



Spiritual Leadership

Serving on the Vestry of
St. John's Episcopal Church



The Candidates for Vestry Class of 2022

VESTRY MEMBERS offer their leadership to serve the mission of the congregation — “to strive to bring all into a closer relationship with God and one another through Jesus Christ.” Vestry members serve the entire congregation rather than represent one specific ministry. They also continue to serve in the ministries of the parish, practice sound stewardship, and support our Bishop and Diocesan ministries.

The Vestry includes the Rector, who serves as the presiding officer, and an elected group of parish members. Together, this group is the legal governing and decision making body of a parish with regard to all matters pertaining to the church and its operations. As the presiding officer, the Rector only votes on matters when there is a tie among the other vestry members.

Vestry duties include approving the budget, making policies and supporting the mission of the congregation through spiritual leadership. At large churches, such as St. John's, this includes strategic planning and oversight. Operational decisions are left to the Rector, staff and commissions. The strategic work of the Vestry, in collaboration with the Rector, includes identifying goals, opportunities, and challenges; creating a strategic vision; monitoring steps toward implementing the vision; overseeing financial health and progress; developing leadership in commissions and committees; and communicating with the parish.

EXPECTATIONS OF A VESTRY MEMBER:

- Attend worship regularly
- Attend parish events
- Pledge proportionally, moving toward the tithe
- Attend vestry meetings
- Arrive at meetings prepared
- Minister collaboratively with the Rector and other vestry leaders
- Serve the whole congregation
- Show commitment to the Church as a community of God's people called to ministry

The six nominees for the Vestry Class of 2022, outlined in this brochure, are offering their spiritual leadership for St. John's.

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Elections will take place at our Annual Parish Meeting:
Sun., May 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in All Saints Hall.



KATIE BAUGHMAN

Years at St. John's: 25 years

Regularly attends: Historic Church, 9:00 a.m.

Involvement at St. John's:

I became involved in activities at St. John's by joining the Handbell Choir, where I found a wonderful group of friends of all ages. When rehearsals no longer fit into our family schedule, I found ways to serve as a Lector, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and on the Stewardship Committee. I served on the St. John's Vestry from 2012-2015, and I co-chaired the Light the Way capital campaign in 2015. I have been involved with various Outreach activities, including the work of Kenya Connect, with whom I traveled to Wamunyu on mission in 2015. Both of our

children, Maggie (19) and Alice (16) were baptized at St. John's and have been acolytes and active participants in the youth program, where Steve has been a leader for the past 7 years.

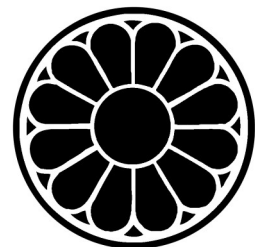
Outside church:

My vocation is as a teacher, and I have been fortunate to have taught for 23 years at Garrison Forest School, in Owings Mills. For many years I taught courses in world history, coordinated the Community Service program, and served on the Diversity Leadership Council. In addition to continuing to teach a course in world religions, I now serve as Dean of Academic Development and Chair of the Academic Resource Department. I hope that my experience and perspectives on independent schools might be useful as we continue to weave together the Church and Parish Day School communities.

Vision for St. John's and interests the nominee would pursue if elected to the vestry:

I believe that the St. John's community is currently strong, multi-faceted, rich in dedicated volunteers and full of potential. As a Vestry member, I

would hope to help facilitate dialogue and a sense of inclusion among people of all generations in our parish and to respond thoughtfully and prayerfully to needs as they arise, as well as contribute to the vision of how we can best use our resources as a parish to extend our mission in vibrant and meaningful ways. I am particularly inspired by the recent work of the Mental Health Commission and the Commission on Transformation and Social Justice. I think it is important that we think about issues of sustainability in all dimensions: financial sustainability, environmental sustainability, and sustainability of the human effort and caring amongst parishioners, clergy, and staff. It would be a privilege to serve as part of the Vestry leadership team.





JACKIE CUMELLO

Years at St. John's: I've been a member of St John's since September 2008, with a two-year gap from 2013 to 2015 when we called California home.

Regularly attends: All Saints Hall, 9:00 a.m.

Involvement at St. John's:

One of my passions is giving of my time. I've been involved in various ministries at St. John's, including: pianist for the ASH band; co-chair/chair of Discovery Weekend for the past three years; Rite 13 leader; prayer partner in *Walking the Mourner's Path*; Children's Faith Formation instructor and leader of Music Sunday; led music and taught at VBS; worked with Rev. Carol Pinkham Oak and Nancy McAllister to launch "Study, Care and Share"; and participant of Moms Ministry, Service Over Self, Meals Ministry, ARC home/Collington Square family "adoption" during holidays. I attended the last two Women's retreats and recently joined a Discipleship Group.

Outside church:

In February 2004, I left a career in marketing, PR and special events. For the past 15 years, I've raised our daughters and volunteered at the churches we have called home, PTAs on both coasts, and organizations related to the girls' extracurricular activities, including Girl Scouts. In MA, I chaired St. John's of Sutton's participation in *Common Cathedral* and taught Godly Play, and in CA, I helped teach Godly Play, served breakfast to at-risk youth and Joe and I started *Music Sunday*. For the PTAs, I've served on the Executive Board, chaired events such as National Reading Month, "Cool the Earth" program, Variety Show, Silent Auction and the Cultural Arts Committee, served as room parent, and volunteered for Staff Appreciation and more. For Girl Scouts, I organize Christmas caroling at a local nursing home each year. I enjoy exploring the world of holistic health and wellness, and am passionate about nourishing family and friends, and find it gratifying to cook for those experiencing a life challenge.

Vision for St. John's and interests the nominee would pursue if elected to the vestry:

My vision for St. John's is for our church to be a strong community of believers who are friends with a deep connection

to one another and to God – who serve, pray and worship together. Friends who want to explore the teachings of Jesus and serve the poor and neighbors in need, not only in our own community but across the country and throughout the world. Friends who want to learn and grow by studying and praying, and who value being in Discipleship groups. Friends who worship in our beautiful spaces – singing, praying, reading scripture, hearing the word of God, caring for and sharing with one another. I envision a church where our stewardship goals are easily met and exceeded because of our connection with the place, its people and our strong relationships with God. I imagine my interests would remain the same if I were elected to the vestry– continue working with the youth, play in the ASH band, participate in a Discipleship group, be part of the various ministry/outreach efforts, and imagine I would become connected to the people and activities of SJPDS. I would love to serve on the vestry at St. John's!



MIKE RUNGE

Years at St. John’s: 20

Regularly attends: Historic Church, 9:00 a.m.

Involvement at St. John’s:

I have had the privilege to see many of the amazing ministries of our parish. I served on vestry 2004-2007, and chaired the “Bridge to the Future” campaign. I helped found the Stewardship of Creation committee in 2001. I followed a youth cohort for 7 years from Rite 13 through SHY, traveling with them on pilgrimage to Iona in 2012. I have sung with the choir on occasion, played pool with the fellowship, and am the proud parent of two Parish Day School graduates. You all know me better as Sharon’s husband.

Outside church:

I am a research ecologist and decision analyst with the U.S. Geological Survey, where I specialize in the dynamics of wildlife populations. I spend a significant amount of time facilitating complex and conten-

tious decision processes with federal agencies and their stakeholders. My wife and I like to run races, and with our kids, we’ve climbed all the high peaks in the Adirondacks. I bake bread well, ferment sauerkraut continuously, drink wine appreciatively, and garden haphazardly.

Vision for St. John’s and interests the nominee would pursue if elected to the vestry:

Personally, church helps me seek humility and wisdom by turning my attention from myself to God and my neighbor. Can I quiet myself enough to hear God’s call, and can I have the open mind to understand? If elected, I would bring this sense of discipleship with me to vestry. St. John’s has vibrant ministries and abundance resources. We are one of the 100 largest parishes in the Episcopal Church. What are we called to do that we have not yet done? How can we share our resources even more than we already do? As a vestry member, I would seek to represent, support, and grow all the ministries of the parish, but there are two areas I am particularly passionate about: first, understanding God’s call for us to be stewards of Creation; and second, deepening our identity as a welcoming community.



DAVE SCHENNING

Years at St. John’s: 23 years

Regularly attends: Historic Church, 9:00 a.m.

Involvement at St John’s:

I have been involved in a variety of ministries at St. John’s over the years including 7 years as a Sunday school teacher and a member of the Youth Commission. I am currently a member of the St. John’s Investment Committee and those of you attending the ASH service may notice me very discreetly rolling the coffee cart though the back of ASH during the service as a long-term participant in the coffee ministry.

Outside church:

Professionally, I have been involved in some aspect of the commercial real estate investment business for my entire career. I currently work as a fund manager for PNC Realty Investors with primary responsibilities for investor reporting and property valuations. My prior experience also includes extensive work in increasing

property value to improve returns to investors. In my spare time I like to play racquetball and also conduct historic tours of downtown Baltimore and Federal Hill for Baltimore Heritage.

Vision for St. John’s and interests the nominee would pursue if elected to the vestry:

St. John’s has been a wonderful and visible presence in our community for a long time. We have developed many lasting friendships as parishioners of the church. St. John’s has many assets – a beautiful campus, a well-known school, and welcoming people – which should serve as a platform of sustained growth for the entire church community. I attended a Vestry meeting earlier this year to get a better feel for this role and I think my skill set would be complementary to the existing Vestry members. I look forward to the opportunity of serving on the Vestry.



PHIL STACKHOUSE

Years at St. John’s: 71 years

Regularly attends: Regularly at ASH 9:00; Usher once a month in the Historic Church

Involvement at St John’s:

At St. John’s I have served as:

- An acolyte
- A member and officer of the Jr and Sr High Youth Groups.
- Youth Group adult leader
- A 2nd grade Sunday School teacher
- An Historic Church usher
- An acolyte program leader
- Rite 13 Leader
- J2A Leader (J2A Pilgrimage Leader)
- YAC Leader
- St. John’s Archivist/Historian

Committees

- Created and chaired the new Parish Life Committee focused on empowering volunteer leadership
- Helped plan and launch the Journey to Adulthood (J2A) program)
- Men’s Club (service work on campus

- Rector’s Real Estate Advisory Committee
- Vestry
- Finance Committee, Chair
- Budget Chairman,
- Technology Committee
- “Towards 2000AD” construction project (Historic Church renovation, expansion & PLC
- Construction Project Co-Chair
- Capital Campaign treasurer, team leader, database manager
- “Expanding Ministries” construction project, ASH and CME construction & renovation
- Capital Campaign Co-Chair
- Financial Oversight Committee
- Stewardship Committee
- Planned Giving Co-chair

Diocesan Activities

- Finance Committee
- Program and Budget Committee; Co-Chair/Chair
- Financial Advisory Board
- Bishop Claggett Center Construction Oversight Committee
- Revolving Co-Chair
- Property Committee; Chair
- Convention Delegate from St. John’s
- Patapsco Valley Regional Conference

Outside church:

My professional years were spent in the real estate finance and mortgage securities fields followed by managing my own real estate document services business for 12 years. In retirement I have been a professional photographer. I have been the St. John's semi-official photographer for 15 years. I am a past president and longtime board member of the Howard County Historical Society and local history is a passion.

Vision for St. John's and interests the nominee would pursue if elected to the vestry:

As an historian and long-time member of St John's my goal is to knit our past and our future together in a seamless stream. I am concerned that the dramatic turnover of both clergy and staff has created a gap in institutional memory and hope to help fill that gap. This is one of the most vibrant parishes in the Diocese and it needs to continue to thrive. Youth Ministry is a passion and I want it to thrive.



JENNIFER T. WAMBLE

Years at St. John's: 9 years

Regularly attends: Historic Church, 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Involvement at St John's:

My current responsibilities at St. John's are being an usher and lector. I am also the lector coordinator, which includes developing and managing the lector schedule at the Historic Church.

Outside Church:

Residing in Ellicott City, I live with my husband, Brent, and my step-daughter, Sheena. Currently, I am a middle school English teacher in Montgomery County. I have been in the field of education for over twenty years. My education consists of a B.S. in Marketing from Delaware State University, and two Masters in Education (Elementary and Educational Administration) from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. I am a lifelong Episcopalian. My father was the late Rt. Rev. Franklin D. Turner, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. A lot of what I know and love

about the Episcopal church, I learned from him. When I was a little girl, I would tag along with him at various church services and events. I particularly loved attending weddings and memorized the entire ceremony by heart when I was six! During my adolescent and teenage years, I was an active member of Trinity Cathedral in Newark, New Jersey. I was an acolyte, and an active participant in the youth ministry. On occasion, I was asked to read scriptures during the Eucharist, and was even asked to deliver the homily at a special service. During my twenties, I was a member of an extremely small mission church in Philadelphia named St. Mathias. While I was a member of St. Matthias, I served on the vestry, and was also a lector, Eucharistic Minister, and treasurer. In my spare time, I love reading, creative writing, gardening, traveling, cooking, and spending time with my friends and family.

Vision for St. John's and interests the nominee would pursue if elected to the vestry:

I am very honored to be a nominee for the vestry. I decided to run for a position on the vestry in order to serve and lead the congregation beyond my current role as lector coordinator. If I am fortunate enough to be elected to the vestry, I would like to focus on growing the worship ministries that are underserved and lack diversity. In addition, I am also passionate about accepting our Presiding Bishop's invitation to join "The Jesus Movement," by sharing the Gospel with our "hurting

world.” This would be a way for us to help each other find our way into a deeper relationship with God and, in turn, with each other. If we truly help each other to find our way into a deeper relationship with God, it will impact not only our congregation profoundly, but our community at large.



JI SU HONG

Years at St. John’s: 2 years in July 2019

Regularly attends: Korean worship at 11:30 in All Saints Hall.

Involvement at St John’s:
I am involved in the Korean ministry and work with Rev. Barnabas Lee.

Outside Church:
I am a Child Adolescent psychiatrist.

Vision for St. John’s and interests the nominee would pursue if elected to the vestry:
I would continue to support Rev. Barnabas Lee in the Korean ministry, especially the newcomers to the Korean service.

2019-2020 Vestry Leadership



Ken Wireman
Senior Warden



Bob Cecil
Junior Warden



Jordan Schlick
Treasurer



Emily Murphy
Registrar

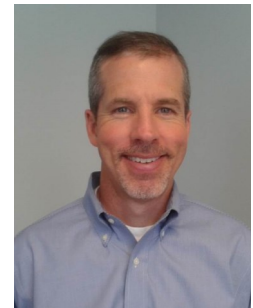
Many thanks to our outgoing leadership



Sandy Hornor



Brad Lieberman



Chris Padgett

