

TREASURER'S REPORT
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Our financial position is generally strong. Partly because we remain prudent in managing our expenses, but largely because pledge revenue continues to exceed reported pledges made. (We suspect a number of families and members are perhaps not sending in pledge forms, in print or online, though they continue to actively contribute.)

Three sets of documents are included for the congregation's review:

- final financial statement for 2023
- 2024 financial statement through the end of October
- initial draft budget for 2025

We finished 2023 with revenue of \$497,582, which was \$5,882 more than the budgeted amount of \$491,700. Total expenditures of \$495,605 were \$1,246 more than the budgeted amount of \$494,359. However, other nonbudgeted revenue and expenditures resulted in an overall excess of revenue over expenditures of \$41,541, which was significantly more than the anticipated overall budget shortfall of (\$1,199).

Last year was our first using Mission Accounting, and for a number of months we struggled to convert our legacy reporting with the new structure. We also made some adjustments this year to how we enter specific financial gifts intended to offset specific expenses.

Last January, the vestry approved a deficit budget that projected a loss of \$54,000 for the year. Through the end of October, we have a surplus of \$18,663. There is a very good chance, but no guarantees, that we'll finish the year without a loss.

So what happened? A few things are worth pointing out. On the revenue side, pledge payments to date are running ahead of projection. (But this could be a side-effect of the fact that some members pay their pledges in quarterly, biannual, or single lump sums, rather than monthly or weekly.) And we received nearly \$8,000 in prior year pledges.

With regards to expenses, expenses on a number of line items are running behind projections. Total Building & Grounds expenses are more than \$9,000 less than expected, mostly because of the relative mild winter. Building insurance was less than anticipated. Office expenses are running about \$4,000 lower. Overall, total operating expenses are \$22,700 less than budgeted.

In October the vestry approved the draft of another deficit budget. We continue to fine-tune it; the final budget will be set and voted on in January.

One last note: our unencumbered cash position is strong at more than \$205,000. This is determined by totaling the funds available in all of our accounts, subtracting current liabilities, and subtracting fund balances that are earmarked for specific expenses. Best practice is to maintain a minimum of three-months cash flow in unencumbered funds, in case of a catastrophic event. The fact that we have slightly more than that available to us is among the reasons why the vestry was comfortable approving a deficit draft budget.

Dennis Lloyd, Treasurer