

Vestry Minutes

21 October 2025

Opening Prayer

Father Ben Randall

Attendance

Vestry Members: Susan Freese (zoom), Wendy Pelton, Michael Via, Bud Syme, Dee Oliver, Linda Whitehead, Betsy Cromwell. Don Clark, Katie Denton, Father Buchanan, Tony Zontini

Others: Robbie Berndt (Parish Executive), Fr. Ben Randall (Senior Associate Rector)

Absent with Apologies: Tom McAfee

Absent without Apologies: James Noel

Approval of September 2025 Vestry Minutes

Linda made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, Betsy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rector's Report

September was a full month:

*We kicked off the fall ministry programs with another well attended Hoe-Down.

*The choir has strong participation, and is temporarily under the care of Terry Butler, while Mary is away on maternity leave.

*Middle and Senior High youth group have had very good attendance (42 average attendance). Ezra and Betty have been out and about at student events (e.g. sports, senior speeches, etc.).

*Theology on Tap was full.

*Fr. Nigel is leading a "Level 2" class on healing prayer.

*The Women's Bible Study has had solid attendance and participation on Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings--averaging well over 100.

*The children's ministry continues to have good participation.

Junior Warden's Report

- The water leaks affecting the basement have been addressed and repairs made. To the right of the main door, at ground level, a new membrane has been put in place, and a cracked pipe replaced.
- It was discovered the exterior window sill on the second floor outside the elevator had rotted and water was getting into the interior wall and causing several leaks on the first floor to the right of the office. A new window will be installed to alleviate this issue.
- Repairs are now being made to the interior wall of the Sanctuary. The first step will be to seal the cinder blocks, then the lath and the plaster drywall will be added.
- The second floor exterior wall bricks are being sealed by Joey de Stephano.
- Bathroom floors of Montessori are being epoxied in the near future.
- Exterior wood above the kitchen near the heat pumps and exhaust fans are due to be sealed, caulked and painted
- Galilee will be working with a new landscaping company called Vigor Landscaping. Its owner is Jonathan Hughes.
- The Parking Team aims to have attendants in the upper and lower lot from 9:10-9:30 and from 10:10-10:30 to assist with parking and transporting some of our parishioners from the lower lot to the upper lot. There continue to be some challenges, especially since our golf cart was stolen. Robbie Berndt has found a cart similar to the one we had. Insurance will cover \$4K towards a new one after we satisfy our deductible. Bryant McGann plans to institute a schedule for the volunteers which he hopes will improve volunteer attendance each Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Whitehead, Junior Warden

Senior Warden's Report

This month we were blessed by a visit from Bishop Haynes, at which time we also witnessed confirmation of sixteen high school students and reception of twelve new members. October also marks the beginning of the vestry nomination process as well as preparation to launch the stewardship campaign.

Thanks to our outgoing vestry members who are serving on the nominating committee and our prior senior warden, Bonnie Wheeler, who is serving as committee chair. Thanks also to Don Clarke and Dee Oliver who are serving on the stewardship committee.

Both attendance and giving have increased from summer months. Parish activities included the launch of "In It Together", a group for young couples with children, and a dinner series featuring conversations about the crusades with Father Ben. Upcoming events include pumpkin carving on October 26, special choral eucharist services featuring Faure's Requiem the first two Sundays in November, and a men's retreat November 7-8. Please make special note of the Newcomer Dinner on November 9th and welcome our new members warmly, whether it be at the dinner or when you see them in the coming weeks.

Golf carts are continuing operation on Sunday mornings thanks to the loaned carts from the Buchanan and Wilkins families. A replacement cart is being researched. Organ installation is making steady progress, and the leaks our building experienced during September storms are being addressed.

In this time of gearing up for one of the busiest times of the church year, let's not forget to rest! Let us sit at the feet of our Savior, who is "gentle and humble in heart" and provides "rest for our souls." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Joyfully in Christ,
Wendy Pelton, Senior Warden

Finance Report

GIVING/REVENUES

MTD 21K more than budget
MTD 33k more than last year
YTD 97K less than budget
YTD 58K less than last year

EXPENSES

MTD 9K more than budget
MTD 30k more than last year
YTD 65K less than budget
YTD 128K more than last year
2025 YTD Net Operating loss of 71K

2024 YTD Net Operating surplus 123k

Preliminary Budget Discussion

Robbie began prepping the budget in August, with feedback from the staff. The vestry now has the opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback. Vestry noted that health insurance is going up 15%, and we anticipate that the COLA will be somewhere around 3%.

New Business

Stewardship: Dee reports that the stewardship letter will be stuffed in envelopes on Thursday, with a mailing on Saturday. Stewardship sermon will be this Sunday (26 October), and stewardship videos will be shown on the subsequent three Sundays. Fr. Ben reports that the video production is well underway. Thank you to Dee Oliver for sharing her home for the filming.

Susan asked Fr. Buchanan to comment on the recent announcement from the wider Anglican Communion that is called "GAFCON." Fr. Buchanan and Fr. Randall offered some information.

Old Business

Montessori School: The vestry discussed the aftermath of the decision to close the Montessori School.

Nomination Process: Nomination forms are being accepted, and 1 has been received so far.

Vestry Liaison Report

None scheduled.

Faith Sharing

James Noel absent.

Closing Prayers and Adjournment

Wendy read the following Scripture: Matthew 11.28-30. *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.*

Dee prayed the closing blessing.