

**Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church, Houston,
Texas Agenda for Vestry Meeting in Room A102
Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

This meeting will be hybrid in case anyone cannot attend in person:

<https://palmerchurch.zoom.us/j/84170321488>

1. Check-In and An Order of Worship for the Evening — The Rev'd Allen Junek
2. Consensus Items
 - a. APPROVED Vestry Meeting Minutes from 05.19.26
 - b. July Financial Summary from Jessica Evans, Director of Finance
 - c. Worship Council Report
 - d. Outreach Council and Deacon Reports
 - e. Congregational and Community Engagement Council Report
 - f. Membership Council Report
 - g. Parish Life Council Report
 - h. Pastoral Care Council Report
 - i. Facilities and Grounds Council Report
 - j. Finance Council Report
 - k. Stewardship Report
 - l. Senior Warden's Report
 - m. Associate Rector's Report
3. Stewardship Council Update — Ken Alexander
4. Capital Campaign Update – Pam Lovett
5. Campus Renovation Update – Tom Van Arsdel and Ken DeLorenzo
6. Senior Warden's Report — Tom Van Arsdel
 - a. Discussion of source funds for pre-bid phase of renovation project
6. Gratitude Reflection — Tom VanArsdel
7. Benediction — The Rev'd Allen Junek

(Associate) Rector's Report - *The Rev'd Allen M. Juneke*
July 2026 Vestry Meeting

In the Rector's absence due to planned medical leave, I have assumed additional responsibilities alongside my regular duties. In addition to preaching, Bible studies, hospital visitations, and other sacerdotal ministries, the following summarizes my activities since the May Vestry Meeting:

1. **Director of Operations Search** – I collaborated with Neil and the Wardens to draft a job description for Palmer's Director of Operations position. Before Neil went on medical leave, he ensured that the Director of Operation job description posting went live across multiple platforms. I have continued monitoring Palmer's employment inbox as applications arrive. Together with the Wardens, I have reviewed several resumes; unfortunately, most have not been viable candidates. We continue to await a candidate pool from FedsForward.
2. **Youth Minister Search** – Following Roger Hutchison's acceptance of the Director of Communications role, Palmer now requires a Youth Minister. With Neil's blessing, I drafted and posted the job description. Last week, the Rev'd Katherine Tuttle and I interviewed a promising candidate. Neil has since given approval to move forward, and I will extend an offer letter in the coming weeks.
3. **Summer Clergy Coverage** – WWe are fortunate that only one Sunday this summer requires coverage for both the 8 AM and 10 AM services. I have arranged, scheduled, and conducted walkthroughs with our guest celebrant for Sunday, July 12: the Rev'd William "Dub" Brooks. Elizabeth Maynard, July 12's VPOD, has graciously agreed to offer announcements on Dub's behalf.
4. **Stewarding Pastoral Relationships** – The clergy continue to establish pastoral touchpoints with the pledging households assigned to each of us by the Stewardship Council.
5. **Orders of Service** – Each Monday, in collaboration with Laura Shaver, I edit the Orders of Service for the upcoming Sunday. This rhythm allows me to bring updated drafts to Tuesday Staff Meetings and finalize them by Wednesday.
6. **Staff Meetings** – I have taken on leading weekly staff meetings and have created a standing agenda for these gatherings. To ensure we are well-prepared for the next program year (Fall 2026–Spring 2027), the staff will hold a calendaring meeting on the morning of July 21, followed by lunch.
7. **Friday Emails** – For the duration of the summer, I have taken on writing the Friday pastoral emails. Given their reflective nature, I have invited the Rev'd Katherine Tuttle to write two of these messages.

8. **Pride Planning Team** - Since April, I have served on the core clergy–laity team organizing the Episcopal Church’s presence at Houston Pride. This work has involved weekly meetings, and I am grateful for the support of Palmers Lauren Davis and Victor Lamas. The work continues as I collaborate with the diocesan communications team to build an LGBTQ+ resource page on epicenter.org, including a map of parishes that have completed the Unity in Mission process, Palmer among them.
9. **Baptism Scheduled** – I have scheduled a baptism for Sunday, August 16, at the 8 AM service for a precious baby girl named Juliet.
10. **Pastoral Care Council** - The Pastoral Care Council has scheduled a Healing Service for Wednesday, September 9, 2026, in St. Bede’s. I have also been coordinating Palmers who will offer brief testimonials highlighting various pastoral ministries. Most recently, Laura van Ness shared about Loaves and Fishes on June 21. Additional details are available in the Pastoral Care Council minutes.
11. **Adult Formation** - The Rev’d Katherine Tuttle and I have launched a 9 AM Adult Formation series on Theories of the Atonement. Two classes have taken place so far, with the next scheduled for July 19.

Senior Warden Report

For the July 21, 2026 Vestry Meeting

1. Special Committees for Capital Campaign and Centennial Celebration
 - a. Pam Lovett and Mike Soika have added several couples to the Capital Campaign Committee, and have completed interviews of potential fundraising partners. They will be making a recommendation of a fundraising partner for Vestry confirmation.
 - b. The Vestry approved access to ShelbyNext giving records to Pam and Mike, and the firm that is eventually confirmed by the Vestry
 - c. The Centennial Celebration Committee will be chaired by David Madrigal and David Palma, and Mark and Catherine Beebe. We are incredibly grateful to all of them for agreeing to lead us as we plan to celebrate our Centennial.
2. Human Resources and Staffing update
 - a. An offer has been made to Blake Burns to fill the position of Youth Minister.
 - b. The job description for Business Manager position has been posted on multiple platforms, we have started to review resumes, and will be scheduling interviews in the coming weeks.
3. Campus Renovation Project
 - a. A special taskforce consisting of Michael Massey (chair), David Robinson, Burdette Keeland, Gail Adams, Eileen Raese, John Cutler, John Hawkins, Gerry Sandoval, and Ken DeLorenzo has been formed to shepherd us through the construction planning and management phase.
 - b. Additional work on space planning and potential new features is underway. The first formal update to the Parish happened on June 21, and a workshop on the planning process will take place on July 19
 - c. Funding will be needed to get through the pre-bid phase between now and year end. Planning is underway to determine how much, and where those funds will come from.
 - d. Facility Sharing Agreements – We reached an agreement with Archway to extend the Facility Use Agreement through summer 2027. We are close to finalizing a renewal agreement with GISH, which includes refurbishing the playground to pass school inspections this summer.
 - e. The Rectory Study committee is continuing its work and will make a recommendation to the Vestry when their work is completed.
4. To address issues with ShelbyNext, we are exploring the resources the software developer has to troubleshoot and fix any bugs.

Pastoral Care Council Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2026 | 6:00pm

Present: The Rev'd Allen Junek, Laura van Ness, Jackie Campbell, Ruth Davies, Katie Pannell, Don Quast, Rivers Wallace, Laurie Rigby, Diane Quast

- I. Welcome + Check-in's
- II. Prayer
- III. Communications Update(s)
 - A. Ministry Descriptions - all ministry descriptions have been received with the exception of the following:
 1. Mourner's Path
 2. Stephen Ministry
 3. Funeral Guild
 4. Community of Hope (*on hold — leadership transition*)
 5. Healing Service (*pending service launch*)
 - B. Pastoral Care Form - Palmer's pastoral care intake form (already live on website) to be announced congregation-wide in the Friday email of June 26th, drafted by Allen during Neil's summer absence
 - C. Spoken announcement paired with bulletin insert
 1. Loaves & Fishes, Laura Van Ness, June 21st.
 2. Stephen Ministry, Linda Schubert, deferred to the fall once Linda returns from her travels.
 3. Eucharistic Visitors, David Madrigal, tentatively planned for August.
- IV. Healing Service
 - A. Date and Time: Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 PM in St. Bede's Chapel. Holy Eucharist observing the Feast of the Martyrs of Memphis (Constance and her companions), chosen to align with the healing/outreach mission near the Texas Medical Center.
 - B. Hospitality: We hope the DOK could sponsor a light reception + time for fellowship following the service. It was decided that Katie would serve as our DOK liaison, and would coordinate with Stephanie Davidson.
 - C. Communication:
 1. Banner/sign to be designed for reuse across all healing services; Roger and Allen to collaborate on design and placement.

2. Ruth requested a formatted document to share with hospital chaplains as an outreach tool.
3. Pastoral Care Council members to pray about and personally invite 4–5 committed individuals to anchor attendance at each service.

V. Misc. Updates + New Business

- A. OSL: Allen has accepted the role as chaplain for OSL at Palmer; Jackie serving as convener. Palmer's OSL is moving toward formal recognition as a legitimate healing community; training is online via Zoom, ~2 hours/week for 3 months.
- B. Eucharistic Visitors: Training with David Madrigal scheduled June 14th, following 10 o'clock service, running through lunch in A102. It is open to both new participants and those seeking a refresher. Allen will work with Roger to redesign the half-sheet liturgy guide for Eucharistic visits for clarity and updated formatting.
- C. Pastoral Care Ministries Half-sheet: desire for a non-web, print format half-sheet was expressed. Allen to request Roger design and print it for the track rack/welcome table – note: this will not include individual contact names, so as to ensure its continued use.

VI. Pastoral Updates: Identified but not included for the sake of confidentiality.

VII. Closing Prayer: Compline

Parish Life Report
Submitted by The Rev. Katherine Tuttle

Both the Membership Council and the Congregational and Community Engagement Council have been on summer break and there are no new reports for the Vestry since their May meeting.

New reports for both these councils and a quarterly Office of Parish Life report will be submitted for the September meeting.

July 1st, 2026

Outreach Parish Council
Submitted by The Rev. Mary Reddick, Deacon

Outreach activities continue throughout the summer, including the Second Sunday Food Drive, school supplies drive for New Hope Housing children, Kids Meals, EAC volunteer activities, and volunteering at the Beacon. The Outreach Parish Council has been on summer break and is scheduled to meet in August. A council report will be submitted for the Vestry September meeting.

July 6, 2026

PALMER MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses
June 2026

	MTD ACTUAL 2026	MTD BUDGET 2026	YTD ACTUAL 2026	YTD BUDGET 2026	2026 ANNUAL BUDGET	% of ANNUAL BUDGET USED
Revenues						
BANK DEPOSITS						
OPERATING FUND						
CONTRIBUTION REVENUE	\$184,696.00	\$158,266.66	\$965,427.35	\$949,599.96	\$1,899,200.00	50.83 %
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE	\$32,181.00	\$42,344.17	\$220,496.00	\$254,065.02	\$508,130.00	43.39 %
Total OPERATING FUND	<u>\$216,877.00</u>	<u>\$200,610.83</u>	<u>\$1,185,923.35</u>	<u>\$1,203,664.98</u>	<u>\$2,407,330.00</u>	<u>49.26 %</u>
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Expenses						
PERSONNEL	\$78,094.57	\$90,925.49	\$498,972.19	\$545,552.94	\$1,091,106.00	45.73 %
DIOCESE	\$16,311.67	\$16,311.67	\$97,870.02	\$97,870.02	\$195,740.00	50.00 %
RECTORY	\$3,819.65	\$1,833.33	\$8,545.61	\$10,999.98	\$22,000.00	38.84 %
CHURCH BUILDINGS						
BUILDING and MAINTENANCE	\$59,437.17	\$51,316.67	\$313,710.80	\$307,900.02	\$615,800.00	50.94 %
DEBT SERVICE	\$4,172.34	\$4,000.00	\$24,368.26	\$24,000.00	\$48,000.00	50.77 %
UTILITIES	\$13,035.06	\$12,216.67	\$68,183.38	\$73,300.02	\$146,600.00	46.51 %
FELLOWSHIP KITCHEN	\$940.93	\$1,531.25	\$7,982.92	\$9,187.50	\$18,375.00	43.44 %
Total CHURCH BUILDINGS	<u>\$77,585.50</u>	<u>\$69,064.59</u>	<u>\$414,245.36</u>	<u>\$414,387.54</u>	<u>\$828,775.00</u>	<u>49.98 %</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT						
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,037.61	\$1,886.25	\$13,904.98	\$11,317.50	\$22,635.00	61.43 %
FINANCIAL OPERATIONS	\$1,053.20	\$2,804.16	\$6,888.10	\$16,824.96	\$33,650.00	20.47 %
Total ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	<u>\$2,090.81</u>	<u>\$4,690.41</u>	<u>\$20,793.08</u>	<u>\$28,142.46</u>	<u>\$56,285.00</u>	<u>36.94 %</u>
MINISTRIES						
COMMUNICATIONS	\$5,013.63	\$3,966.66	\$25,844.92	\$23,799.96	\$47,600.00	54.30 %
OUTREACH	\$5,100.00	\$1,135.32	\$5,824.89	\$6,811.92	\$13,624.00	42.75 %
EVANGELISM	\$0.00	\$760.42	\$3,166.62	\$4,562.52	\$9,125.00	34.70 %
FELLOWSHIP	\$1,922.16	\$2,166.67	\$19,925.29	\$13,000.02	\$26,000.00	76.64 %
MUSIC MINISTRY						
MUSIC-ADULTS	\$0.00	\$1,020.84	\$5,552.28	\$6,125.04	\$12,250.00	45.32 %
MUSIC-CHILDREN	\$0.00	\$333.33	\$2,507.12	\$1,999.98	\$4,000.00	62.68 %
Total MUSIC MINISTRY	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,354.17</u>	<u>\$8,059.40</u>	<u>\$8,125.02</u>	<u>\$16,250.00</u>	<u>49.60 %</u>
PASTORAL CARE	\$0.00	\$183.32	\$250.00	\$1,099.92	\$2,200.00	11.36 %
WORSHIP	\$267.50	\$404.17	\$1,964.20	\$2,425.02	\$4,850.00	40.50 %
PRAYER & SPIRITUALITY	\$0.00	\$31.25	\$0.00	\$187.50	\$375.00	0.00 %
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/MEDIA	\$4,275.14	\$3,500.01	\$22,715.38	\$21,000.06	\$42,000.00	54.08 %
Total MINISTRIES	<u>\$16,578.43</u>	<u>\$13,501.99</u>	<u>\$87,750.70</u>	<u>\$81,011.94</u>	<u>\$162,024.00</u>	<u>54.16 %</u>
EDUCATION						
ADULT EDUCATION	\$1,191.06	\$1,333.34	\$6,794.84	\$8,000.04	\$16,000.00	42.47 %
CHILDREN'S EDUCATION	\$308.00	\$916.67	\$5,613.44	\$5,500.02	\$11,000.00	51.03 %
YOUTH	\$158.24	\$1,083.33	\$7,348.20	\$6,499.98	\$13,000.00	56.52 %
PARISH RETREAT	\$0.00	\$416.67	\$1,600.00	\$2,500.02	\$5,000.00	32.00 %
Total EDUCATION	<u>\$1,657.30</u>	<u>\$3,750.01</u>	<u>\$21,356.48</u>	<u>\$22,500.06</u>	<u>\$45,000.00</u>	<u>47.46 %</u>
OTHER EXPENSES						
WEDDING MINISTRY	\$0.00	\$316.67	\$600.00	\$1,900.02	\$3,800.00	15.79 %
FUNERAL MINISTRY	\$550.00	\$216.67	\$2,533.98	\$1,300.02	\$2,600.00	97.46 %
Total OTHER EXPENSES	<u>\$550.00</u>	<u>\$533.34</u>	<u>\$3,133.98</u>	<u>\$3,200.04</u>	<u>\$6,400.00</u>	<u>48.97 %</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$196,687.93</u>	<u>\$200,610.83</u>	<u>\$1,152,667.42</u>	<u>\$1,203,664.98</u>	<u>\$2,407,330.00</u>	<u>47.88 %</u>
Net Total	\$20,189.07	\$0.00	\$33,255.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00 %

June PMC Finance Council Minutes 6/10/2026

Attending: Rosine Hall, Pam Harvey, Danna Kurtin, Jessica Evans, Jeff Dieter, John Wallace, Joan Gallagher, Scott Sublett, Tom Van Arsdel, Pam Lovett, Richard Avant, Shannon Wallace.

1. Review and Approval of May Meeting Minutes. The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from May. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Wallace and seconded by Dana Kurtin. The May meeting minutes were approved.
2. Review and Approval of May Financial Reports. Jessica Evans provided a summary of the May financials.
 - Revenues were in line with the budget for the month.
 - Year-to-date, current year pledges are down about 2%.
 - Expenses were under budget by approximately \$35,000.
 - This resulted in a budget surplus of nearly \$31,000 for the month and a year-to-date surplus of \$13,000.

Joan Gallagher raised a question about the ending cash balance, which appeared slightly down from April. The committee discussed that cash balance can fluctuate significantly. A drop of \$100,000 from March to April was noted as a surprise, but the current drop of \$8,000 from April to May is considered normal and not a cause for alarm. Also, expenditures are bumpier given our new reporting format as suggested by the Auditors.

The group remains focused on pledges, especially during the summer months when contributions tend to decline. An update was provided on pledge reminder letters, which went out with statements this week. A motion to approve the May financial reports was moved by Pam Lovett, seconded by Richard Avant, and passed unanimously.

3. Discussion Items

A. Part-time Youth Minister. The committee discussed a proposal to hire a part-time youth minister for approximately \$25,000 a year (\$500 per week for 10 hours/week). The funds for this position are available in the budget — the salary for a previous youth minister was never

removed from the budget line. The departure of the communications director has also created a surplus in the laity staff salary line. The communications role has been split among several people (Roger Hutchison, Josh Graham) and some duties are outsourced (bulletins), but the overall cost remains within the budget.

The request to hire/fill this role involves Katherine Tuttle, Roger, and Allen Junek, who sent the proposal to the finance committee for approval. Any future salary increases would be due to standard cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), not this specific role.

Richard Avant made a motion to hire a part-time youth minister for \$25,000. Danna Kurtin seconded. Motion carried.

B. Associate organist salary increase. The current associate organist, Laura Smith, has been hired by St. Thomas Episcopal in Meyerland. Valentina Huang, who previously held the position as a student, is a candidate to return to the role. A proposal was made to increase the salary from \$30,000 to \$32,000 per year to make the offer more attractive, as she is currently earning more. The salary increase would come from the laity staff salaries budget. A motion was made by Richard Avant and seconded by Jeff Dieter to approve the increase in the associate organist's salary to \$32,000. The motion carried.

C. CDs at Texas Gulf Bank. Last year, an agreement was made with Texas Gulf Bank (TGB) to invest in Certificates of Deposit (CDs) in exchange for a favorable remortgage rate on the rectory. It was discovered that the CDs were never actually purchased, resulting in a loss of expected interest income, estimated at around \$6,500 year-to-date.

The committee discussed options for investing the funds to generate interest. TGB offered a 12-month CD at 3.4% and a 6-month CD at 3.2%. Their money market account rate is 1.66%, which was considered low. Vanguard money market funds were suggested as an alternative, offering a higher rate of 3.56% with daily liquidity and no minimum investment. A combination approach was considered: placing a smaller amount in a CD with TGB to maintain the

relationship and investing the rest in a higher-yield Vanguard account. It was noted that a minimum balance of \$100,000 must be kept with TGB to avoid banking fees. The group agreed that a written investment plan should be created and approved before any action is taken. Pam will research options, and Scott offered to assist, potentially visiting Texas Gulf Bank in River Oaks.

D. Closing the PPP Loan Operating Fund. A question was raised by Rosine Hall about the PPP loan operating fund, which has a balance of around \$292 and has not been used in five years. It was agreed that the account should be closed. A motion was passed to authorize Jessica to close the account and transfer the remaining funds to the main account.

E. Discussion of Audit Results. The audit update, expected in June, was not ready for the current meeting. The auditors will reach out when the report is complete, which is expected by the end of June. The committee discussed holding a special meeting in July, potentially via Zoom, to review the audit report once it is available.

Palmer Building and Grounds Council

John Wallace – Jr. Warden
Sue Murphy – Chair
Camille Emig
Johnna Kincaid
Michael Massey
Gerry Sandoval
Ric Tharpe
David Robinson

Recognizing the ongoing work of the project manager and the Building Project and Rectory Study Committees to fully assess, make recommendations, and propose options for the renovations to Palmer's building and grounds (including the rectory), the Council has communicated via email in lieu of holding our regularly scheduled meeting.

To that end, the Council approved the Tramonte Design Studio proposal and payment for an ADA campus compliance audit and per the vestry's questions, 3D concept designs of the nave entrance, playground, and north corner entrance.

Addition of Council Member.

David Robinson is a new member of the Council, and will be able to serve as liaison with the Building Project Committee, of which he is also a member. Michael Massey continues to serve as the Council's liaison with the project manager, but is delighted for the help.

Campus Maintenance Matters.

1. Playground: John Wallace has been working with Gerry to get bids on short-term playground "tweaks," not a complete redo, with the goal of getting work done this summer when the attendance for GISH is low, and before the inspector visits in August.
2. Fire Marshal Inspection: The classroom inspection for GISH was performed on June 11, which they passed with flying colors. The Fire Marshal did note that Palmer does not have the street number anywhere. Johnna asked if painting the number on the curb in front of the nave would put us in compliance short term, until the architect-designed new signage is ready. We will follow up with the Fire Marshall to confirming it will.
3. Fellowship Hall Kitchen: The freezer has died, and Gerry has been told that the part necessary to fix it is no longer available. He is getting quotes for a new one.
4. Air Handler: Gerry has replaced the second floor air handler blower motor. Palmer had a spare, which he used, but we ok'ed his purchasing a replacement motor for \$1,400.
5. Rectory: Gerry performed an emergency replacement of the expansion valve on the downstairs AC unit on June 17, as the temperature would not go below 74. Thanks to Gerry, Neil got to return home to a house that cools in the 67-69 range!

July 6, 2026 Stewardship Council Report to the Vestry

The Stewardship Council met most recently on July 6, 2026 at 3:30 PM CDT by Zoom.

Attending:

Ken Alexander, Chair

Jeanine Baker

Andrew Grizzle

Betty Key

Pam Lovett

John Wallace Peter

Yacoe

Not attending:

Andrew Kraebel

Vestry Action Items for 2027 Stewardship

As in the last 2 years, one key to our 2027 Stewardship eQorts will be personal contacts by

Vestry and Stewardship Council members to Palmers. Every Vestry and Stewardship Council member has an assigned list of Palmers set up in Shelby Next for the 2027 Stewardship eQorts. **Please make every effort now to review the Palmers on your respective lists, learn what you can about them, and get to know them if possible. Look at any Stewardship Notes regarding those on your list.**

If you have any issues accessing the information in Shelby Next, we will be available to assist you following the July 21 Vestry meeting. If you have a laptop, bring it with you to the Vestry meeting for in-person assistance.

We have begun work on preparing draft letters for use by the Vestry and Stewardship Council for Stewardship 2027. Our plan is to kick off our eQorts with the Rector's sermon on Sunday, September 20 (five days after our September 15 Vestry meeting), and for the letters to go out that day or soon thereafter. Covenant Sunday will be November 15, 2026.

Spring 2026 Stewardship "Thank You" Events results

We sent out an online anonymous poll to Palmers who were invited to our spring 2026 "Thank You" events to get feedback on their experience. The results of that poll are summarized below.

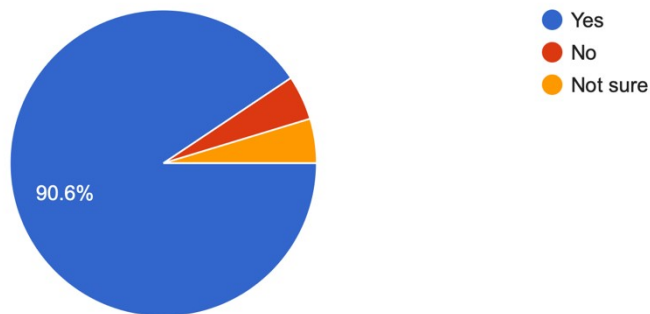
The Poll was delivered on June 11, 2026 by email to 364 persons who were invited to the Thank You events. As of July 6, 2026, 302 of these persons had opened the email and 65

have responded (21.5% of those that opened the email). 46 responses were from persons who said they attended one of the events, or about 30% of the total of attendees.

The responses to the poll are summarized below:

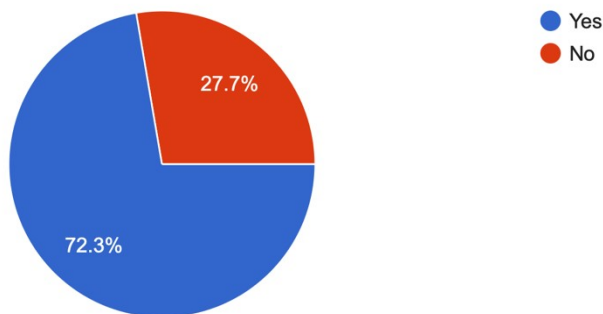
Did you receive an email invitation to attend the "Thank You" events?

64 responses



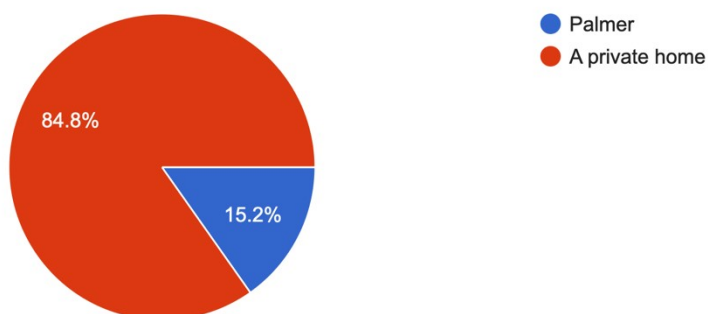
Did you attend one of the "Thank You" events?

65 responses



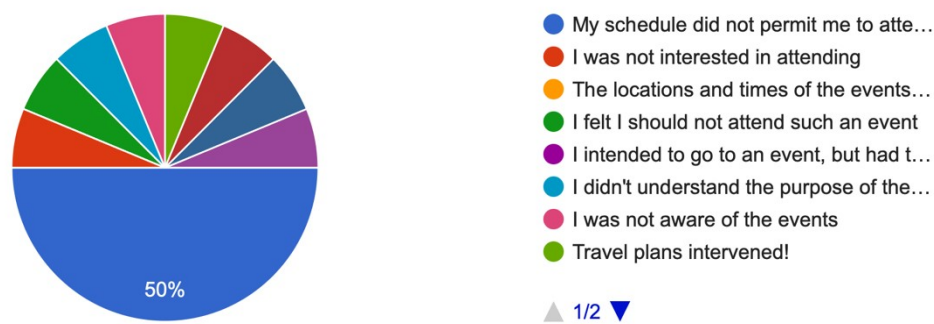
The "Thank You" event I attended was at

46 responses



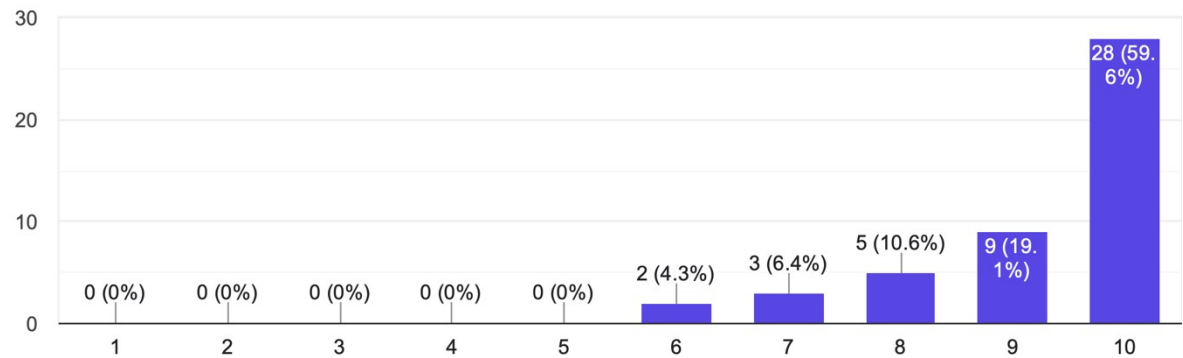
If you did not attend a "Thank You" event, the reason was

16 responses



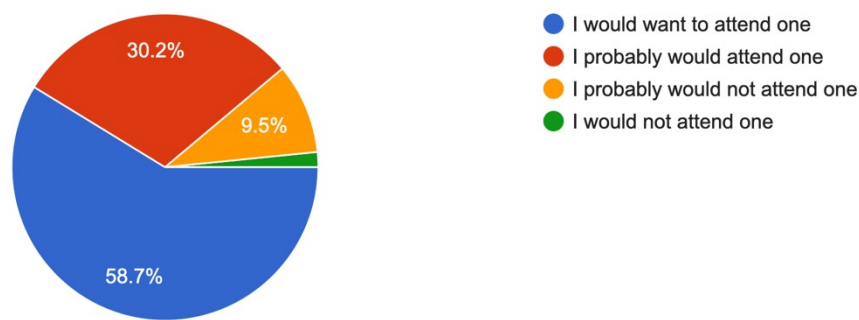
I'd rate my experience at the "Thank You" event I attended like this: (1 - Not Worthwhile: 10 - Outstanding)

47 responses



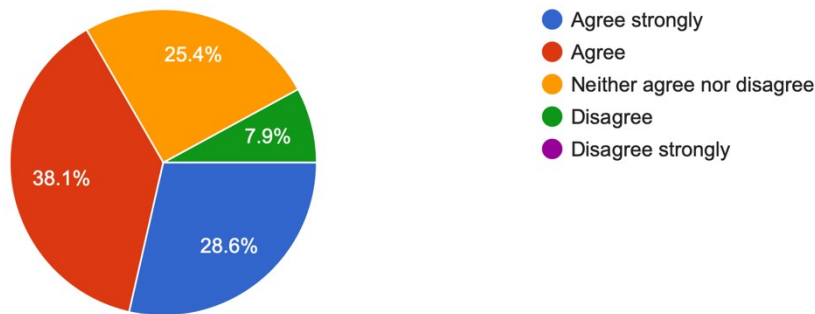
If "Thank You" events were held next year to thank Palmer donors,

63 responses



I think it is important to acknowledge Palmers who provide financial support to our church with "Thank You" events.

63 responses



Do you have any suggestions for future Thank You events? Let us have your best ideas.

18 responses

Thanks for trying. Life is just very full!

Thank you for offering these events. Palmer is the first church I have been a part of in more than 40 years of stewardship campaigns, to offer such a gracious appreciation. Thank you!

I appreciated the question of what each person wanted for the future of Palmer.

The event I attended was well managed-so no improvements to suggest.

I think a letter from the rector or senior warden is sufficient.

Maybe a rain date for those who couldn't attend one of the scheduled events

More important than "Thank you" (though that is very thoughtful) would be the opportunity to gather with other Palmers as community, for a discussion of the spirituality and discipline of stewardship and what that looks/feels like and how it informs/impacts my day-to-day relationship with my faith community and with our Creator-of-ALL-That-IS. Since I could not make the gatherings this year, maybe that's what happens and I just missed the experience.

the event was great, no changes needed

Maybe a rain date for those who couldn't attend one of the scheduled events

At mine people told their stories. It was a winner that brought us closer!

our event was lovely and just hit the right note.

Perhaps a celebration with music at Palmer or a venue

I loved the "Thank You" tea. I appreciated the variety of times of various events, since I prefer afternoons!

I think all of the events planned are well thought-out and appreciated. They don't have to be thank-you events in that we all gave this year not expecting a thank you. At least that is true for me, but they are very nice gestures.

Small group gatherings in general do help us know each other better and in homes they are more personal. Those, along with the existing larger group gatherings are great!

I attended the one at Peter Yacoe and Donna's condo. It was perfect, I would not have changed a thing. Okay, I did feel guilty not bringing anything, next time I will reach out ahead of time and ask if there was anything I could bring. Since I never attended one before, I had no idea what to expect.

Pam did a beautiful job hosting us. I know it takes some doing, but a chance for a peaceful visit, maybe reconnecting or meeting people for the first time, seemed to me very valuable. I also liked the sense that this was a low-key event. I think I would be embarrassed to appear on a list of some kind in the bulletin, say (not that anyone was suggesting that), and I would probably not have gone to a more formal gathering. In any case, I was genuinely surprised to be included. And had a fun time. I certainly don't feel it's necessary to offer these thank-yous, but it was appreciated.

Give more notice of the events. When I received the invitation one had already passed, and the other was very soon afterwards and I had a conflict.

Sitting around the dining room table together was truly a 'thanksgiving' event. It felt like family even though some of us met for the first time.