

The Weekly Newsletter of
The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham

November 4, 2026



Good Shepherd Friends,

How prepared are you today to hear God's voice, as God speaks words of comfort, guidance, and peace? How prepared are you to experience God's touch as God extends to you mercy and forgiveness? How prepared are you to receive God's healing of your mind, body, heart, and spirit? How prepared are you to be God's instrument of love, mercy, peace, and healing in the lives of others?

God is always at work in our lives, always communicating with us. And the more prepared we are to hear and see God, the more God is able to give us what we need to help us through each day.

The way we prepare is through intentional moments of being still, being quiet, and listening. Have you been listening for God today? Where and how have you seen God or heard God's voice?

Peace,
Pastor Dan

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE November 8, 2026	
8 AM	**10 AM**
READERS: JANET DRUM **HOSPITALITY:** RICH SOUZA **EUCHARISTIC:** JOELLA CRUZ	**READERS:** S.G. PRESTON SCOOTER HOLCOMBE **HOSPITALITY:** PAT PROBERT & RICHIE BALANCA **EUCHARISTIC:** SHEYRL FACCHETTI **COFFEE HOUR HOST(S):** THE GOOD AND GREEN TEAM **NURSERY:** DAN ANNA & BECKY HANSEN **SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:** NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEEKLY SCRIPTERS

SUNDAY READINGS
CLICK HERE

MONTHLY VESTRY MINUTES

VESTRY MINUTES
CLICK HERE

ollow us on Facebook

arish Website



KEEP IT MOVING FLYER

ITEMS AVAILABLE & NEEDED

A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Sunday, November 8, is the second of two ***In-Gathering Sundays***. If you have not already done so, please return your 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. At both Services this coming Sunday, November 8, we will recognize and pray for our ***military veterans*** in honor of Veterans Day.

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.

CLICK HERE FOR PARISH CALENDAR



Good and Green Team Newsletter article for November 2026

Hello from the Good & Green Team! This **Sunday, November 8th** is our fundraising, coffee hour and meeting day! Thank you for bringing in your sneakers, cans and bottles to help support our initiatives.

We have started our new program: **Keep It Moving Exchange**! We have a binder in the back of the church with forms that people can fill out with any items they are looking to give or those they need. We also have these same forms on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Or just let Deacon Hilary know what you have or what you need and we'll add it to our registry.

We also have posted on our **Good and Green Team Wareham's** Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61584076252643 with our new logo, courtesy of Kelly Churbuck (along with the spiffy flyer) and she also created a **Keep It Moving Exchange** Facebook Group that you can join to see the updates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/28949857301292534

Finally, we are including the "available" and the "needed" list in our weekly newsletter.

We will also be putting together **two-person teams** who can help people organize and declutter and/or find homes for items. If you are willing to offer your truck for an occasional pick up of a few items or if you want to become a part of our team, please let me know. Thank you to those who have already volunteered!

Thank you for all your support in caring for God's very good creation!

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 and Volunteers
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). We are also looking for volunteers to help with the food preparation on Wednesday, November 25, and on Thanksgiving Day. The sign-up list for volunteers can also be found in the church. 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.

Church Thanksgiving Service
There will be a Good Shepherd Thanksgiving Service on ***Wednesday, November 25 at 7pm***. All are welcome to gather and 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 26) 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.

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/

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.***

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

Please "Like" us on Facebook
Please like us on Facebook ("Church of the Good Shepherd Wareham") so we can get the word out about what is happening in our parish community, especially about our Facebook Live Services.

Good & Green Team Facebook page

Good & Green Team web page