

JULY VESTRY MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Members present: Rev. Katie Ayers, Moderator, Lisa Clarkson, Senior Warden, Rusty Davis, Junior Warden, Betsy Cate, Drew Robb, Butch Addison, Treye Byars, Julie Claytor, Anne Lott, Treasurer, and Louise Barker, Secretary.

The monthly vestry meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Katie.

Vestry Minutes: The minutes of the vestry meeting held on June 3, 2026, which were previously emailed to all members by Louise Barker, were addressed. Rev. Katie asked if there were any changes. Hearing no changes, additions or corrections, Rev. Katie asked for motions to approve the minutes as written. Motions were made by Betsy and Julie to accept the minutes as written and the vestry approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anne presented the treasurer's report. It was noted that approval for the carpet cleaning (which happened on July 6) was presented by the junior warden through email and approved by members through email prior to the cleaning. Anne pointed out that the clergy stipend and housing line items as reflected on the financial report have been updated. There were no questions or concerns.

Junior Warden's Report: Rusty reported that he will move the water line to the ice maker from the attic and tie it into the kitchen sink. The ice maker has a safety feature that shuts the machine off if the water coming into it is too hot. As the current line runs through the attic and the weather is extremely hot, the safety feature kicks in and the machine cuts off. He hopes to get that done as soon as possible. He has noticed that the AC to Zion Hall does not seem to be cooling as it should. He will check it out and if need be, he will get in touch with Dixie Heating and Air to take a look at it. He is working on getting the dead tree in the new cemetery removed. Betsy appreciated Rusty.

Senior Warden's Report: Lisa reported that she has been able to fill the pulpit with supply priests for every Sunday in August. She has some Sundays in September and October filled and is working on filling them all. She has a supply priest for All Saints' Sunday/Homecoming.

Treye Byars reported that he has purchased \$55 worth of butts (79 cents lb). This information will be discussed further as dinner party plans following the vestry meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Transition: Rev. Katie is in the process of closing loopholes prior to her last Sunday with us. She has made some minor corrections to her 16-page transition document and will send it out to the vestry soon. She will transfer her passwords to those who will need access to them before the end of the month.

She reported that we will not have an organist on July 19 or 26 as Trish will be away for her sister's funeral service.

The Rev. Canon Janey Wilson will be with us on July 26 for the service with a liturgy of prayers for Katie.

Lisa asked about a previous discussion regarding freezing (or not) the current vestry. This was tabled until the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vestry Membership Update: Rev. Katie reported that Tammy Brazzell has resigned from the vestry. She is exploring a replacement and hopes to submit a name for vestry approval through an email over the next week.

Gadsden Elementary Ministry: There was a consensus that we continue with the back pack program for the upcoming school year. Julie will meet with Ms. Washington and determine their needs for the new year. St. John's will plan to pack and deliver the first bags on August 21.

Audit 2026: The audit is due on September 1st. The proposal from the diocese for a change in audit preparation has been put on hold, therefore St. John's will prepare its audit as it has done in the past headed by Bud McCaskill. Rev. Katie has reached out to Aaron Floyd about joining the committee and is waiting to hear from him. The vestry will need to approve the audit before the due date and it will be signed and submitted by Lisa.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Anne has discussed the oyster roast for 2027 with Butch, Jim, and Joe Weeks. A date has been set for March 6 with a suggestion that information to "hold the date" should go out soon. Butch requested that the vestry think about a grand prize.

The next vestry meeting will be Monday, August 10th at 6:30pm.

Rev. Katie led us in Compline and the meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Barker, Secretary to the Vestry