MINUTES
TRINITY VESTRY MEETING
JULY 20, 2026

Vestry Members Attending: Justus Armstrong, Elizabeth Graham, Rem Houser, Kendon Johnson, Billy Kendall, Jeff Ollman, Susan Prather, Evelyn Stahl and Wright Waddell.

Vestry Members Absent: Traci Courville, Laura Posey and Richard Waddell

Ex-Offcio Members Attending: Elliott Waddell

Clergy Attending: Father Tim Graham and Father Andy Blakemore

Guests Attending: Susan Perkins

1. Rem Houser, Senior Warden, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Father Tim Graham opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Wight Waddell made the motion to accept the minutes of May 18, 2026 Trinty Vestry Meeting, as presented, and Justus Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Mr. Houser thanked and made accolades about the work and service of the Trinity Alter Guild and introduced the Alter Guild Chairperson, Susan Perkins. Mrs. Perkins shared the names of the members of the Alter Guild, the group's mission Statement, schedule and the duties/responsibilities of the Trinty Alter Guild.

5. Mr. Houser thanked Vestry Member, Billy Kendall, for taking the minutes of the meeting in Laura Posey's absence.

6. **Senior Warden's Report – Rem Houser**
   Mr. Houser reminded the Vestry of the group's goals for the remainder of the year:

a. Improving Parishioner Involvement.
b. Improving Church Membership Growth.
c. Developing a New Sunday/Church School Program.
d. Increasing Parishioner Pledging Units.
e. Continuing to Identify Building Needs & Addressing the Needs.

7. **Finance Committee's Report – Elliott Waddell**
   Mr. Waddell stated that six months into the year that the church is doing well. He commented that, as expected, that the General Checking Fund is a little low. He reported that the church is very close to its revenue and expense projections in all categories. With a balance sheet analysis, Mr. Waddell reported that a reserve of $5,000 went toward a new intercom system. Father Graham mentioned that locking the front door has been an issue and a part has been ordered to correct the problem. Mr. Waddell pointed out that a new keypad has been installed just inside the front door. On a positive note, he noted, that the account has accrued $4,000 in interest. Mr. Waddell noted that the tower bell had been hit by lightening recently and is not working currently. He reminded the Vestry Members, via Mary Hurley, to honor their pledges sooner rather than later due to low cash funds. Evelyn Stahl asked where the designated money, left to the church, go upon the death of a member and Mr. Waddell responded to a specified account.

8. **Old Business – Rem Houser**
   a. Mr. Houser called on Evelyn Stahl to bring an update from the Newcomers'/Welcome Committee. She reported that the committee had met recently. She reported that a new Visitor's Card had been developed and the old ones have been replaced by the new cards in the church pews. She mentioned that we have had an increase in military visitors recently. Mrs. Stahl noted that phone calls have been made with visitors, that have completed a Visitor's Card, as a follow-up to their visit at Trinty. She mentioned a female visitor that stated that she was visiting around for a new church and since she found everyone at Trinty so friendly that there is no longer the need to continue visiting multiple churches. She now is attending Trinty regularly. Father Blakemore reported that he has formalized the visitor's process. He has developed a

spreadsheet and he takes over the process after the white card. He mentioned that the church needs to celebrate the visitor once he/she becomes a member. He reported that the church had eight visitors, who completed the Visitor's Card, in June and one visitor in July thus far. He noted that several of the visitors have expressed the desire to become a member. Once again, Father Blakemore, expressed the need to acknowledge and celebrate new members. Mr. Houser noted that at St. Paul the new members are brought up front during a service and introduced to the congregation.

b. Jeff Ollman reported that he has identified one new Usher and that there is a need for an additional Ushers on Team One and Team Three.

c. Mr. Houser reported that Traci Courville is developing and updating a list of all church committees. Mrs. Stahl expressed an interest in how the Newcomers' Committee will be incorporated within the list.

9. **New Business – Rem Houser**
   a. Mr. Houser reported in Richard Waddell's absence about the building. He reported that Mr. Waddell has added new members to his committee that include Johnny Cargill, Ken Hinson, Rem Houser, John Johnson and Bill Stahl. Mr. Houser mentioned roof repairs. He noted three projects that included the following:
      1. Wall, facing the courtyard, that has a leak. Studying the way to resolve the issue before putting the work out for bid. A company, out of Macon, is being used to standardize the specifications of the needed work before the bidding process begins.
      2. Addressing the grout used throughout the building and determining which product to used that will bond with the building grout.
      3. Addressing the church's windows. A Lynchburg, Va. company, that specializing in windows, has been used to complete an evaluation of the windows.

b. Mr. Elliott Waddell suggested that the church invest in a new lightening rod from the church's tower due to the recent lightening strike that has silenced the church bell.

c. Mr. Houser requested that Father Graham speak about the plans for a new Sunday School/Church School program. Father Graham reported that plans have been drafted and some work has begun in the refreshing of the church's upstairs. The work includes painting, new carpet and complete bathroom renovations. He pointed out that the work must be completed before holding Sunday classes upstairs. There are plans to have Rally Day in August and Sunday classes beginning in September. There will be classes for children, youth and one/two adult classes. Until the work is completed upstairs the children and youth will meet in the church's basement and the adults will meet on the first floor of the church. Father Blakemore reported that a selection of the curriculum, that will be used, is ongoing and that volunteers and teachers will be identified. He stated that parishioners will need to be engaged.

d. Concerning the current drive for school supplies, Elliot Waddell suggested one donating the funds for school supplies and the need for someone else to purchase the school supplies rather than individually donating school supplies. This would assist in ensuring that the right supplies are being purchased.

10. **Father Tim Graham's Report**

a. Father Graham reported that the Vestry needed to approve the Diocesan Pledge. Kendon Johnson made the motion to make a donation to the Diocese and that it meets the 10% threshold. Jeff Ollman seconded the motion and it passed.
b. Father Graham reported that a new church sexton had been hired and its Michael McMahan.
c. He reported that the Annual Diocese Meeting will be held, at the Cathedral, on November 6 & 7. Trinity will have four voting representatives.
d. He reported that he will be out of town during the next Vestry Meeting, August 17th. Mr. Houser suggested that the Vestry

Meeting be held on the scheduled meeting date of August 17.

e. Father Graham reported that Alexander Lighting will be coming to make suggestions on the lighting of the large front stained glass window. The funds for the lighting will be donated by a parishioner.
f. He reported that some improvements need to be made to the church's sound system. Currently its hard wired and the system needs to move to using an antenna and wireless system. The work will cost about $9,000 and he suggested using Columbus Tape and Video because they have done similar work in most of the community's venues/theatres and churches. Mr. Houser expressed the need to put out bids, for the needed work, in the spirit of transparency and the church's current finances.
g. Father Grahm announced that Dr. Moon will hold a concert at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts on Sunday, August 23rd.
h. He reported that he did not have an update on Joe Golden's plans for the future.

11. Father Andy Blakemore ended the meeting with a prayer.

12. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully Recorded and Submitted By,

Dr. William P. Kendall for Laura Posey upon her absence.