

Good News from St. John's

August 2026

St. John's Episcopal Church
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MISSION STATEMENT: With God's help we seek to share our love, fellowship, charity and faith with all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry Meeting June 14, 2026

Present: Anna Baker, Heidi Daley, Senta Meister, Martha Stone, Candy Scarborough, Ava Tierney and Father Lackey.

Absent: Verlyn Bolinger.

Opening prayer at 11:20

Minutes from the May 24, 2026 Vestry Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The transaction and budget reports were reviewed. The Discretionary fund stands at \$674.93. Despite the fact the treasurer was not present, the report was approved.

Old Business: Camp Wood: The theme was In the Wilderness. No campers were misplaced and strains of Allan Sherman's classic did not come to fruition. The 2026 version of Episcopal Camp at Camp Wood was a success. It was noted that kids from the Diocese of Western Kansas as well as Western Missouri are now included.

New Business: Chimney cracks: The iconic chimney atop the roof of St John's has once again failed. Although it is seen as a pleasing architectural feature, its deteriorating condition has caused recurring problems which are expensive to repair. This time the big crack has caused a leak damaging the ceiling in the sacristy. The best solution is to

delete the chimney which was built to accommodate smoke and gas from a coal-fired system and replace it with a new exhaust pipe designed for our natural gas fired furnaces and repair the roof with materials matching the rest of the roof.

Alarm System: The alarm system has been sending phantom messages. It is due to a short in the system. Touchton Electric has been apprised of the situation and hopefully they will resolve the problem soon.

Back door: It has become increasingly difficult to operate and now the key lock is failing. A solution will be sought.

Reports:

Priest: Before church this morning, June 14, two new pieces of music were introduced. A new tune for the Kyrie using hymn S 96 and a new one for the Sanctus, hymn S 124. The hymns were practiced before church and sung during the service.

Sr Warden: No report.

Jr Warden: No report.

Ministries:

Worship & Music: No report.

Evangelism: No report.

Communications: No report.

Children's Education: No report.

Adult Formation: No report

Stewardship-No report.

Buildings & Grounds: Reference the New Business above, it was all Building and Grounds.

Altar Guild: No report.

Endowment: May 31, 2026 \$104,315.46
Down \$1,000.20

Clergy Support: May 31, 2026 \$198,829.25
Up \$3,763.70

Pastoral Care: No report.

ECW: No report.

Next regular meeting, Sunday, July 12 after church.

A blessing by Father Kelley concluded the meeting 11:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Jupe Allen, Clerk



Prayer List

Our prayers have been asked for:



August Birthdays

14 Ava Tierney
21 Ayden Main
26 Verlyn Bolinger, Jr.



August Anniversaries:

13 Frank & Patty Vernacchia
15 Mark & Jill Chambers
23 Fran McLarty
26 Carrie Tierney

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer 9:30 am	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Vestry Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Prayer 9:30 am	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19	20	21	22
23 The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Holy Eucharist 9:30 am 30 The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost Morning Prayer 9:30 am	24	25	26	27	28	29

St. John's August 2026 schedule

	Morning Prayer 08/02/2026	Holy Eucharist 08/09/2026	Morning Prayer 08/16/2026	Holy Eucharist 08/23/2026	Morning Prayer 08/30/2026
Clergy		Father Kelley		Father Kelley	
Leader	Martha		Joe		Verlyn
Eucharistic Minister		Verlyn		Candy	
Lector	Heidi	Daria	Peggy	Ava	Senta
Eucharistic Visitor		Daria			
Acolytes		Verlyn, Zoe		Ava, Joe	
Greeters	Heidi	Tom Tanner	Peggy	Tommy & Beverly	Alice
Coffee Hour					
Counters	Vestry				
Altar Guild	Martha and Anna				