

TREASURER'S REPORT

During the past six months we finalized our budget for our Fiscal year 2025. We have worked hard to make sure our budget shows who we are and how we can support the ministries of our church. The budget is a living document and it is something we should be proud of. We are not afraid to make changes that suits who we are right now. I think from this point forward we can use the example we have worked on to create future budgets that will reflect the right size of this church.

With that being said we are now 5 months into our Fiscal year and we are doing great! Our income is right where it needs to be. One thing we look at in income is where we are in pledging, the money we get from each one of you. We are ahead are right now ahead in our giving for the time we are in the year. Because of your giving we are already past 50% of what we budgeted for the year. Let us keep that momentum going.

Let us look at our expenses. We are doing a great job with how we spend our money. As of last Expense report from April we are 29% through the year and we have only spent 24% of our budget. I want to thank each program who has a budget line to be conscious about where they are in their budgets. We have filled the 3 opening we have budgeted for new staff members. We have accomplished a lot with what we have and we are being fully aware of how we do it financially.

Also, during the past 6 months we have been working hard with the CIC. They have been busy this year already. They held a forum on who they are and what they do. They asked the board to change our mix of money we have invested in Vanguard. With recent changes in the economy, it was agreed that we need to have a more diverse mix of how are investments are to help lessen the drastic changes our economy will be going through. With this change we have already seen how this has helped us. From March 2025 to April 2025, we had a decrease in our investment by only 0.5%, where the S&P 500 stock index had a decline of 1.1%. This is a big win for us.

The other thing is that you might have seen in your mailboxes notes from the CIC about the Anniversary fund. The Anniversary fund is important to the church and it has served us well to have this money to help with smaller cost improvements in our church. Please take some time to look on how you can engage in this program we have.

We just completed a very successful 2025 Auction. The leadership of Barbara and Karen keeps pushing us forward to doing better year over year. This year we raised over \$13,000.00. The final number is not yet been counted yet. But that is over the goal we had of \$10,000 and \$1,000 more than what we did last year. 99 people from our community participated. 9 Church Committees/Groups donated items this year. Gene and Lavonne Hanlon solicited over 75 donations from outside sources for the Raffle. One big increase was Tasty Treats, last year we had 45 donations for Tasty Treats, this year we had over 100. What an amazing job we did to help fundraise for our church.

One of the things we have been working on is the Gift Acceptance policy. We have updated the language and also the form needed to help with gifts we get from current and former members of our church. This was so desperately needed. You will hear later on how some gifts has been received this past 6 months.

Another thing we have worked on is to work with the Program Council, the Board and the CIC to help make a path for request for money to be used for the benefit of our community. You have seen the fruits of these request. We have a new area for children to play in. We have a just approved a request to get a hearing loop put in our

building. And there will be more to come. This was done with a lot of hard work between the leaders of each area. I want to thank Heather Hillhouse, Michael Straatmann and Harry Heafer for their work in navigating these pathways to help make it a better process. This has been a long time coming to make sure the pathway for request can be done with more ease for the future.

I also want to announce that as of last board meeting this month, the board accepted the request to have Alysa Haack start her journey to become our new Vice-Treasurer. Welcome Alysa Haack!

As we close this report I want to take a moment to say, "Thank you" to this wonderful community I have served over the past 3 years. I have not done this job alone. I have had so much support over these years. I have never served on a board in any capacity and it has been a very eye opening and supportive process to help be a part of the leadership of this church. There are so many people to thank, I would like to thank Mandy Bonney-Heermann who was my partner in learning what it is to be Treasurer. I want to thank the Presidents of the Board who helped lead us and push me to make sure we got things completed throughout each year. I want to thank the two pastors who helped and guided me in this position. The Staff we have in the office to help me understand and work with to make sure we got the right numbers to everyone. The board members who have helped support me through these years. The congregation who challenged me and asked great questions to keep me on my toes and help make sure we were transparent with everything we did with our financials. And finally, Karen Heafer, these past two years learning and supporting me and is ready to take over as Treasurer.

The future for our church looks brighter with all the hard work our community is doing. I will be around to help and work in other ministries we have here. Because I was tapped on the shoulder back by Oscar in 2022 to step up and help, I have been forever grateful to be a part of this wonderful community. I cannot wait to see what we will do next.