



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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"I have come that they may have life—and have it more abundantly." – John 10:10

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Dear Friends in Christ:

The problem: The Finance Committee has reported to the Vestry that if we continue to overspend our income at the current rate, we could have a serious shortfall by the end of the year...perhaps as much as \$30,000. This is not unexpected, since we had budgeted for grants which we have not obtained and energy costs are rising.

What to do is a concern for the entire congregation, although the Vestry will ultimately have to make the difficult decisions. Accordingly, we are calling a **Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, August 7**. There will be a short bilingual service at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish House (air conditioned Library), followed by the meeting. We will try to be finished by 12:30.

In preparation for that meeting, I am enclosing a list of the cost-cutting and fund-raising alternatives currently being considered. You will notice that we are very light on the fundraising side. We would like your feedback and your additional ideas. You are invited to turn these forms in to the Church Office, or to bring them with you to the meeting on August 7.

Please pray for our parish and its leadership as we all work together.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Dana L. Campbell
Priest-in-charge