



# Along The Way

## The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham August 25, 2021



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Good Shepherd Friends,

How many times have you complained because something is not convenient for you? Perhaps you have complained because of a traffic delay, as road crews make much needed repairs. Perhaps you have complained because you are next in line at the grocery store when the cashier has to change the receipt roll or do a price check. Perhaps you have complained because it is too hot, too cold, too rainy, or too dry. And of course there have been complaints due to the inconveniences of COVID-19, such as wearing facemasks. Yes, I too have complained about all the above at some point.

Yes, we do like to complain when our lives are inconvenienced in some way. The next time your life is inconvenienced in some way, remember that while we complain about what are often minor inconveniences, others are suffering in this world. While I have to wait a few extra minutes in traffic, others have no means of transportation. While I have to wait a few extra moments at the grocery store, others have no food to eat. While I complain about the rainy weather, others are living with severe drought and wildfires. While I complain about wearing facemasks, others are suffering with covid or are burying loved ones who died from covid.

Let's learn to be a little more patient. Let's complain less about our minor inconveniences, and do more to support those who are really suffering in this world.

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

## Donating to Help Neighbors in Need Near and Far

When you are looking for ways to give financially to help those who are suffering from natural disasters; such as the earthquake in Haiti, the wildfires out west, and the recent hurricanes; consider donating to Episcopal Relief and Development (<https://www.episcopalrelief.org>). Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) is the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, ERD serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world. ERD faithfully administers the funds that it receives from the church and raises from other sources. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering. ERD cherishes its partnerships within the Anglican Communion, with ecumenical bodies and with others who share a common vision for justice and peace among all people. The mandate of ERD comes from Jesus' words found in Matthew 25: "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food? We saw you thirsty and gave you something to drink? We saw you a stranger and welcomed you? We saw you sick and took care of you? We saw you in prison and visited you? 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" — Matthew 25: 37-40 (NRSV)

## 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, September 5, we will celebrate with those who have September birthdays and anniversaries.

## Monthly Liturgical Ministry Schedule

In addition to the liturgical ministry schedule being emailed to liturgical ministers each month, the liturgical ministry schedule can now be found on the Good Shepherd website under "Sunday Services Information."

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.

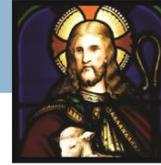
### **Pastoral Care**

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**

### **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.

# August 2021



**CHURCH OF THE  
GOOD SHEPHERD**

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