



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham July 28, 2021



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Good Shepherd Friends,

What have you done for fun lately? What adventure, big or small have you been on? When was the last time you laughed or experienced joy in some way? I encourage you to take a day or two off, and to let go of the weight of the world and rediscover the joy in life. Don't worry, the weight of the world will be there for you to pick up again if you choose to. But for a few days, or more, turn off the news, walk away from social media, and look for the joy in life. It's always there, but we can so easily miss it when we are busy worrying and moving too quickly to notice.

Go for a walk or ride to someplace new, or someplace you have been to for awhile. Spend time with a friend and catch up with one another's lives. Read a book just for fun, even if it's not on a critics choice list.

Life is too serious at times, and we need a break. I encourage you to take one, and rediscover the joy in life. Happy adventuring!

Peace,
Pastor Dan

A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. Reminder: There will be a *Funeral Service for Earl Fowler* at Good Shepherd this coming Friday, July 30, beginning at 10:00am. All are welcome as we gather with Earl's family to commend him into the arms of our Savior. All who attend the Service are required to wear a facemask, regardless of their vaccination status. The Funeral Service will be also shown on Facebook Live.

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

Good Shepherd's Table In-person Meals Resume

Beginning Thursday, August 5, Good Shepherd's Table will resume serving in-person meals at 5pm. There will be limited seating available (30 people) in order to maintain some minimal physical distancing. We will continue to provide takeout meals (from 5:10 – 5:30) for those who prefer receiving takeout meals and for those who may arrive after we have reached our seating capacity.

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, August 1, we will celebrate with those who have August birthdays and anniversaries.

Sunday Flower Donations

Please consider donating for the purchase of altar flowers for our Sunday Services in memory of deceased loved ones or in thanksgiving of blessings in your life. More information about how this works can be found on the [Sunday Flower Donation Forms](#) which are located in the back of the church and on the Good Shepherd Website. Please call the parish office (508-295-2840) to determine which upcoming dates are available.

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.

New Food Pantry Schedule

The Food Pantry is now open every Thursday from 2-5pm. People can pick up food from the Food Pantry one time each month.

Good Shepherd Food Pantry Wish List

We are looking specifically for cereal, toilet paper (4 packs), and individually packaged rolls of paper towels. Donation to the Food Pantry can be dropped off on Thursday afternoons from 2:00-4:00.

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**

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August 2021



**CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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The 10th Sunday after Pentecost <hr/> 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Crafts	3-5 PM Food Pantry	12Noon Mid-Week Eucharist	4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table		
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