

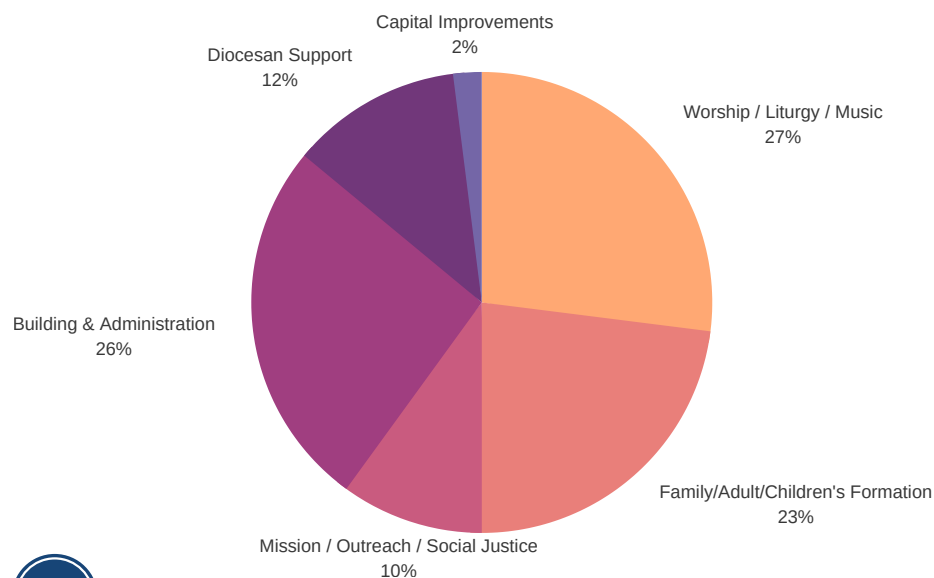


We faithfully use your gifts to literally build relationships both at Good Shepard and in the wider community. Some of the gifts go into ministry, others support the personnel and facilities that make our work possible.

Below is a visual way to review how gifts are allocated:

- **Worship / Liturgy / Music: \$146,000**
- **Family / Adult / Children's Formation: \$115,000**
- **Mission / Outreach / Social Justice: \$50,000**
- **Building & Church Administration: \$135,000**
- **Diocesan & Regional church support: \$61,000**
- **Capital Improvements: \$13,000**

Our church could not exist without your generous and sacrificial support. **THANK YOU** for your ongoing support of our ministry work. It is a joy to serve with you.



CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank you for Christ Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing us the complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following him. May the offerings of our time, our talents and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that He taught us by His life and death for us.

"Jesus plainly points to our relationships as the most important and significant way to honor the Lord. We must understand how to apply our personal resources - heart, mind, and soul- in order to steward and love well."
-Elizabeth Moyer



Through Christ, Church & Community



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Dear friends,

I am writing this on the first of September 2021. Who would have imagined, almost eighteen months ago, that we, as a global community, as well as a church community, would battle a pandemic for this long?! Who would have imagined what we would learn, how much we might grow—in unexpected ways?

In writing this, I looked back at last year’s brochure, and realized how much we had adapted in such a short time to the new ab-normal that was COVID-land. We all thought, I believe, that it was a relatively short-term adjustment. But those (temporary) remedies helped us negotiate a much longer exile. And they have confirmed in me the wonderful vitality that is characteristic of this congregation of Good Shepherd!

Despite all that 2020-2021 has thrown at us, we have thrived! Not only have we continued our common worship-life—thankfully with the resumption of some in-person services, we have added new folks to our community. We have upgraded our technological infrastructure. We have baptized children. We have replaced a damaged patio and resurfaced the parking lot. We have celebrated a new relationship as rector and congregation! And we sense a future of promise and growth!

In order to realize those hopes, however, we rely on you and your resources of time, talent and finances. I hope you will prayerfully consider what support you can offer to support the growth of our congregation. Your gift to “Building Relationships Through Christ, Church and Community” will have a direct impact on everything our church does and wants to do!

Please take a few moments to review this brochure and pray about the response you wish to make on the enclosed pledge card. We will reaffirm our relationships on Commitment Sunday, October 17, and together with our sisters and brothers, we will offer our pledges to God. Thank you for your prayers and your financial support of our community of faith!

In Christ,

Fr. Gary+

Deciding how much to give to our church and its ministries is a profoundly spiritual task. We ask you to first pray and listen to what God would have you do regarding your pledge. We want any decision to support our church and programs to be based in prayer.

Please consider what we hope to accomplish in 2022:

Through Christ



Our relationship with Christ is at the heart of everything. That's why we are excited about offering new Christian education & formation classes for both adults and children which will help strengthen relationships with Christ. Our prayer teams and faith study groups offer additional support on our faith journey. Worship, liturgy and music play a huge role in our ability to praise God and deepen our connection.

Through Church



Calling Father Gary to be our full-time Rector has reinvigorated the leadership to plan for more education, and ways to build stronger ties amongst ourselves. We are beginning the major project of upgrading our electronic capabilities to reach a wider audience through streaming, and greater A/V technology in the Sanctuary.

Through Community



Good Shepherd will continue to support our local non-profit mission partners in 2022 with in-kind gatherings, funds, volunteering, and sitting on boards and committees. We are excited about expanding our reach into our neighborhood with projects like last year's Living Nativity, and other new projects which will enable us to connect with community.

COMMONLY ASKED Questions & Answers ABOUT YOUR DECISION TO GIVE

What is our goal for ministry programs? We believe we will need \$500,000 in total giving for this 2022 year. We will be hiring new key staff members and we will be substantially upgrading our electronic communications to be able to reach a wide range of members.

How much should I give? Pledging/giving is always between you and God. We hope you will consider giving a range of 3-6% of your income. Regardless of what you give, all gifts to Building Relationships are significant and will help us fulfill our mission to spread the love of Christ. **We are asking our previous pledgers, if they are able, to consider an increase in their pledge of 2% for this 2022 year.**

Are there other ways I can give? YES ! You may want to give a gift of stock, mutual fund shares or other property. There may be additional tax benefits by making a gift of property. Please call the Business Manager at the church to explore these options.

Can I make my pledge online? Absolutely – and securely. A link will be shown in the weekly E-News.

When should I turn in my pledge card? Commitment Sunday is **October 17**, so we ask you send back, or bring to that service, your pledge card. Additionally, we will be sending you the link to our online pledge option in our Weekly E-News.

When is the first contribution to the campaign, and how often? Most members start their payments in January. How much you give, and how often is up to you. Some people pay a portion weekly, others on a monthly or quarterly basis. You can set up a recurring payment thru your banking system or thru our website www.gshep.org.

Commitment Sunday is October 17!