety of Crafts and Gift Baskets created and assembled by the Good Shepherd Guild. All parishioners will receive a letter with all the details, raffle tickets and additional requests for the Baked Goods Table. Thank You! **The Good Shepherd Guild**

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. Boxes and information are available at the back of the church near the entrance. Filled 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 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 16 and December 7.***

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 November 30 due to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.***

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!

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 be no mid-week Eucharist on November 12, 19, & 26.***

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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