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Radically Living Our Faith

Annual Giving Campaign 2025



Dear loved ones,

What an extraordinary year this has been. In 2024, the Church of the Good Shepherd celebrated its 150th Anniversary and officially retired the debt from the Parish Life Center. This is a singular moment in the life of our parish, inviting us not only to reflect on our shared accomplishments but also to dream about our hopes for the future. This process of reflection began with our recent online survey and the ongoing development of a new Strategic Plan. We now enter a season of discernment as we prayerfully consider how God is calling us to live as disciples of our Lord here and now.

As the Body of Christ, we have been sent to make the love of Christ known and visible in a world full of brokenness and beauty. This reality is all the more evident as we behold and grieve the devastating impact of Hurricane Helene. In the face of deep suffering and need, we rediscover our identity as community of compassion, inclusion, and love.

Ours is a parish that nurtures and equips disciples in every and any stage of life and faith through inspiring worship, deep connection, and ongoing formation. This October, I invite you to discover anew how God is inviting you to radically live out your faith at the Church of the Good Shepherd by offering your time, sharing your gifts, and contributing your own financial support to the vital ministries and witness of our parish.

Our pledge goal for the 2025 Parish Budget is \$750,000. Our two key goals for radically living our faith in 2025 are:

- To add a clergy position with a focus on children's spirituality and ministry
- To provide adequate support for our cherished music programming and personnel

You are an irreplaceable part of this community and through your offering, God is able to feed and heal others in ways beyond our imagining. Thank you for making the Church of the Good Shepherd the radically welcoming, faithful, and bold community that it is.

I cannot wait to see you on Commitment Sunday as we bring our pledge cards forward in gratitude. If you have any questions or desire any companionship in your discernment, please do reach out to me at any time.

Yours in Christ's love,

Imogen

