

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Elyria, OH**

Minutes of Vestry Meeting October 14, 2026

Present: Rev. June Hardy Dorsey, Harry Finkbone, Judi Hudnutt, Kathy Kerber, Megan Quisenberry, Deb Schwan, Mike VonGunten, Jane McDonald – Assistant Treasurer

Excused: Bill Hebble, Lindsey Varga

Absent: Allison Harris

Call to Order 7:09pm

Call for additional agenda items

Minutes of September 9, 2026

Harry Finkbone moved to accept the Vestry minutes with the correction of the account number in the last motion for the September 9, 2026 minutes, seconded by Megan Quisenberry; motion passed.

Harry Finkbone led Meeting Devotional

Treasurer's Report/Financials

See attached report sent by Doug Skladan. Jane McDonald presented the report.

Judi Hudnutt moved to accept the financial reports for September 2026 for audit, seconded by Deb Schwan; motion passed.

Rector's Report – Rev. June Hardy Dorsey

See attached

- Carillon newsletter was sent yesterday (10/13)
- Thankful for being venue for League of Women Voters candidate night.
- We are also venue for Garford Halloween Artsfest on October 24.
- Planning a kitchen celebration with College of Congregational Development
- Diocese asking for Deacons to have letter of agreement with parishes
- Church staff changes – semi permanent with Leanne Taylor as office staff. Cheri VanWormer is out on medical leave until January.
- June departs Sunday for a Clergy Wellness Conference, invited by Church Pension Fund.

Sr. Warden Report – Kathy Kerber

See attached

Jr. Warden Report – Judi Hudnutt

See Building & Grounds report attached

Commission Reports

Worship – see Rector's report: A Solemn Service of Remembrance is scheduled for Nov. 12

RMC – see attached

CDC – See Sr. Warden's report

Youth Report – No written report, Sundays at St. Andrew's has returned and a group visited Brasee's Corn Maze in September.

Old Business

Megan Quisenberry submitted proposal in June 2026 for a new camera purchase and installation for livestream enhancement. We are currently waiting for quote from Minority Electric for installation costs.

New Business

Kathy Kerber moved to authorize the Treasurer to transfer \$2500 from Memorials Fund #22132 to Choral Scholar Fund #20138, seconded by Judi Hudnutt; motion passed.

Buildings & Grounds- over budget (see Treasurer's report), funding for the remainder of 2026 needed. Using our financial reports Kathy Kerber explained the budget was determined in 2025 using historical figures when we were using the building less. Since then, general supply costs have risen, plus we've had some emergency repairs for plumbing and a/c in the lounge. Additionally, the dishwasher is running more often due to returning to indoor service for the HCRC meals which has increased costs. The discussion recognized that we also went over budget for things like our kitchen remodel project and we need to be more realistic about budgeting in general.

Open Discussion

Harry Finkbone – Closing Prayer

Next Vestry meeting will be Sunday November 15, 2026 at 12noon, in-person.

Deb Schwan moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike VonGunten; motion passed.

Submitted by
Myki VanWormer
Vestry Clerk 2026

Rector s Report to the Vestry – Oct. 14, 2026

Worship St. Andrew s continues to center our grounding in mission through worship, music, and opportunities for remembrance. Full-text worship bulletins return in October, and the parish plans to begin using the New Revised Standard Version of Scripture in Advent. One service is planned for All Saints Sunday, November 1 with everyone worshipping together in a Festive Holy Eucharist which will be live-streamed. A Solemn Service of Remembrance is scheduled for November 12 with Brother Harry Finkbone officiating and the Rev. June Hardy Dorsey, assisting.

Outreach St. Andrew s commitment to sharing God s unconditional love takes shape through our care for neighbors and through the support of ongoing community partnerships. The parish supports Community Meals and the FREEDGE and works alongside Neighborhood Alliance, Place to Recover (P2R), Blessing House, Pet Pantry of Lorain County, Second Harvest, the Urban League, and the AGAPE Youth Choir to widen the impact.

Justice and peacemaking remain part of the parish s outreach. In addition to the work of the Task Force participation in the Episcopal Public Policy Network is encouraged, connecting St. Andrew s strategic commitment to advocacy with action alerts, resources, webinars, and training. Featured prayers address the preservation of Indigenous histories, the suffering of children in Gaza and the West Bank, and violence directed against LGBTQ+ people. These materials encourage prayer as a foundation for discernment and action.

Diocesan Engagement Five parish members—Ben Holcomb, Judi Hudnutt, the Rev. June Hardy Dorsey, Barb Prior, and Leanne Taylor—participated in Year 1 of the College of Congregational Development. This two-year program develops leadership, facilitation, and teamwork skills among clergy and lay leaders. The team returned with a shared vocabulary and practical tools to strengthen parish ministry.

For its Year 1 project, the team selected the Group and Team Dynamics model and will apply it to planning a New Kitchen Celebration. This is tentatively scheduled for Friday, Feb. 5, 2027 (note date change.) Working with others in the parish, the team is introducing and practicing collaborative skills while assessing St. Andrew s capacity for larger events, including a possible future fish fry.

The proposed New Kitchen Celebration will bring together parish members, Community Meals guests and partners, and contractors whose work helped make the kitchen possible. The gathering will express gratitude for the leadership, service, and labor invested in the project and celebrate the kitchen s role in the parish s continuing community ministry.

Other Information of Interest

Orientation to St. Andrew s Lunch on November 29, from 12:15–1:30 p.m. in the Parish Lounge, will welcome newcomers and established members seeking new ways to participate. Participants will learn about parish ministries, build relationships, and explore where their gifts and interests meet the needs of others. Representatives from the Vestry are encouraged to attend and share about their engagement and ministry.

Deacon Letter of Agreement – A letter of agreement with parishes served by deacons and the deacons is being formulated. This will put in writing the practices that St. Andrew's, Christ Church, Oberlin and Church of the Redeemer, Lorain have had with Deacon Jane Trager for many years. Once the letter of agreement has been confirmed, it will be brought to the Vestry for Vestry approval.

Update on Church Office Staff

The church office continues to be open and staffed 10 am – 2 pm, Tues. – Fri. Cheri Van Wormer has knee replacement surgery scheduled on Oct. 26 and has taken a medical leave, at least until January to allow time for recovery. Leanne Taylor will be covering all of the office hours in Cheri's absence, assisted by parish volunteers. I am in conversation with Ministry Architects about support for the electronic publications (e-news and Carillon Newsletter.) Since Jesse Varner's departure one year ago, I have been trying to keep up with these tasks and do not have the capacity to do so with consistency. A solution is being sought and your continued patience is requested. The 2027 Church Staff budget was increased to help address this issue.

Looking Ahead **Advent** begins on Nov 29 and we will continue to use the "A Sanctified Art" materials as we have in past years. The theme for this Advent is "Until the Dawn" exploring the tension of waiting for Christ's promised day while taking active steps through the dark.

Judi Hudnutt has graciously agreed to host this year's **Vestry Appreciation and Fellowship Gathering**. It is scheduled for Jan. 15 at 6 pm. Details for the celebration will be forthcoming.

Rector Time Away

Oct. 18 – 31 CREDO - Clergy Wellness Conference – Invited by Church Pension Fund
I am adding vacation days before and after the conference to visit with family and friends in Virginia where the conference is being held and then in Alabama, immediately after the conference.

Oct. 18 Worship will be Morning Prayer led by Hans Van Wormer (8:30 am service), Ben Holcomb (Zoom Service) and Bro. Harry Finkbone (10:30 am service.) Brother Harry will preach at all three services.

Oct. 25 – The Rev. Dr. Joyce Penfield will be the supply clergy for all three services. Ben Holcomb will lead the Zoom Service where Dr. Penfield will preach. After the service Dr. Penfield will lead a presentation about a non-profit that supports Palestinian Christians in the Middle East. This will be held in the second floor conference room.

Nov. 20-21 Diocesan Convention at Saw Mill Creek in Huron

St. Andrew's delegates are Judi Hudnutt, Jim Jablonski and Matthew Van Wormer, with Lee Kauffman and Myki Van Wormer as alternate delegates. All of the requirements for St. Andrew's to be represented at Convention with seat, voice and vote have been met. A word of gratitude to Myki Van Wormer and Leanne Taylor for completing the requirements beyond the responsibility of the Rector.

Finance Report for September 2026 by Doug Skladan – Treasurer

The purpose of this report is to provide some clarity and identify significant changes or transactions affecting this month's financial statement.

Statement of Financial Position

10020 Huntington Checking – Our funds available for operations was \$38,000. Pending receipt of JIF Funds. Monthly expense has been averaging \$29,000.

20124 Community Meals - \$1,624 was spent.

20161 Freedged - \$311 purchases.

20173 Second Floor Restrooms Project - *Spent \$4,079.*

22000 Designated Funds in JIF – *Increased \$1,181.*

31200 JIF Special Projects - *Purchase of Stage Panel \$3,860.*

JIF Recon of Balanced Funds increased by \$8,500. And the GWF decreased by \$20,00 as money was used for projects.

Statement of Revenue and Expense by Budget

40100 Pledge Income - \$1,600 under the monthly budget. \$30,000 over budget for the year.

40200 Non-Pledge, Plate – \$4,700 under budget for the year.

50120 B&G Maintenance – YTD spending is \$14,929 and the years budget is \$12,500. Vestry action is required.

50140 Electricity- \$1,366 vs. budget \$1,000.

50370 Tech Support – Purchased and install new computer \$3,232.

50400 Programs – \$2,700 under budget for the year.

Total Expense \$29,911. Total Income \$23,846. Deficit \$6,065. YTD Surplus \$8,357.

Senior Warden

October 11, 2026

Final inning and we are ahead. I am not writing about the Guardians, but the completion of the many building improvements made over the past 18 months. The kitchen renovation is complete. The improvements to the upstairs bathrooms are finished. Lighting upgrades as well as Parish Hall sound and light improvements are in home stretch. The slate roof repairs have been made and the bats have been traded to another location in southern Lorain County. I would like to express my gratitude to Hans Van Wormer for his leadership and labor for these projects.

The Building and Grounds account is over budget. Incidental repairs, the higher costs of supplies and the emergent repair of the heating and cooling unit for the lounge area has contributed to this situation. Vestry action is required to supply funds for the remainder of 2026. This issue has been added to the Vestry agenda under New Business.

"Plenty Good" planning by Deb Schwan, Stewardship Committee Chair, and Barb Prior, chairperson for Resource Management Commission was evident during the launch of the 2027 Stewardship Campaign. As of Sunday, October 11, 2026; 23 pledge cards have been received with a total of \$201,345.00 pledged for 2027. Thank you Deb and Barb for your leadership.

Save these dates.

The November Vestry meeting will be in person on Sunday, **November 15 at 12 pm**. The focus of the meeting will be the required annual mutual ministry review. I will provide lunch. Please let me know if you have food allergies or dietary restrictions.

Orientation to St. Andrew's for newcomers and those interested in a refresh will be **November 29** after the 10:30 service. Vestry wardens and commission chairs are asked to attend. Vestry members are most welcome.

The December Vestry meeting will be in person on Sunday **December 13 at 12 noon**. The 2027 budget review and approval will be the priority topic for this meeting.

Judi Hudnutt will host a Vestry celebration **January 15, 2027** at 6 pm at her residence. More details will be forthcoming.

The annual meeting of the parish will be Sunday, **January 17, 2027**. Three Vestry members will complete their terms: Bill Hebble, Judi Hudnutt and Lindsey Varga.

Congregational Development

September meeting actions:

Approved the AGAPE Youth Choir donation of \$2750.

Approved the Big Brothers/Big Sisters donation of \$500.

UTO in progress. Ingathering date to be determined.

- 2nd floor restrooms refresh completed
- New LED exterior lighting completed
- New electric panel and outlets installed on stage
- Awaiting estimate for installation of cable for additional PTZ camera (if purchase is approved)
- Old red chairs have been removed from Lounge. Awaiting issuance of payment to Zerbini to schedule moving chairs from their office to the lounge.
- Donated wood shelving units have been installed in Godly Play room.
- Plans to remove and recycle old restroom partitions and other odd metal products is in the works.

Respectfully,

Hans Van Wormer

Resource Management Commission Meeting, Wed. Oct. 7, 2026

Members: 7

Barbara Prior +, Fran Hamper +, Amy Kellogg x, Karl Kirk x, Gary Pressnell x, Jane McDonald (Asst. Treasurer) +, Deb Schwan (Stewardship) +

Ex-Officio members: 3

June Dorsey (Rector) x, Doug Skladan (Treasurer) +,
Kathy Kerber (Sr. Warden) +

Also invited: 1. Bill Taylor (Sexton) x1.

Update on Stewardship campaign (Kathy)

As of Sun. 10/4/2026 11 pledges have been entered into Breeze, with a total of \$103,635. (Current pledge goal = \$259,292)

2. Stewardship in-gathering (Deb & Barb)

a. During services (8:30, Zoom, & 10:30)

Put in the Bulletin? and Ask June

1. To mention during welcome:

Today is the in-gathering of pledges. Put your pledge card in the offering plate.

If you forgot your pledge card raise your hand and the ushers will bring you one.

You have until Dec. 1st to turn in your pledge.

Three ways to submit your pledge:

1. Put in offering plate (Ask June to say a special prayer over the pledge cards 10/11 only)
2. Print out and mail to the office
3. The Big Blue pledge card box on the stewardship table

2. To say a special prayer over the pledge cards during the offering (on Sunday 10/11 only)

b. Special Coffee hour: from 9:00 am to noon (8:30 & 10:30 services):

Two Sheet cakes: 1/4 (8:30 service) and 1/2 sheet (10:30 service) Write on both: *Plenty Good Room Here!*

Deb will pick up and either use the church debit card or be reimbursed.

Stewardship table (Keep the table out until Tue. Dec. 1st.)

• Weekly reflections • Biographies • Christian stickers • Pledge cards (6-8) • Blue pledge card box

3. Carillon Oct. (Deb & Barb)

- Two weekly Reflections
- Two Biographies
- Reminder: Pledge card deadline is Dec. 1st. Three ways to turn in your pledge card:
- Put in offering plate
- Print out and mail to the office
- The Big Blue pledge card box on the stewardship table

4. Dec. Carillon:

Pledge campaign results Advent reflection from PGR

4. Stewardship year round (Deb)

PGR reflection for Advent (Nov. 29th - Dec. 20th) put in December Carillon

5. Narrative Budget (Barb)

How do we include funds beyond the operating budget in the Narrative budget?

Will create two infographics: one for operating budget, the second for funds beyond the operating budget (better title TBD).