

Vestry Meeting

October 19, 2025

Members Present: Danielle Bland, Karen Bronaugh, Jane Ellis, Bill Kennan, Harvey Leist, Marie Painter, Fr. Mark, Val Tweedie

Members Absent: Harold Ashworth, Joe Richmeier, Chris Witt

The meeting opened with prayer.

The September meeting minutes were reviewed. Jane motioned to accept the minutes. Marie seconded. All approved.

Financial Report – Val

- Everything looks pretty good. Collections are good. We will need to move things around in the budget to clean things up. We can make a budget amendment at the next meeting.
- Jane motioned to receive the financial report. Harvey seconded. All approved.

Diocesan Pledge

- Our pledge to the diocese is 10% of the average income of the last three years. Our 2026 pledge is \$10,410.
- Bill motioned to approve the VPG of \$10,410. Jane seconded. All approved.

Stewardship

- It's time to ask for pledges for 2026. There are no big needs for the next year.
- Last year vestry members spoke to the congregation on Sunday mornings. We will do it again this year.
- Fr. Mark will write up a stewardship letter.
- Deadline for pledges is the first week of December. Letters and pledge cards will be mailed out by the second week of November.
- Jane and Bill are willing to do a Sunday.
- We'll start handing out the stewardship letter and pledge cards October 26.

Vestry Nominations

- Danielle, Jane, and Chris as outgoing members form the nominating committee. Nominees must be a member in good standing and be known to the treasurer.

Follow Up

- St. Francis Day was a really great day. The morning service went well.
- We had the biggest turnout for the afternoon service. Three families/guests joined. They noticed the signs and one came from the flyer handed out at the Wilderness Trail festival.

Upcoming

- CHS Homecoming Parade – Danielle is not sure they are going to have a parade this year. She will contact the school this week to find out.

- Historic House Tour – run by the Montgomery County Museum. We are on the tour which is December 6. There will be a docent and someone from St. Thomas to share the history of the church. Fr. Mark will follow up with the museum regarding the committee member and docent.
- December 7, the second Sunday of Advent, we will not have Eucharist. It will be a service of lessons, carols, and prayers. This is a good opportunity to invite guests.
- Parish Retreat – will be on April 26, 2026, at SELU.
- Sarah Morris is hosting a 90th birthday celebration for her mother, Jane Carper, on Sunday, November 9. Danielle would like to get a cake and a card for Jane for after the service that morning. All agreed.

Danielle would like the next Trex bench to go to Boys Home in memory of Tom Bernard. Everyone agreed.

Beloved Community Grant – Bill plans to talk to the grant manager at the diocese to get more information on what they are looking for.

Buildings & Grounds

- The bank along Roanoke Street needs to be weeded one more time.
- The poison ivy is still a problem.
- We should consider hardscaping this area since it is difficult to maintain.
- The sign has been repainted and the additional rows have been added.
- Our water bill was over \$200 due to a toilet running from Friday evening to early Sunday morning in early September. Fr. Mark will contact NA to ask them to be sure to check the toilets before they leave.

Marie motioned to adjourn. All approved.

The next meeting is Sunday, November 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Stalvey
Secretary