

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. [Isaiah 43:19]

HOLY EUCHARIST

Present: Pastor Dan, Nancy Waugh, Susan Howland, via Zoom Cat Reith-Lowery, Lynn Garland, Ryan Bousquet, Eileen DeMings

Regrets: none

OPENING BUSINESS

- Acceptance of Minutes: August 13, 2025 Jean Frost **A motion was made to accept the minutes from the August meeting, it was seconded, and carried.**
- Treasurer's Report: Nancy Waugh reported that she received no questions on the report. **A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, it was seconded, and carried.**
- Approve Audit report - **A motion was made to approve the audit committee's report, it was seconded, and carried.**

Notes for next year's audit: The appointment of a chairman should be part of naming the audit committee members. Since the treasurer is doing the work that is being audited, the treasurer should not be the chair of that committee.

Susan Howland has offered to train the appointed auditors for their role if needed.

- Pastoral Care Check-in
- What have we done well? - The Blessing of the Backpacks, etc. and shared service held on August 31 was great! Good Pastoral Care is happening behind the scenes.
- What could we have done better? Getting the Audit report submitted on time.

PRIEST'S REPORT:

- St Luke's Sleep-out – will be in November, paired with a week of solidarity November 1st to the 8th. The sleepout date is Nov. 7-8. On Nov 7th there will be a Vigil at 9 pm led by Mother Judith. Bethlehem will host a sleep out, and there is a website with links to other information.
- Cathedral in the Night will take place on Sept 28th in Northampton. On Sept 27, at 10 am a meal will be made and cooked at BLC, and brought to Northampton on the following day.
- Campfire at BLC – one more in Sept.
- Pub Hours at Rapsallion on Sept 22 at 6 pm, Rapsallion Brew Pub
- It has been 3 months since the changes to our worship service began, what do people think? – service ends earlier, good flow of service, a recommendation was made to get feedback from the parish – perhaps with a survey and then a conversation during coffee hour. Get survey out and plan to have conversation at end of October.
- Pastor Dan will be on retreat in NH with Fresh Start Sept 23-24.
- Update on Diocesan Convention and election of our new bishop, in mid-November - The search committee for a new diocesan bishop selected 7 candidates, they have whittled it down to four, There are no candidates from our diocese. The search committee will have a retreat at the Barbara Harris Camp and Conference Center as part of their selection process.

FOLLOW-UP TO PREVIOUS BUSINESS

- Update of plan for anti-choking certification: list has not been sent to Cat yet. Lynn will get that done this month.
- Vestry social time didn't happen this year. Let's make a plan to start planning in early 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming vestry vacancies – start thinking about who could be asked to think about joining the Vestry –There is a vacancy now with the loss of John Grant. Jean will be stepping down as clerk, Robin is completing her second 3-year term so that position will need to be filled in February. Eileen will be finishing her first 3-year term and is willing to stay for a second. Robin is willing to serve as clerk.
- **There was an email vote to approve Robin as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor on August 18, 2025 – all were in favor.**
- Stewardship season begins soon – see Stewardship Ministry Report below
- The Grants are going to find another church to attend.

MINISTRY REPORTS (as appropriate)

- Communications: Susan Howland, Cat Reith-Lowry Susan will be the point person for the committee for now, Tamsin will join the team as the person for Facebook, when she returns.
- Building Committee: Jean Frost sent by email
- Endowment Committee: Susan Howland there was some discussion about the Fitzpatrick Fund for seniors going on to further education
- Landscaping Committee: Lynn Garland, Dave Monroe. – grounds look great
- Family Worship/Faith Formation: Eileen DeMings – crickets....., Robin has written a little blurb for season 4 of The Chosen to put in the bulletin, and it will also go on the website.
- Youth Program: Dave Monroe and Ryan Bousquet – volunteer oportunities for the youth Sept 19th Rosilda's kitchen and Sept 27th at BLC for prep and Cathedral in the Night
- Daughters of the King: Robin Yates – There will be some changes coming, starting on Sunday we will be praying for home-boundparishioners and friends – names put in bulletin
- Stewardship: Nancy Waugh, Lynn Garland – this year's theme Tell Out My Soul, will be looking for volunteers to give a stewardship talk, date for Stewardship Brunch – Nov 16th (Cat would like to do pies this year.)
- Hospitality: Lynn Garland reported that the rotation will change a little bit, there will be 1 less team so the rotation will be 1 week shorter. Lynn also had a thought about the Ushers' schedule - 1 usher to come in early, the second can arrive in time for the service to help and both will do offertory and communion. This will be discussed further with the ushers.

CLOSING PRAYER: Ryan

ADJOURN at 9:14 pm