



2026 Vestry - Elect three to a three year term:

Marc Jacobson, Linda Corliss, Gerry Boone

Marc Jacobson

I have been a Member of the Good Shepherd since 1985. In my years of Good Shepherd I have previously served 6 years as a Vestry Member where I also chaired the Buildings and Grounds committee and support with the Music and Worship Committee.

I have been Ushering passionately at Good Shepherd for 34 years. I enjoy meeting and greeting new and existing Parishioners. I take whatever is happening at Good Shepherd seriously. I view Good Shepherd as my one and only Church and family.

My family and I fell in love with the quaintness of Good Shepherd from the first time we attended in 1980. My family consists of our son Christopher, who was baptized in our Episcopal Church in San Antonio, Texas, and our daughter Lisa, who was baptized here at Good Shepherd by Father Kirk. My wife Catherine, and I have been married for 47 years.

Good Shepherd has been the foundation of our family.

Linda Corliss

Service to COGS: Lector, Usher, Mardi Gras Parade co-coordinator 2025, 2026

Service to other Organizations: Vestry Member, Trinity on the Hill Episcopal Church, Los Alamos New Mexico Treasurer, New Mexico Swimming, 4 years Classroom Volunteer, Aspen Elementary School, Los Alamos New Mexico, 8 years.

I have always enjoyed my service, where needed. And especially working in the classrooms of my kids' favorite teachers. I still helped in classrooms, long after my kids left Elementary school.

I moved to Dunedin in 2022 and immediately sought out an Episcopal church. I was welcomed at COGS by friendly parishioners and made friends at coffee hour after church. I find that attending and participating at church to be a very peaceful, soothing and grounding experience for me.

Beyond my career in IT Management, raising two boys and being a loving spouse to my husband, Stu. I look forward to anything I can do to assist COGS with in growing our church.

Gerard Boone

Since coming to Good Shepherd five years ago I have become an Usher, Eucharistic Minister and joined the Bells of Hope. I have recently started helping at the Welcome Table once a month also. I find being on the altar the most meaningful and rewarding experience as it gives me the opportunity to be an intimate part of the service, and I find both, being a Crucifer and Chaliceist very rewarding spiritually.

I retired from the City of Philadelphia after almost twenty-seven years as manager of computer operations for the Civil and Municipal Courts. I also bring the experience of being involved with three other churches before coming to Good Shepherd. I was on vestry for a total of seven years and served on a search committee. I was almost always willing to help wherever I was needed, like in the kitchen or cooking hot dogs on the grill, and answering the phone in the church office, or even being one of Santa's Helpers.

The thing I found most rewarding, and was reluctant to go to at first, was Cursillo, which I got involved in after we moved to Florida, it has changed me spiritually and gave me a better understanding of what it means to be a Christian. I have also worked on four teams since attending Cursillo and was selected as the set-up chair for Cursillo 152. At my previous church I wound up getting very involved in Cursillo and eventually began running the program. We were so successful that we got to the point where almost everyone at the church had attended a weekend.

When I was living up north I was usually involved in youth sports, as a coach of Baseball, Softball and Soccer teams, umpire (Softball) and referee (Football and Soccer), I was also an avid bowler. I currently enjoy playing Lawn Bowls at On Top of the World where I live, and play in tournaments in house and in Bowls USA tournaments across Southwest Florida.

After my wife Rev. Kathy retired, we spent a lot of time looking for a new parish and there was just something that clicked for me when I visited COGS. I like the openness,

the welcoming people and the inclusiveness of Good Shepherd and the way it's involvement in the community.

I see Good Shepherd's biggest challenge as being membership, as it is with many churches these days. How do we solve this problem? It is my hope that religion and Sunday services will once again become important part of people's lives. I know from experience how empty life can be without God in it, and it is my hope that one day people will realize the value of a faith community.

I believe I could be an asset to the vestry because of, my past vestry and management experience, and successful running of the Cursillo program at St John's Clearwater. I also feel that I can relate to people well and I am willing to take on any responsibilities of which the rector feels I am capable.

2026 Endowment Board - Elect one to a three year term and one to fulfill a one year remaining term:

Jim Ratliff (3 year), Steve Maisel (1 year)

Jim Ratliff

I am pragmatic, levelheaded and practical. I was a financial advisor with LPL Financial for 25 years and have been a stock investor since I was 12. I had a series 7 (securities) license until I retired and moved to Dunedin in 2017. I have also started and run several businesses beginning at age 24.

I believe that my experience as an investor and an advisor qualifies me to sit on the Endowment Fund board and contribute to its oversight in order to insure a financially secure future for our parish. Mary and I have been active members of Good Shepherd since we moved to Dunedin and I have served on the Endowment Board since 2022.

I am currently an usher and also am a member of the pack a sack ministry. I volunteered at The Furniture Thrift Store and served on that board of directors. Thank you for your consideration.

Steve Maisel

As a dedicated member of the Church of the Good Shepherd for nearly 16 years, I have served as an usher for most of that time, taking pride in assisting visitors and parishioners. Beyond my ushering duties, I enjoy actively participating in church life, which include donating and cooking for the two previous fish fries. I look forward to supporting future events, and I currently serve on the church's Finance Committee.

As a commercial fisherman I have worked in the industry and with our local, state and federal governments to develop a fishery management system. These efforts required me to share testimony, write letters and collaborate with different boards, representatives and agencies to create a federal fisheries management plan in the Gulf of Mexico. I also have been hired by the Fish and Wildlife Institute to captain research trips collecting data related to gear usage. All of these experiences were meaningful because it combined my love of fishing with my forty years as a commercial fisherman to make an impact on the sustainability of our local fisheries.

I choose to be a member of Good Shepherd because of the people. COGS offers a strong sense of community and it is very welcoming. I feel like I truly belong at Good Shepherd. For me, God calls us to serve. Good Shepherd offers us the opportunity to serve God, the Church and one and other.

The challenges are that life is always changing, for the world and the church. We are called to meet the challenge of those changes by being present and being helpful.

I grew up on a farm in Maryland and have been a commercial fisherman in Florida for over forty years. To be successful I catch the fish, manage my crew, manage the business and invest the profits to succeed. I also have to fix things that break and find solutions to unusual problems. I am able to analyze a challenge, work with others and achieve a solution. I am patient, calm and use all the common sense that God gives me! It would be my honor to participate as a member of the Endowment Board.

2026 Delegates to Diocesan Convention - Elect 3 for a 1 year term:

Cheryl Sharpe, Michelle Schombs, and Crystal Collyer