

St. Peters Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes Approved
February 24, 2026

Fr. Tom Mousin, Anita Chandler, Bob Simmons, Kathleen McCormick, Lorna Blackmer, Thora Easton, Christopher Hickey, Emily Keniston, Steve Koskinen, , Lenita Richard, Allison Schroth, Anne Whitman

Absent: Wayne Franklin, Tom Ainsworth, Patty Lamb

Opening Prayer

Caring/Sharing

Minutes Approved December 16, 2025

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's Operations Reports (Bob Simmons): We received Giffard funds disbursement from Diocesan Funds. They will be credited as capital funds and used for the pointing project. Gratitude expressed for Tom Ainsworth's work to get these funds distributed.
2. Fidelity Investments Report (Bob Simmons):
3. Diocesan Report (Bob Simmons):
4. Capital Funds:

MISSION and MINISTRY REPORTS

1. Prayer Ministry (Allison Schroth and Emma Bond):
2. Creation Care (Janene Gorham): See attached proposal.
3. St. Elizabeth's Partnership (Anita Chandler): There is a poster that shows the monthly needs for St. Elizabeth's.
4. Project Feed (Bob Simmons):
5. Hope Squad (Janene Gorham):
6. Sunday Liturgy Review (Fr Tom):
 - a. Minister Rota (Wayne Franklin):
 - b. Acolytes/Torch bearers (Fr. Tom):
 - c. Readers (Anita):
 - d. Altar Guild/Flowers (Anne):
 - e. Videographers/Counters:
7. Aging w/Grace and Merry Hearts: on pause
8. Search Committee: The work of the committee is done, Rev. Myrna Koonce was unanimously recommended by both Search and Vestry to be our next priest in charge.
9. Contemplative Knitting/Handwork: May start up again.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Capital Campaign: (Tom A. & Lenita) Cash collected to date \$43,946. 32 Pledges 256,604.
2. Creation Care plan for yard: See attached proposal. The Creation Care Team wants to create a Sacred Space with the stored baptismal font. The date may change a bit, due to the snow pack. At Convention, the Bishop had requested each parish plant a tree this year. A tree will be selected in consultation with a landscape person,

with the intention to keep it under 15ft. Motion to approve the proposal. Motion passed.

3. Building Use Proposal: Korean Language School?
4. Chili/Chowder Fundraiser: Rich and Anita will meet over the phone, sometime in March.
5. Haskell and Hall: in Process. Chris Hickey is project manager while Wayne is gone. They notified us the mortar replacement is 150 linear feet more than budgeted. A change order will be processed for an additional \$5000.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dossal Curtain: Trevor Floyd sent a proposal with a less expensive option for a similar look. It would cost about \$8,000 rather than \$10,000. Anne Whitman mentioned the kneelers are made of the fabric of the current kneelers.
2. Transition: After March 1, Fr. Tom would be known as Consulting Priest. Rev. Myrna Koonce is the Priest in Charge, as Fr. Tom retired officially on February 28th. There will be a greeting from Myrna in Key Notes. April 12th retirement party and April 19th formal recognition of ending of Fr. Tom's Ministry. Sometime after that there is a celebration of new ministry with Rev. Koonce.
3. Postulant: Emily ends her official time on February 28, 2026, but will remain an active member of the parish. Emily did very well on her ordination examination. She will be interviewed with the standing committee and pull together her application for ordination to the transitional diaconate. Unfortunately, she will not be able to serve at St. Peter's in the early part of her ministry as a priest.

REPORTS

1. Junior Warden (Wayne Franklin):
2. Senior Warden (Anita Chandler): Gratitude for the prayers of the church. We are in such a wonderful place when we look at our parish and its growth. Very proud of the way St. Peter's is doing God's work in the parish and the community.
3. Postulant's Report (Emily Keniston): Thank you to Fr. Tom and to St. Peter's to be invited into this community and have Fr. Tom as a mentor. She has grown in her faith and in her growth over the year. Participating in pastoral care has been a great experience for her. Learning about liturgical planning was so instructive with the help of both Fr Tom and Herb. Understanding how Fr. Tom balances time and ministry, and because of this became interested in parish ministry, in a way she had not. All the little things the community does, to make things work is amazing. St. Peter's has always been great in teaching about faith, she has seen the most tremendous growth and that we are not just faith but are a community in faith.
4. Rector's Report (Fr. Tom Mousin): Fr. Tom shared much of his report. He is very energized about working with Rev. Myrna Koonce. There is a lot happening, we will be taking a lot of breaths. Anika was thinking about becoming a member of vestry but is choosing not to join vestry right now. She has some other things she is hoping to do. Patty Lamb will be stepping down from vestry. Special thanks to Thora and the search committee.

PASTORAL CONCERNS:

CALENDAR DATES:

Saturday, Feb. 28, 9-1	Fr. Martin Smith
Sunday, March 1, 10:15 am	Monthly Breakfast
Tuesday, March 10, 8:30-11 am	St. Elizabeth's Essentials Pantry
Tuesday, March 24, 6:30	Vestry
Sunday, March 15	Reception at Mousin Brown

Thursday, April 2:
Good Friday, April 3:
Sunday, April 5:
Sunday, April 12:

Holy Thursday
Good Friday
Easter
Fr. Tom Retirement Party 4:00 pm

WEEKLY:

Sunday 9 am Holy Eucharist
Wednesday 7 pm Compline

MONTHLY:

Fourth Tuesday: Vestry

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen McCormick