

Vestry Highlights

March 2025

The Vestry met on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, for its regular monthly meeting.

Father Groff began the meeting with a brief reflection on the parable of the Prodigal Son, highlighting the need to be ready to "welcome home" those who come through our doors. He encouraged the Vestry to consider that **every newcomer has a unique story and a meaningful reason** for stepping foot in our church and that we need to be ready to receive them.

Father Groff offered hearty thanks for the work of Teresa Grashof, the Outreach Committee, and the entire team who organized and led Food Packing for Haiti. **75,000 meals were packed** to feed the children at Bon Samaritan School in Bondeou, Haiti. The event brought together parishioners and the wider community in a spirit of service.

Senior Warden, Dan Gilbert shared a concern about the parking situation, especially during peak church hours. A small ad hoc committee was formed to look into the scope of the problem and implement solutions. In the meantime, Jo Wood, Facilities Director, has ordered new signage reminding our neighbors that **church and school lots are only for overflow parking** when Gallery Square North is full.

Junior Warden Kevin Riddle reported that a part of the **fire safety equipment needs to be replaced** to meet code. He also shared that work continues on the irrigation system throughout campus with a maintenance contract being implemented to keep up with landscaping improvements.

School Liaison Julie Hirsch shared that the school is doing great with full enrollment and healthy finances. It is currently **teacher hiring season** and the school administration is in full swing looking to complete their faculty and staff roster for next year.

Youth Liaison Sophie Riddle reported that the Youth Group had a very successful Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast that brought in over \$1,000 thanks to the generosity of parishioners in attendance. They are also planning their **summer trip to Maine**!

The **February 2025 financial statement** shows total revenues exceeding budget by \$16,788, driven by early pledge payments, while expenses remained under budget by \$4,176. A net operating surplus of \$16,881 was reported. First quarter giving statements will be emailed at the end of the month.

The **2025 Stewardship Campaign**, **Awaken Imagination**, continues to go strong with 157 individuals and families (up 6 pledges from last month) pledging just over \$650,000 to date. The approved budget needs \$668,000 of pledged income, which is well within reach! If you would like to make a pledge, please click <u>here</u> or visit the website. Thank you for your faith and generosity.

A consolidated financial report for February is below. Any questions about the budget or finances can be directed to Treasurer Mike Greene. For an update on your pledge or giving, please contact Lynn Evans.

Church Of The Good Shepherd Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary February 2025

	MTD Actual (This Year)		MTD Budget (This Year)		YTD Actual (This Year)		YTD Budget (This Year)		Annual Budget (This Year)		YTD Budget Remaining (This Year)	
Revenues											,	•
Pledges	\$	40,099.00	\$	55,679.00	\$	123,222.16	\$	111,358.00	\$	668,148.00	\$	(11,864.16)
Contributions		12,344.60		14,708.33		26,347.52		29,416.66		191,500.00		3,069.14
Other Income		20,353.13		18,425.01		40,429.98		36,850.02		252,391.73		(3,579.96)
School Contributions		11,971.11		4,735.46		24,151.74		19,738.27		91,555.66		(4,413.47)
Total Revenues	\$	84,767.84	\$	93,547.80	\$	214,151.40	\$	197,362.95	\$	1,203,595.39	\$	(16,788.45)
Expenses												
Stipends, Salaries and Benefit	\$	44,494.68	\$	46,777.75	\$	92,759.96	\$	93,555.50	\$	654,654.32	\$	795.54
Physical Plant Expenses		11,931.37		12,376.07		22,497.53		24,752.14		160,111.10		2,254.61
Diocesan Obligation		10,448.00		10,448.25		20,896.00		20,896.50		125,379.00		0.50
Admin/Office Expenses		10,918.40		10,794.16		55,160.29		55,333.82		215,512.00		173.53
Program/Ministry Expenses		3,191.92		3,454.16		5,956.43		6,908.32		47,450.00		951.89
Total Expenses	\$	80,984.37	\$	83,850.39	\$	197,270.21	\$	201,446.28	\$	1,203,106.42	\$	4,176.07
Net Operating Total	\$	3,783.47	\$	9,697.41	\$	16,881.19	\$	(4,083.33)	\$	488.97	\$	(20,964.52)