GOOD SHEPHERD
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Vestry Highlights

May 2026

The Vestry met on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, for its regular monthly meeting.

A Moment of Gratitude

Dominic Chin, Jonah Gouery, Jack Grashof, Kate Hanssen, Nina Ravaschieri, Sophie Riddle, Corby Steiner, Maggie Ulman, and Sonya Ulman

Alexa Chura shared this month's *Moment of Gratitude* writing, "**Our graduating class** is filled with remarkable young adults who lead with kindness and generosity, guided by their steadfast faith. Service is not something they simply do, it is woven into who they are. They contribute with such quiet grace that we often don't fully see all that they do for our congregation and community.

This class has made an impact both near and far through their many fundraisers, food drives, and mission trips. Within our congregation, they have faithfully served as weekly acolytes, Artie's Party servers, station leaders at Vacation Bible School, hosts for Stations of the Cross, performers in the Passion of the Christ, facilitators for the Christmas Pageant, Shrove Sunday pancake chefs, Run for the Pies volunteers, and so much more. Their willingness to serve has touched nearly every corner of life here at Good Shepherd.

Their service has extended far beyond the walls of our church into the greater Palm Beach County community. Our graduates have been active with the Outreach Committee, participated in gleaning efforts, led the Souper Bowl Sunday food drive, and served at St. George's Table.

Their willingness to help others has taken them past the boundaries of even Palm Beach County. Over the years, this class has participated in several mission trips, beginning in South Carolina, where they worked with inner-city youth, cleaned parks, painted a boys home, and partnered with Habitat for Humanity. They also traveled to Maine, where they taught elementary students art and science, packed hygiene kits, and prepared snack packs for those in need.

They have already accomplished so much as youth in our church, but they are not finished yet! In just a few weeks, this class—along with other youth from our church—will embark on a mission trip to Costa Rica, where they will teach Vacation Bible School (a role they know exceptionally well), assist with construction projects, and ultimately spend some time ziplining through the rainforest. After all, it can't be all work and no play!

The legacy this class leaves behind has made a profound and lasting impact on our congregation as well as on our remaining youth. We are deeply proud of all you have achieved in school, in sports, and in the friendships that you have fostered over the years. We look ahead with great anticipation to what is to come for each of you, may you always remember that you have a home here at Good Shepherd."

Rector's Report
Father Groff shared that the school had a fantastic Spring Concert with a full church. The Good Guys Grill was a spring success with new and familiar faces. The Pennies Fashion Show did it again with a sold-out event. And our Baccalaureate Sunday had one of our largest graduating classes with nine seniors graduating. Father Groff expressed gratitude to all of them and especially the five who offered reflections.

Senior Warden's Report
Senior Warden George Creel celebrated the generosity of the Good Guys, who presented each graduating senior with a $500 gift in recognition of their accomplishments and involvement in the life of the parish.

Junior Warden's Report
Junior Warden Larry Smith reported that we are moving to one vendor to cover all of our fire prevention needs. The annual fire inspection was successfully completed. Minor repairs have been done throughout the campus as well.

School Report
Julie Hirsch reported that the last day of school is May 22. The Vestry will be approving updated School Board bylaws in the future. Those changes are primarily updates to current best practices.

Youth Report
The youth had their final youth group day at the beach at Carlin Park. They plan to be actively involved at VBS this year. And they are excited about heading to Costa Rica in June for their Summer Mission Trip. Recent fundraising efforts raised over $1,100 toward the trip. **They invite everyone to join them as they host the first Summer Sunday Breakfast on June 14 at 9 a.m.**

Capital Campaign Update
The Vestry celebrated strong early momentum in the "For Such a Time as This" capital campaign, with **$1,592,100 committed as of May 19.** Approximately $401,500 has already been received and deposited. To make a commitment please visit www.goodsheponline.org/campaign or call the office. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far.

The **Construction and Design Implementation Task Force** recommended approval of Phase 1 of construction. The proposed priorities focus on safety, operations, and risk reduction, including replacement of the church and rectory roofs, air conditioning systems, parking lot and sidewalk repairs, and exterior painting of several campus buildings. The Task Force emphasized that addressing these needs now will help protect parishioners and property while reducing future repair costs. The estimated cost of Phase 1 is between $375,000 and $395,000.

The Vestry approved the start of Phase 1 unanimously.

The **Community Engagement Initiative Task Force** is beginning their work under the leadership of Stephen Hendrickson. The Vestry will be updated as their work progresses.

Financial Reports
Treasurer Mike Greene reported that the parish continues to enjoy a strong financial position. Through April, revenues exceeded budget by approximately $57,000 while expenses remained slightly under budget, resulting in a year-to-date **operating surplus of nearly $38,000.** Strong pledge income, healthy contributions, and continued success at Pennies all contributed to the

favorable results. The Capital Campaign also continues to make excellent progress. Overall, the financial health of the parish remains solid and well-positioned for the months ahead.

A consolidated financial report for April is included below. Questions regarding the budget or church finances may be directed to Treasurer Mike Greene. For updates on pledges or giving, parishioners are encouraged to contact Business Manager Lynn Evans.

Church Of The Good Shepherd
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary
April 2026

	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	$ 67,074.72	$ 59,733.75	$ 262,407.56	$ 238,935.00	$ 716,805.00	$ (23,472.56)
Contributions	28,996.00	16,841.17	77,088.78	67,364.68	202,094.09	(9,724.10)
Other Income	27,560.73	21,750.00	108,201.44	84,347.19	301,888.76	(23,854.25)
School Contributions	16,894.00	16,894.00	45,100.00	45,100.00	112,937.00	-
Total Revenues	$ 140,525.45	$ 115,218.92	$ 492,797.78	$ 435,746.87	$ 1,333,724.85	$ (57,050.91)
Expenses						
Stipends, Salaries and Benefit	$ 64,056.53	$ 61,262.12	$ 249,068.25	$ 246,048.48	$ 739,145.15	$ (3,019.77)
Property Related Expenses	49,617.88	49,520.65	120,304.33	126,414.60	329,571.70	6,110.27
Diocesan Expenses	11,176.50	11,176.50	44,706.00	44,706.00	134,218.00	-
Admin/Office Expenses	4,794.04	4,276.33	21,756.58	21,169.32	67,650.00	(587.26)
Program & Ministry Expenses	8,200.61	5,779.18	19,399.34	18,466.72	63,140.00	(932.62)
Total Expenses	$ 137,845.56	$ 132,014.78	$ 455,234.50	$ 456,805.12	$ 1,333,724.85	$ 1,570.62
Net Operating Total	$ 2,679.89	$ (16,795.86)	$ 37,563.28	$ (21,058.25)	$ -	$ (58,621.53)