

COMBINED COMMISSION/LIAISON REPORTS APRIL 2025

Hospitality - Ruth Bruno

During April there were no Hospitality events held. It has been a quiet Spring. The last Men's Breakfast was held for the Parish on April 6th.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Bruno

Outreach: Christine Pizer and Megarie van Sickel

We continue our focus on supporting existing Good Shepherd efforts while also exploring and establishing new outreach initiatives.

Since the Vestry approved our plans for using the Endowment interest funds for additional outreach efforts, we have been working to develop our plan to offer five (5) \$1000 scholarships to individuals enrolling in technical college. We partnered with Career Source Suncoast to identify candidates to receive these scholarships. In April, Megarie spoke with Anthony Gagliano from CareerSource. She confirmed that Mr. Gagliano would identify up to five candidates to receive our scholarships for one of the two local vocational schools. Students who are under employed or low income are the target for these scholarships. Our hope is that this support will better their and their families lives. The scholarships will be applied for the term starting in August 2025.

Barbara Davis, Project Chair, is in the process of completing her highly successful effort to collect new books for The Twig Cares store. We are pleased to report that the target of 100 new books collected over the month of April has more than doubled! On May 7th, Barbara delivered the books to the Twig Cares store.

We are grateful for Grace Gagliardi's continued leadership role as scheduler to ensure that the bread ministry is adequately staffed.

On Friday, April 11th, the commission chairs hosted a Thank You luncheon in the library for all members of the Outreach Commission. We were thrilled that most of our members came to the luncheon. We were pleased to hear about their experiences this year and very grateful to learn that most will continue in their role next year.

The Vestry approved the Men's Breakfast and Dinner group's request to donate proceeds from their efforts to the Tunnel To Towers Foundation. We will be making this donation once we have received the final tally of the various proceeds.

Megarie van Sickel and Christine Pizer

May 5, 2025

Parish Care - Barbara Davis (Report submitted by Elaine Hedrick)

Grief Recovery – Deacon Rich

Nothing to report.

Mailbox Ministry – Megarie van Sickel

April 2025

Birthday cards sent - 21

Anniversary - 11

Get well - 4

Sympathy - 1

C&C - 2

Comfort Meals – Barbara Rao

No one needed food in our Parish during the month of April 2025. The needs of the community are being met by friends and neighbors. There is an opportunity for our group to take on other activities. This will be pursued in the fall.

Eucharistic Visitors – Deacon Rich

During April 2025: 9 Visitations with 19 Communicants. Year To Date: 29 Visitations with 70 Communicants.

Prayer Team – EK Beall

The total number of prayer requests for the month of April was 166. This total included 163 on-going requests, 8 new requests, 6 updates to on-going requests, and 5 requests removed; for a grand total of 166.

Our Prayer Support Team continues to faithfully pray daily for those in need, as well as contacting them throughout the month with phone calls, emails, or personal visits. It is truly our privilege to pray for our parish family and their loved ones, to offer our comfort and support in their time of need.

God's Peace and Love and Prayers for a restful summer. I look forward to seeing you when we return on September 15, 2025.

Health and Wellness – Elaine Hedrick

During the month of April, there was only 1 blood pressure screening. Continuing to work on an End of Life presentation and have a speaker, Susan Adams from Care Finders, who is willing to come to Good Shepherd during a week day. I would like to schedule the presentation when our parishioners from the north are here. I attended the April Parish Nurse Meeting, which was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Sarasota, FL., with a speaker from the Mental Health Pavilion at SMH Main.

Spiritual Formation - Libby Chinman

The Spiritual Formation commission met this month. We are meeting quarterly to discuss current programs and studies .

We've been working on coordinating our studies to align with the church year. We have exciting new ones coming.

We are also going to introduce Zoom option for Deacon John's Acts study. (Refer to weekly news blast for info.)

Also check out Communications Table in parish hall for study program info and sign up.

We are so blessed to have such an amazing family here at Good Shepherd!

And such wonderful options, with variety, for further growth on our spiritual journeys!

God Bless us All!

Libby Chinman

5/9/25

Welcome: Ed Silva

The month of April was a very busy month. Many assignments were scheduled for the greeters and ushers during Passion Week along with the normal Sunday scheduling. Much thanks to all who participated, either as a greeter or usher. As summer approaches, many of our welcoming committee members will be leaving Good Shepherd for vacations during the summer months. Also in the up-coming months some of our greeters will not be available due to medical reasons. Also Father John will be missing for 2 months. He is the welcome committee's liaison for any new members that register visitor's cards. Speaking of visitor's cards, we have had 2 new visitors join at the 10 am services during the month of April.

Faithfully Submitted:
Ed Silva