



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham August 18, 2021



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Good Shepherd Friends,

As you may have noticed, for the past year and a half we have moved from reading four passages from the Bible at our Sunday Services to reading three passages. Some of you may have been wondering why that is the case. Let me explain. First of all, generally speaking, the first reading was from the Old Testament, the second a passage from the Psalms, the third was from one of the letters of the New Testament, and the fourth was a passage from one of the Gospels. The reason the church has given us so many passages is an attempt to cover a good portion of the Bible in the course of three years, which has its benefits.

But the church has also given us the option to not read either the Old Testament passage or the the passage from one of the letters of the New Testament. This is the option we have been following. The benefit of choosing this option is that there are less readings to focus on. Having too many readings can sometimes be overwhelming. not allowing time for us to process one before another is read. I am now choosing either the passage from the Old Testament or the passage from the letters of the New Testament based on the Gospel passage for that particular Sunday and what the Holy Spirit is leading me to focus on. This is an attempt to help us stay focused on a somewhat common theme or message.

Every week in this newsletter, you can find the scripture passages which will be read at our Services on the following Sunday. These passages can also be found on our church website. The readings are made available to you so you can prepare for the Sunday Services. If you are not already doing so, I invite you to read the readings before you participate in the Sunday Service each week. Read through them slowly and listen for messages that the Holy Spirit may be speaking to you. Look for words of guidance, comfort, and/or encouragement. Doing this can begin the process of opening your mind and heart, so that you will be better prepared to hear God speaking to you on Sundays.

Peace,
Pastor Dan

A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. 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

Facemasks Required

Until further notice all participants of our Sunday Services and all other meetings held in the church building are required to wear facemasks, regardless of their vaccination status. All who visit the parish office during office hours are also required to wear facemasks. This decision is based on the rising number of COVID-19 cases in our area among both vaccinated and unvaccinated people, due to the highly infectious Delta Variant of COVID-19. Please be in touch with me if you have any questions regarding this decision. Meanwhile, please keep those who are suffering with COVID-19 around the world and their loved ones in your prayers. **Pastor Dan**

Good Shepherd's Table

Good Shepherd's Table serves a free take-out meal every Thursday afternoon from 3:30-5:00pm. All are welcome.

Turning Point is Looking For Volunteers

Turning Point, which is a day resource center for persons who are homeless or have issues of impending homelessness, is looking for volunteers. Volunteer Responsibilities include – commit to at least one three hour shift at least one day each week (9am to noon); honor the Turning Point Confidentiality Agreement; answering phones and scheduling appointments; provide referrals to other agencies; offer emergency food, toiletries, and clothing; conduct client intake interviews; maintain client files; attend team meetings (every 6 weeks); demonstrate client advocacy. Required Skills – Team player; integrity, compassion and the ability to work with a diverse population; welcoming interpersonal skills; active listening skills; basic computer skills. Instruction and training provided.

Turning point is also looking to expand its list of volunteers who may be available to provide occasional support of turning point programs. Tasks may include the pick-up and delivery of goods and supplies; volunteer assistance to fulfill Turning Point community outreach programs such as our Holiday Program; time and talent in support of our various fund raising initiatives. Please contact Debra Ito (Turning Point Director) at 508-291-0535 or www.turningpointwareham.org for additional information regarding these volunteer opportunities.

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.

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.

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).

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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**CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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	5 PM Good Shepherd's Table		
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The 11th Sunday after Pentecost <hr/> 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Crafts			5 PM Good Shepherd's Table		
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The 13th Sunday after Pentecost <hr/> 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Crafts		12Noon Mid-Week Eucharist	5 PM Good Shepherd's Table		
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The 14th Sunday after Pentecost <hr/> 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Crafts					