

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

October 27, 2024

Good Shepherd Friends,

Today marks the beginning of our 2025 Parish Pledge Campaign. We invite you to support the mission and ministry of our Good Shepherd faith community by making a financial pledge for the budget year 2025. The Good Shepherd faith community plays an important part in our lives and in the lives of many others in the greater Wareham Community. The presence of our faith community matters, and your financial pledge supports the great work that we are called to.

Pledging is an important spiritual and practical exercise. It is spiritual in that we are returning to God a portion of the financial resources with which God has gifted us. It is practical because our pledges are what allow our parish to function and do the work God has invited us to. Our annual budget is formed based on our anticipated income, and most of our anticipated income is based on our pledges. We encourage you to take the time in the next two weeks to prayerfully consider the amount you will pledge for 2025. Please consider the value of the dollar from year to year, and please consider increasing your pledge by 3% this year, as you are able, in order for the church to keep pace with rising costs.

We realize that none of us has unlimited resources to draw from, and that a financial pledge to the church means some sacrifice in our lives, for this we thank you! If you are unable to make a pledge in 2025 due to your financial position, we understand. We ask that you still fill out a pledge card and indicate that you are unable to make a pledge so we do not send you a follow-up request.

Included in this Pledge Packet is a 2025 pledge card. On either Sunday, November 10 or 17, we invite you to return your pledge cards and place them in the pledge basket during the offertory hymn. We will make our pledges together, as a faith community. If you are unable to be present on either Sunday, you may mail your pledge card to the church.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our Good Shepherd faith community!

Your Good Shepherd Vestry

Becky Hansen, Karen Clark, Donna Tolley, Rich Ellis, Cheryl Denton, Jane Mandell, Maurice Parkonen, Jan Barton, Kelly Churbuck, Sean Preston, Ginny Eldridge, Scooter Holcombe, Rosanne Leverone

The Church of the Good Shepherd 2025 Pledge

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

I/We pledge to support the Church of the Good Shepherd and its mission and ministries in 2025.

My/Our Total Financial Pledge for 2025 \$ _____

I/We will pay \$ _____ **per:** (week) (month) (quarter) or (year)

Or Due to present financial difficulties, I/We are unable to make a financial pledge for 2025 at this time. I/We will continue to support the church financially as I/we are able. _____
(initial here)

Signed _____ Signed _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

**Thank you for your commitment to our
Good Shepherd faith community and Jesus' mission of Love!**

Financial Pledge Weekly/Monthly Guide – by Percentage of Income

Annual Income	3% weekly	3% monthly	5% weekly	5% monthly	10% weekly	10% monthly
\$10,000	\$6	\$25	\$10	\$42	\$20	\$83
\$20,000	\$12	\$50	\$20	\$83	\$40	\$167
\$30,000	\$18	\$75	\$29	\$125	\$58	\$250
\$40,000	\$24	\$100	\$39	\$167	\$78	\$333
\$50,000	\$29	\$125	\$49	\$208	\$98	\$417
\$60,000	\$35	\$150	\$58	\$250	\$116	\$500
\$70,000	\$41	\$175	\$68	\$292	\$136	\$583
\$80,000	\$47	\$200	\$77	\$333	\$154	\$667
\$90,000	\$52	\$225	\$87	\$375	\$174	\$750
\$100,000	\$58	\$250	\$97	\$417	\$194	\$833