



GOOD SHEPHERD

EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

TEQUESTA, FLORIDA

Vestry Highlights

May 2025

The Vestry met on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, for its regular monthly meeting.

A Moment of Gratitude

The Vestry met earlier in the month for their annual retreat at the Rectory. During that time, they discussed recognizing the incredible work that is always being done at Good Shepherd by amazing people. To start this gratitude, Father Groff opened the floor to anyone who wanted to express thanks. Lynn Evans, Business Manager, shared a note of gratitude that she wrote to the Vestry. She praised the Vestry for a productive and inspiring Vestry retreat. She also gave God thanks for assembling such a talented group of leaders with different gifts and experiences. Lynn is looking forward to the ongoing work of the Vestry and how their commitment to our church will guide us in the years to come. Thank you, Lynn, for starting our Moment of Gratitude off on the right foot!

The Vestry approved a **revision to our Vision Statement**. The new statement reads: **“We are a vibrant, spiritual, and educational community, radiating God’s love for everyone, everywhere!”** The Vestry found that this updated statement more accurately captured who we are and how we orient ourselves as a community.

Father Groff shared that there has been a significant **increase in pastoral care needs** within the church, including a rise in funerals recently. This happens occasionally, and Father Groff reported that the staff and volunteers have risen to the challenge of caring for many families in a short time.

Senior Warden Dan Gilbert shared that the new **parking signs** have helped educate people about parking in the church’s lots. He has noticed more availability in spaces in recent weeks. He is also working on offering **CPR training** to parishioners this fall. Stay tuned for more information.

Junior Warden Kevin Riddle reported that the **courtyard pavers** will be leveled after Vacation Bible School (VBS) in June. The **school sewer line project** continues to progress, with an engineering report submitted for review. VBS will soon be underway, and **volunteers are needed** to help with set-up and running the program.

The Vestry had a conversation about **church security**. A few changes are being made behind the scenes to ensure that everyone in our community is protected. The policy of the church is not to publish details of the security plan, but the Wardens and Rector are always happy to have a conversation with anyone who has questions. If you notice changes during church, we thank you for your understanding as we implement new protocols to ensure everyone’s safety.

School Board Liaison Julie Hirsch reported that the school year is coming to a close, and they have had a remarkable year! **Enrollment remained high all year** and is set for another record-setting

year in the fall. Parents, teachers, and students were very happy with the year. Some **new teachers** and staff have been hired to fill vacancies.

Youth Liaison Sophie Riddle reported that the Youth Group held its final meeting of the year at a **pool party at the Oenbrinks' home, hosted by Catherine Oenbrink and Beth Long**. She extended much thanks for a fun way to end the school year. Sophie also shared that Baccalaureate Sunday was a big success, with seniors Emily Smith and Addison Greek sharing their experiences in speeches and senior Christian Rosinus doing a reading. **Congratulations to the three graduates!** The Youth Group is now preparing for VBS and their summer trip to Maine in July.

The April 2025 financial statement shows total revenues exceeding the budget by \$30,210, while expenses remained under budget by \$1,508. A net operating surplus of \$44,099 was reported. This is a strong financial position as we enter the summer months, when giving slows down as people are traveling. The Vestry hopes everyone enjoys their summer adventures and continues to contribute to the parish's financial well-being.

A consolidated financial report for April 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
April 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	\$ 55,582.00	\$ 55,679.00	\$ 245,259.36	\$ 222,716.00	\$ 668,148.00	\$ (22,543.36)
Contributions	25,802.80	22,958.33	66,269.42	67,083.32	191,500.00	813.90
Other Income	16,558.36	18,425.01	81,886.51	78,397.97	252,391.73	(3,488.54)
School Contributions	16,437.50	15,002.81	44,468.62	39,476.54	91,555.66	(4,992.08)
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 114,380.66</u>	<u>\$ 112,065.15</u>	<u>\$ 437,883.91</u>	<u>\$ 407,673.83</u>	<u>\$ 1,203,595.39</u>	<u>\$ (30,210.08)</u>
Expenses						
Stipends, Salaries and Benefit	\$ 46,254.26	\$ 46,777.75	\$ 185,038.43	\$ 187,111.00	\$ 654,654.32	\$ 2,072.57
Physical Plant Expenses	13,113.68	12,376.07	49,385.24	49,504.28	160,111.10	119.04
Diocesan Obligation	10,448.00	10,448.25	41,792.00	41,793.00	125,379.00	1.00
Admin/Office Expenses	41,028.56	39,639.66	103,334.68	100,867.64	215,512.00	(2,467.04)
Program/Ministry Expenses	4,923.21	5,804.16	14,234.67	16,016.64	47,450.00	1,781.97
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 115,767.71</u>	<u>\$ 115,045.89</u>	<u>\$ 393,785.02</u>	<u>\$ 395,292.56</u>	<u>\$ 1,203,106.42</u>	<u>\$ 1,507.54</u>
Net Operating Total	<u>\$ (1,387.05)</u>	<u>\$ (2,980.74)</u>	<u>\$ 44,098.89</u>	<u>\$ 12,381.27</u>	<u>\$ 488.97</u>	<u>\$ (31,717.62)</u>