

Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of
The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham
October 28, 2026



Good Shepherd Friends,

This coming Sunday, November 1, is In-Gathering Sunday at Good Shepherd, when we will return our 2027 pledge forms. See the announcement below for more information about our 2027 Stewardship Pledge Drive. Meanwhile, let us continue to reflect on what Good Shepherd has meant for us over the years, and how each of us will help financially support our church community in 2027. For the last two weeks, members of the Vestry have shared with you what The Church of the Good Shepherd has meant for them. Here are some thoughts from the remaining Vestry members. Thank you, Vestry members, for sharing your thoughts with us these last three weeks.

The Church of the Good Shepherd has been extremely important to me over the years for different things. Early on, it was important to bring my son to learn about God and Jesus and to provide an important grounding point for him. He went through the Sunday School classes to help give him additional grounding and understanding. Later on, I found the church provided so much support while I faced deaths of loved ones and when I was going through a health crisis of my own. Parishioners prayed with me, brought food and gave so much overall support. The prayer group and prayer team broadened my faith as time went on and formed deeper relationships with those members on the team and still does. The choir was another source of friendship and praying together in song through the music that was chosen. I loved our time together. The Good Shepherd Guild was another place I found comradery and friendship as we gathered together and either did crafts or during fundraising events. The bond of so many friends has continued despite my moving to Florida in January of 2021. I enjoy our book studies online too, so I get to meet some of the new members. I'm very thankful to have been asked to be on the Vestry over the last three years so I could still be involved in the life of the Church. ***Rosanne Leverone***

I have been a member of this church for 59 years. My children were very active in their early years, and I was very happy to have them attend the church services, serve on the altar and were involved in the teen group. Later in life I did stray away from church due to life situations. But I did return and became very active, I am a Guild Member, Vestry Member, and prior choir member. Our church

is the most beautiful church in Wareham, the most active in our community & I am proud to say that I am a member. ***Ginny Eldgridge***

I had been searching for a church on and off for years but never found one that compelled me to attend regularly. I decided to check out the Church of the Good Shepherd after spending a week with my sister over Easter and helping her with daily Lenten lunches at her Episcopal church in Alabama. Since I was retired, I was more committed to attending church regularly but was not looking to become actively involved other than going to the Sunday services. Dan's services focusing on love and inclusivity and Hilary's commitment to growing the Good and Green team and caring for the environment bring a positive energy to the church that I haven't found in other churches. This alone would be enough to keep me coming back to church every Sunday. But on top of this, I found that the congregation is a really close, tight-knit community and the members truly like, respect and care for each other. I've not just found a very strong faith community but also good friends that I enjoy praying with on Sundays as well as getting together other times for meals, games, and other social events. ***Scooter Holcombe***

The Good Shepherd community helps us stay connected to God. The church family is always caring and loving. It is a place where we can find peace in this crazy world. It draws us close to God and makes us feel that He is part of our lives. The Good Shepherd community makes a huge impact in the community outside the church walls. The outreach programs such as Good Shepherd Table, and the other various ministries that our church offers, impact many more people of our town and surrounding areas. Joe and I are thankful and blessed to be part of this wonderful community. ***Vivi Marty-Paquin & Joe Paquin***

For me, Good Shepherd has been a wonderful gift from God. God loves each of us so much, that God has brought us to this, our Good Shepherd community. The friendships we enjoy, the support we receive, and the love we encounter through our Good Shepherd community are blessings from our God who loves us.

What has our Good Shepherd community meant to you?
Peace,
Pastor Dan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE **November 1, 2026**	
8 AM	**10 AM**
READERS: JOELLA CRUZ **HOSPITALITY:** CHUCK MCCULLOUGH **EUCHARISTIC:** CHERYL DENTON	**READERS:** SHERYL FACCHETTI GRETCHEN SILVA **HOSPITALITY:** JUDY GOVONI & RICHIE BALANCA **EUCHARISTIC:** KATHY DOYLE **COFFEE HOUR HOST(S):** BECKY HANSEN & DAN ANNA **NURSERY:** MICHELLE MURRAY & KERRI GALLAGHER **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** VIVI MARTY-PAQUIN & FRAN BALANCA

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A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Sunday, November 1, is the first of two ***In-Gathering Sundays***. Good Shepherd Community Members are asked to return their 2027 Stewardship Pledge sheets to the church and place them in the Stewardship Pledge Drive basket in the front of the church during the offertory song. Look below for more information.

2. This coming Sunday is ***All Saints Sunday.*** We will remember all those people of faith who have gone before us. We will remember by name those members of our Good Shepherd community who have died this past year.

3. This coming Sunday is a ***Sunday School Sunday.*** There will be Sunday School during the 10am Service (please arrive by 9:45). The ***Sunday Nursery*** will also be open. Look below for more information.

4. This coming Sunday also begins the Operation Christmas Child ***Shoe Box Ministry***. Look below for more information.

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

2027 Stewardship Pledge Drive

Our Good Shepherd 2027 Stewardship Pledge Drive has begun. Please return your completed pledge forms to the church on either Sunday November 1 or 8 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 1 & 8, please mail in your pledge form to the church by November 8. 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 22. Thank you!

Looking for Thanksgiving Day Food Donations

Shepherd's Table is looking for donations of various food items which will be served to our guests at our Thanksgiving Day meal. These items need to be dropped off on either Sunday morning, November 15 or 22, or on Wednesday the 25th from 1-2:00. The sign-up list of items needed can be found in the Church on November 1 & 8. Please put your name next to the item so we know that you will be bringing in the items(s). Thank you for helping us have a special Thanksgiving meal for all of our guests.

Looking For Singers for Our 8pm Christmas Eve Service

Do you like to sing? We're looking for more singers for our 8pm Christmas Eve Service. Prior singing experience is a plus, ability to read music not necessary. Rehearsals will be on Sundays after the 10 am service from 11:20 - noon, starting Sunday November 29th. If interested, please contact Jeane Wallace at jmarg2000@yahoo.com or 774-283-0090.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

On the first Sunday of the month we recognize, with a special blessing at our Sunday Services, those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during that month. On Sunday, November 1, we will celebrate with those who have November birthdays and anniversaries.

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 22***. 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 774-283-0090. For more information about Operation Christmas Child, and guidelines for packing a box visit: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

New – Monthly Healing Prayers

Beginning in November, on the 3rd Sunday of each month there will be an opportunity for you to receive prayers for healing at the 10am Sunday Service. These prayers will be available during communion at the side altar in the church (by the door that leads to the church offices). Annie Fritschner, a parishioner and Deacon of our Diocese will offer these prayers. All are welcome to come to the side altar during communion and present your

prayer request and receive a prayer. Prayers for Healing with the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will continue to be offered four times a year at both Sunday Services for the whole congregation. You may also ask Pastor Dan for prayers for healing and the sacrament of the anointing of the sick at any time.

The Next Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Thursday, November 12, 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 November 5.

Pastor Dan Will Be Away

I will be taking time off from November 2-10. The Reverend Sue Lederhouse will be presiding at the Sunday Services on November 8. I will be back to the church on November 11. 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***

An Important Message/Reminder from the Good & Green Team

The Wareham Recycling Center is holding several special collections event on Saturday, November 7th from 9am-Noon. Paper shredding and electronics collection along with some other household items will be collected. For more info, please visit:
Collection events at Dixon Recycling Center Nov. 7 | Wareham
Are you looking to have a more sustainable Halloween this year for your family? Remember the REDUCE and REUSE motto to follow some of these tips:
https://www.storyofstuff.org/blog/your-guide-to-a-zero-waste-plastic-free-halloween/

Priscilla Beach Theater Group for 2027

For the past few years, a group of Good Shepherd parishioners have gathered once a month during the summer to go to Priscilla Beach Theater in Plymouth. It is a beautiful old "theater in a barn" that puts on four musicals per season. The 2027 season should be another good year. The season kicks off with "Company, The Musical", then "Dear Evan Hansen" in July. The August show is "Beautiful, the Carole King Musical" and in September, John Denver's "Almost Heaven" closes out the season. For more theater information, visit PBTTheater.org
For this year we continue to have two show options, either a Sunday matinee or Saturday night. See below for the shows and the dates. Tickets are $172 per person for the season (for the group you must get all four shows) Choose either Sunday matinee or Saturday night (sorry no mixing). The Saturday group meets for dinner before the show at 5 PM at the 99 Restaurant in Plymouth (not required). If you are interested, we would love to have you join us. Tell your friends and neighbors, maybe even relatives and see if they would like to take part in the fun. I would like to order tickets by October 30, 2026 to ensure we get good seats and I will need the money when you place your
order. Please let me know if you have any questions; call Chuck Tolley at 774-313-6281 or email-cntolley@gmail.com

Sunday 2PM Shows
May 30, 2027- "Company, The Musical"
July 11, 2027- "Dear Evan Hansen"
August 15, 2027- "Beautiful, the Carole King Musical"
September TBD, 2027- "Almost Heaven, John Denver's America"
Saturday 7:30PM Shows
June 5, 2027- "Company, The Musical"
July 17, 2027- "Dear Evan Hansen"
August 21, 2027- "Beautiful, the Carole King Musical"
September TBD, 2027- "Almost Heaven, John Denver's America"

Good Shepherd Guild Craft Nights
Every Monday the Good Shepherd Guild holds "Craft Night" in the Church Hall, which begins at 6:00pm. 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. ***There will not be a Wednesday Noon Service on November 4 & 25.***

We Are Looking for Sunday Nursery Volunteers
We are looking for 2 new Sunday Nursery (10am Service) volunteers. 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.

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. In September, due to Labor Day Holiday and the Bishop's Visitation, Sunday School will be held on September 13 & 27. The Sunday School is located in the church meeting room, in the office area. All Sunday School volunteers undergo CORI background checks and receive 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 downloaded from our Good Shepherd website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org). ***The next Sunday School Sundays will be November 1 & 15.***

The Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery
Beginning September 13, the Good Shepherd Sunday Nursery (for children through kindergarten age) will be reopen 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 downloaded from our Good Shepherd website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org). ***The Sunday Nursery will not be open on November 22 & 29.***

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.

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 wall behind the coffee hour food table.

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, jars of jelly, and juice**. 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 Help Good Shepherd's Table Serve Our Neighbors

Every Thursday for the past 25 years, Good Shepherd's Table has served a community meal (4:30pm). We need help with the tasks needed to make this happen and so we have created a monthly 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. For more details and to sign up, please reach out to Deacon Hilary. You can choose any week you are available. Thank you in advance for your help!

Wareham Media (WM) Sunday Service Coverage

Wareham Media, the Wareham local access channel, broadcasts recordings of our Sunday Services. The recorded Services air during the week after the Sunday Service. 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. You can also find our Services beginning the Tuesday after the Sunday Service on the **Wareham Media YouTube channel.**

Are You Receiving Our Weekly Newsletter?

Good Shepherd now publishes a weekly electronic newsletter called "Along The Way". The newsletter is published mid-week. If you would like to receive a copy of the electronic newsletter, please email the parish office with your name and email address (goodshepherdwareham@gmail.com), or you can go to our church website (www.goodshepherdwareham.org) and subscribe to our email list which is on the home page.

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."

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

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