

Wardens Corner

November 7, 2025

Your Christ Church vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Each month, the Wardens will write a recap of the meeting and make it available to the congregation. Of course, you are always welcome to attend the actual meeting.

The meeting always begins and ends with prayer.

The following items are particularly noteworthy:

The Rev. Kevin Kelly was recommended unanimously by the Search Committee to serve as the next Christ Church Rector. The Vestry unanimously affirmed the recommendation. Father Kelly's ministry with us will begin no later than January 18, 2026.

Junior Warden, Mike Tanner reported that the Carroll Building (Rector's Office) needs a new roof. The JH Strickland bid was accepted the job for \$11,216.00.

Many capital improvement projects have been completed this year. No additional ones are currently pending. A list of small projects will be generated with the vestry prioritizing them.

The Vestry voted unanimously to paint the front doors of the church red. Bobby Yarbrough completed that project.

The 204th Diocesan Convention will be held November 6 - 8, 2025 in Statesboro, GA, David Sandbach, Molly Stevenson and Bobby Yarbrough will be the delegates, with Ed Mistick and Elise Sandbach serving as Alternates.

Committee membership guidelines will be implemented.

The Stewardship Campaign is underway. Jeani Synyard is coordinating parishioners to speak during each Sunday service to explain why they commit and pledge to Christ Church. This year's theme is Share the Love.

A Georgia Emergency Management Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) security grant for the FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSP). Grants are available for nonprofits at high risk of security threats, including places of worship. Christ Church is applying for a grant.

The area consecrated during the annual St. Francis Blessing of the Pets, to be used as a memorial garden for pets was named The Karen Parten Gunter Pet Memorial

Garden* A plaque will be placed designating the space.

Oktoberfest, hosted by David & Elise Sandbach was a tremendous success, as was Trunk or Treat held after the 10am service on October 26th.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 1 - First semi-annual Pet Memorial Service @ 10am

Nov. 6-8 - Diocesan Convention @ Statesboro

Nov. 16 - Parish Picnic/Stewardship Dinner @ Christ Church

Nov. 25 - Valdosta Area Episcopal Churches Joint Thanksgiving Service @ St. Barnabas @ 6pm

Nov. 27- Possible Thanksgiving Day Luncheon @ Christ Church

Nov. 30 - Advent Wreath-Making Event following 10AM service

It is a blessing to serve alongside each of you!

Molly Stevenson