



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham June 23, 2021



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Good Shepherd Friends,

So often our prayers are about things we want. Some of the things we want are pretty important and others are less important, even trivial. Most of our prayers are prayed with the intention of asking God to do something for us. At time we even plead with God to do something for us. But does God really need for us to ask? Is God not paying attention to our needs? Is prayer really about trying to get things from God? I believe that prayer works best when we simply share our lives with God. This includes our joys, our burdens, and our sorrows. We lay it all before God, who loves us and desires wholeness for us. We do so trusting in the love and compassion of our God, and we ask God to help us to let go. We place our lives and the lives of those we love in God's hands and we trustingly let go. We can ask anything we want from God, but we must let go and trust God. We may not get what we want or when we want it, but we trust that God is with us and will take care of us. But first, we must let go. Is there something you need to let go of? Place your burden before God and ask God to help you to let it go. Ask God to help you to trust and to let go.

Peace,

Pastor Dan

A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. The **Final Update** of our Good Shepherd Reopening Plan goes into affect on July 1. The Final Update can be found on our website or by clicking on the "Final Update" link button in the announcement section below. This Final Update will not apply to this coming Sunday.
2. 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.

Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

Final Update - Good Shepherd Reopening Process

The Final Update of our Good Shepherd Reopening Plan, which goes into effect on July 1, can be found on our Good Shepherd website, or by clicking on the "Final Update – Good Shepherd Reopening Plan" link button below. This final update of our reopening plan and will remain in effect moving forward. Please pray for those suffering from COVID-19 around the world, stay vigilant in preventing the spread of the virus, and consider getting the vaccine if you have not already done so.

Fairless Fair Fundraiser

Thank you to all who have made donations to our Fairless Fair fundraiser. If you have not already made a donation, please consider doing so. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to "The Church of the Good Shepherd" and mark for: "2021 Fairless Fair". Please return your donations by July 1, either by mail or by dropping them in the offertory box on Sundays. You may also donate through the PayPal button on our Good Shepherd Wareham website. Thank You!

Good Shepherd Grant for High School Graduates

At our June meeting, the Vestry voted for Emma Waratuke to receive a \$250 Good Shepherd Grant for High School Graduates. This grant is for those who have made a contribution to our Good Shepherd community, especially in their high school years. Emma had been an acolyte for several years. Congratulations Emma! We wish you all the best as you continue your educational and life pursuits.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

As a way of reaching out to those who are ill or struggling in some way, parishioners have knitted shawls to be given to those who can benefit from receiving these gifts of warmth and comfort. Pastor Dan blesses each shawl before it is given. He prays that "this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and well-being... sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones." Please contact Judy Ellis (Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator) or Pastor Dan if you would like a shawl for yourself or someone else. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, and join our knitting team, please be in touch with Judy Ellis (508-295-5318). There is a very basic pattern that makes a beautiful, lacey shawl. It can also be modified to make a man's lap robe. All patterns, of course, are welcomed.

Mid-Week Eucharist

On Wednesdays at Noon, beginning June 9, 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 25 minutes.

Pledges and Other Contributions

Thank you to those who have been mailing in pledge payments and donations to the church. It is very much needed and appreciated.

Good Shepherd's Table

We are continuing our ministry to feed the hungry through Shepherd's Table by providing takeout meals from 3:30-4:30pm on Thursdays.

Good Shepherd Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open on the first Tuesday of the month from 2-5 pm. The Food Pantry will next be open on July 6. Food donation to the Food Pantry can be dropped off on Thursday afternoons from 2:00-4:00. **We are looking specifically for cereal, toilet paper (4 packs), and dishwashing liquid.**

Pastoral Care

If you would like yourself or someone else placed on the Good Shepherd prayer list, please contact Pat Probert (508-291-3364) or myself. 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 Pastor 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 texting or calling me through my cell phone (603-953-3659).

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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.

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**CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		3-5 PM Food Pantry		4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live			12Noon Holy Eucharist	4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals 6 PM Vestry Meeting		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live			12Noon Holy Eucharist	4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
The 4th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live			12Noon Holy Eucharist	4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		
27	28	29	30			
The 5th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live			12Noon Holy Eucharist			