

Minutes

Vestry Meeting | June 16, 2026 | Calvary Episcopal Church | Memphis, Tennessee

Vestry Members Present: Zoe Bondi, Joe Brandenburg, William Etnyre, Barbara Etheridge, Heather Grosvenor, Allison Parker, Christina Ross, Matt Seltzer, Reg Udouj, Mary Jane Viar, Ginny Webb

Vestry Members Absent: Jordan Edmundson, Andy Estes, LeeAnne Kleinmann, Wes Nelson

Clergy Present: Wesley Rowell

Others Present: Erik Ball, Steve Smith, Clay Woemmel

Call to Order: Allison Parker called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Mary Jane Viar opened with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 2026 Vestry meeting were reviewed. Mary Jane Viar moved to accept the minutes as presented. Ginny Webb seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Reports: Erik Ball presented the financial reports. Pledge income is ahead of budget, and capital campaign pledge payments are coming in steadily. Barbara Etheridge moved to accept the financial reports as presented. Ginny Webb seconded the motion. The financial reports were approved unanimously.

- **Mineral Rights:** Erik Ball reported that \$4000 has been received from the lease of the mineral rights owned by Calvary. The finance committee has recommended to the vestry that these funds be moved to the endowment. Christina Ross moved to allocate \$4000 from mineral rights income to the Calvary endowment. Matt Seltzer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- **Legacy Society Campaign:** Erik Ball updated the vestry on the Legacy Society. Vestry members are encouraged to participate. Events to promote the Legacy Society are ongoing and will continue in the fall.

Mutual Ministry Review: Allison Parker explained the mutual ministry review process that the Diocese of West Tennessee has implemented to help vestries/congregations review with their rectors. Rob Courtney will visit a future vestry meeting to explain the process in more detail. The mutual ministry review will occur in the fall of this year. The vestry is in favor of conducting focus groups with the congregation as part of the mutual ministry review.

Rector's Report:

Allison Parker read the rector's report since Scott Walters is currently out of town.

- **Grizzlies Prep:** We will wait until fall to start work discerning what might come next at Grizzlies Prep. We recently learned that they hit their enrollment goals for the 26-27 school

year and are interested in expanding back into 187 Jefferson (their main building). We will know more in the fall. Calvary will retain control of the smaller building and seek a tenant that aligns with our mission.

- **Samaritan Counseling Center:** The leadership of Samaritan Counseling Center toured both Grizzlies Prep buildings, as well as the fourth floor of Calvary. Several of the fourth-floor offices may work best as a temporary home for Samaritan Counseling and may not be needed until spring. Richard will organize a staff cleanout to make more of the fourth floor usable.
- **87 Adams:** The final list of artist applicants was presented, and it is a strong group. The committee will consider direct reaches to a few more area artists. Randall Garrett and Annie Parker will set up booths at various Juneteenth events to share information with the community. Margaret Craddock and Christina Ross are working in Calvary's archives for records of enslaved people and enslavers connected to Calvary. Dr. Ernestine Jenkins suggested working to digitalize records from the Memphis *Freedmen's* bureau. This will be a valuable resource for years to come.
- **Children and Family Ministries:** Jocelyn Busby has accepted a ministry position at GSL. We will give thanks for Jocelyn's ministry at Calvary this Sunday with a sending prayer and gift. The Director of Children and Family Ministry position will go live this week. Scott has established a working group of parents to help with interviews including Jordan Edmondson, Jessica Flynn, Casey Graves, and Rachel Welcher. Katherine will meet with finalists by Zoom. We hope to have someone in place for the fall.

Vestry Areas of Focus:

Areas of focus were briefly discussed.

- **Listening:** The vestry has received many positive comments regarding Wesley's ordination.
- **Service Projects:** There will be more gardening/beautification efforts at Calvary in the fall. Heather Grosvenor and William Etnyre are planning another donation opportunity on Father's Day. Heather is also considering an art event for fall. Emmanuel Meal and RITI were briefly discussed as fall/winter projects.

Announcements

Allison Parker asked that the vestry keep Chloe Madden and her family in their prayers. A *GoFundMe* link will be posted to Realm to help with Chloe's medical expenses.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clay Woemmel, Clerk