

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church, Chandler AZ
Vestry Meeting Minutes June 25, 2026



Note: The June 2026 meeting was conducted by sharing ministry reports in email. No in-person or zoom meeting was held.

Opening Devotions— Gloria

Land Acknowledgment (All)

We acknowledge the people of the land, the Akimel O'odham, Piipaash, and other indigenous peoples as original stewards of this land given to them by our one and only Creator God. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside indigenous people for reconciliation and justice as we live into our Baptismal Covenant and respect the dignity of every person.

1. Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Vestry Meeting* – May, 2026

Motion to approve: Second:

- b. Annual meeting minutes will be reviewed/approved by the congregation in January 2027.

2. Wardens' Items

- a. Diocesan Anti-Racism training
- b. David proposes purchasing a new restaurant style coffee station. \$305. It makes 2 pots at a time. We still need a hot water kettle.
- c. **Vestry Summer Coffee:** as discussed at the last meeting, Vestry of the Day is in charge of coffee hour this summer. That means turning on the pot when you arrive (make sure all the switches are flipped to "on" so that they light up red). It means coming into Matt's Cafe around 9:15 and starting a first pot. Each one takes maybe 5 minutes to brew, and I've found that two of each variety - decaf, regular, and bold - is the right amount. One pot each will fit into the dispensers which are located in the kitchen, bottom cabinets, to the left of the stove. Vestry of the day also needs to provide ice for lemonade/tea (two-three pitchers of lemonade, one of tea, and two of water should go in the fridge to get cold when you arrive) and creamer. It's worth asking the person from the week before if creamer is needed. For this week, I would say one flavored creamer and one regular half and half is the right move. Let me know if you have questions. You can always text me but I'm also almost always there by 8:45 and can help! 480-466-3360
- d. At our next in-person vestry meeting, pending Joey's schedule, we will have a **training on the two-way radios** that were provided as part of the DHS grant.

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- e. **Coming up in July** we will have Canon Katlin McCallister preach on the 12th and Bishop Vincent visiting from Hillson's home parish on the 19th. We would like to provide a special zhuzhed up coffee hour on the 19th in order to have a warm welcome for Bishop Vincent and his wife during their visit here. More info will be forthcoming about that.
- f. There are also some upcoming **film screenings** to be aware of. One is called Traces of the Trade and we will be in touch with Canon Alex about the timing for that one in August. Creation Care is hosting a viewing of Hoppers on July 25th. The Hoppers viewing is a multi-generational event, so we encourage your attendance even if you don't have kiddos, as you know we are always excited about anything intergenerational happening at St. Matt's!
- g. Mark your calendars for our next vestry meeting on 7/15/26 at 6:30. If you are unable to attend, please let us know sooner than later so we are aware if we need to make the next one virtual as well - summer in AZ is HARD and we get it. We will resume in-person meetings as soon as possible.

Again, call or text with questions. I'm happy to hear from any of you! (Kaytee)

3. Rector's Report*

4. Committee / Ministry Reports

- a. Finance* (Sue / Claude)
- b. Creation Care (Eileen)
- c. Buildings & Grounds (Nick)
- d. Outreach (Justin)
- e. Security (Rev. Monica)
- f. Beloved Community
- g. Stewardship (Hillson)
- h. Inreach Focus Group (Rev. Monica) Last scheduled tea was May 20.

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5. New / Recurring Business

- a. Continuing conversation on David Hale's proposed addition of a Saturday evening service.
- b. Update on pew removal.

6. Up Next for Vestry:

Reminder to register for an anti-racism training cohort if you have not already taken the course. <https://azdiocese.org/anti-racism/>
There are training cohorts in August and September.

Next Vestry meeting is **Wednesday, July 15**— Opening Devotions: David.

John Wennes offered to open the campus on Sunday mornings; just ask him!
wennes80@yahoo.com

Opening prayer/devotions:

Meeting Date	Opening Prayer / Devotions
July 15, 2026	David Hale
August 19, 2026	Barb Michael
September 16, 2026	Justin Allen
October 21, 2026	Doug Marley
November 18, 2026	Susan Wright
December 16, 2026	Eileen Burmeister
January 20, 2027	Jennifer Salvatori
February 17, 2027	Susan Cyr

7. Closing Prayer/Adjourn

Vestry minutes are reviewed and approved in next vestry meeting, after which they are posted on the St. Matthew's website. Reports* referenced in the minutes are available to the St. Matthew's congregation upon request to the [clerk](#).
