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2021 Vestry Nominees

Information contained in this brochure will allow you to read about the eight candidates who have agreed to stand for election to the Vestry. We will be electing four of these persons to fill the four vacancies for terms that run from 2021-2023. All are faithful members of our parish, who give of their time, talent and treasure in support of our mission and ministry. Each candidate was asked to answer the following four questions:

How long have you attended Christ Church, and what service(s) do you participate in now and pre-pandemic?

What do you do or have you done in your vocation/career? Are there other gifts or skills or expertise that you would bring to your Vestry service?

What ministries have you been involved in at Christ Church or in other churches?

What excites you about Christ Church as you look to the future?

Voting for the Vestry will take place on January 31 after our 8:00 10:20 and 11:15 am outdoor services and via drive-through, from 10:30 am-12:00 pm, where drive-through Communion takes place in the Cemetery each Sunday. Eligibility to vote is based on our parish rolls for "Communicants in Good Standing". The current list has been posted at Christ Church. If you are not listed and feel that the omission is in error, please let us know. It is entirely possible that we have made a mistake.

Blessed Lord, who hath called us to membership in thy Church, guide us, we beseech thee, in our deliberations, so that all our aims and purposes may be to the strengthening of the work in this parish and the support of the Church's mission throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GAY BARRON

I have been attending Christ Church for thirteen years. I normally attended the service at St. Ignatius Chapel on Saturday evenings.

Before I retired and moved to St. Simons, I worked as a secretary for an Architectural/Construction/Design firm in their Education Department. Before that time, I worked for Cobb County Schools in the Planning and Construction Department. One of the most important things I learned while working as a secretary was to listen. Listening is a valuable skill I consider very important and useful with anything in life.



I served on the Altar Guild at the Church of the Annunciation in Marietta. When we moved here, I was asked to be on the Altar Guild at St. Ignatius. I also help with Backpack Buddies, Christ Church Comforters and the Door Ministry.

I am excited to see Christ Church grow – with people, outreach projects and resources for those who are facing hard times during this Pandemic.

VAN BLACK

I have attended Christ Church since I moved to the island four years ago. I participate in the 11:15 am service.



My career evolved from engineering and software development to management and then to entrepreneurial business development. The talents I developed during this career include attention to detail, organizational skills, and a focus on people, specifically identifying, developing, and utilizing their strengths and abilities. What makes organizations effective, and what makes life fun, is the interaction between people and celebrating the complexities of all of us.

During the pandemic, my most time intensive task at Christ Church has been serving on the Backpack Buddies team. My job there is to do any and everything Susan Shipman asks of me, whether it is loading and unloading trucks, moving food around, packing food bags, or delivering the goodies to those needing them. I also serve on the Christ Church Mission and Outreach Committee and the Newcomers Committee. I have served as the Parking Chair and the Corporate Sponsor Chair for the Tour of Homes for several years, including this year, until the Tour of Homes was canceled due to the pandemic. I particularly enjoy the odd projects at Christ Church like assembling the large worship tent this year, as well as constructing the walkways to the tent, or even cleaning out the Church attic. I have volunteered at the International Seafarer's Center for several years and enjoy meeting and helping seafarers from all over the world.

Christ Church should not just be a place that people go to on Sunday morning, but should be an integral part of the community. When I say I go to Christ Church, I want people to say "that's an awesome church, you are making our community a better place to live!". Christ Church has a number of outreach programs to make that happen. I am excited to be involved in those programs and to do my part to keep Christ Church a place that people in the community know and love.

SARAH KREIMBORG



I have been a member of Christ Church since 1986 when we moved to St. Simons Island. For the last several years we have most regularly participated in the Saturday evening worship service at St. Ignatius with an occasional visit to one of the Sunday morning services at Christ Church. Since the pandemic we have participated in the 9:15 am virtual live feed service followed by drive through communion.

My work background was in the field of education. I began as an elementary classroom teacher and progressed through several teaching and administrative/leadership positions. I spent the majority of my working years as a school psychologist. Over the years I developed skills in planning, monitoring and adjusting, identifying strengths and weaknesses and problem solving. My various jobs allowed me the opportunity to work with many people including students, parents, staff, teachers and administrators to help effect positive change.

Currently at Christ Church, Tony and I chair the Missions and Outreach Committee. My service positions at CCF have included service as a Manna House Team Leader for the CCF Monday group and chairing the Kitchen/Parish House Committee for the Tour of Homes. Often, we have the opportunity to lend a hand in planning and preparing food for special events such as the St. Nicholas Breakfast or Pancakes at the Pier. I enjoy being a part of the Altar and Flower Guilds at St. Ignatius and delivering Backpack Buddies food bags out to Oglethorpe Point, St. Simons Elementary and to Street Beat, Safe Harbor's program for homeless teens. I participate in the Altar Guild and Flower Guild at St. Iggy's.

I served for two terms on the board of Coastal Coalition for Children. I was an officer and also chaired their fundraiser for several years. I served as a Team Leader on the United Way Community Investment Committee for several years and have volunteered occasionally with a number of non-profits and in the schools.

I am excited about and proud of the response of our clergy, staff and parishioners during the past 10 months as everyone has shown love, adaptability, creativity and tenacity in continuing to keep our parish flourishing during these difficult times. With these skills I see a very promising future ahead for CCF.

DEB LUGINBUHL



I began attending Christ Church in early 2018 after my husband Dan and I moved to St. Simons Island from the mountains of Colorado in 2017. I have regularly attended the 11:15 am Sunday service. I felt like I was coming home when I began attending Christ Church - it is a warm, welcoming and spiritual community. Christ Church is a very good fit for my own spiritual growth.

Following my graduation from University of Delaware with a double major in Economics and Mass Communication I spent over 20 years working in live television sports and entertainment, mostly producing open-wheel auto racing for ABC Sports and ESPN, and received nine Sports Emmy Awards. I have been a member of the Directors Guild of America since 1988. Following my television career I worked in a bookstore in Vail, Colorado for five years and then worked in a small nonprofit where we hosted over 60 educational events per year for adults. My work in television and a nonprofit fit well with my skills as detail-oriented, self-starter, writing and enjoying positive relationships with diverse populations. Television production is a creative effort but must be done within a budget and a specific time frame. Vestry service has a similar approach - working toward consensus when faced with different challenges and ensuing discussions. Listening with respect is key.

At Christ Church I volunteer with Backpack Buddies, the Docent program and have begun volunteering at services as an Usher, Greeter and Lecter. I was recently trained by Mother Becky to be a Eucharistic Visitor. I am currently a board member for the St. Simons Land Trust and the Coastal College of Georgia Foundation. In Colorado I was a member of the Vail Symposium Board of Directors and a founding co-leader of Slow Food Vail Valley. I served as a Trustee for The Women's Foundation of Colorado, a statewide nonprofit that advocates for women and girls and helped to create the WFCO Regional Steering Committee in Eagle County.

Clergy, Staff and Vestry have beautifully managed CCF in 2020 - our church community was spiritually nurtured during this year's social distancing and it finished the fiscal year in the black. The Clergy, Staff and Vestry thought outside the box, keeping the congregants' safety at the forefront of every decision. The church continued to minister to those who needed help during 2020. I am excited to see how the experiences learned from 2020 will influence future prayerfully-made Vestry decisions. The execution of the Capital Campaign plan will be a priority in the coming years. I feel blessed to be part of this vibrant church community and am honored to be considered for a position on the Vestry. I very much welcome the opportunity to serve if chosen.

SCOTT MCQUADE

I have attended Christ Church with my family since 2012 and attend the 9:15 am service.

I moved to the area in 2011 and joined the Golden Isles Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) as the President and CEO. The CVB's efforts have helped the Golden Isles become a successful, nationally recognized vacation destination.



Prior to joining the Golden Isles CVB, I served as Chief Executive Officer for Telluride Tourism Board for Telluride, Colorado. I also served as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Sugarloaf Ski & Golf Resort in Carrabassett Valley, Maine. In addition, I worked as part of the senior executive team for American Ski Company, the largest ski resort operator in the United States at the time. I spent much of my early career as a Vice President for a global advertising firm based in London, servicing fortune 500 companies.

I previously served on the Christ Church Vestry and currently serve on several boards including those of Frederica Academy, the College of Coastal Georgia Foundation, St. Simons Land Trust, Keep Golden Isles Beautiful, and our local and state Chambers of Commerce.

As the community grows, our church has an opportunity to invite parishioners to share the traditions of Christ Church.

TROY MEEKS

My family and I started attending Christ Church in 2017 when we moved to the Golden Isles. We have a six-year old daughter, Laura. For this reason, we have historically attended the Parish Hall Sunday service. Currently, we attend the outdoor children's service under the tent.



My career path is a very unique one, and one that I have enjoyed immensely for more than 29 years. In 1991 I began volunteering in an Emergency Medical Service (EMS) in Houston, TX. At age 21 I had found my purpose in life, EMS. To this day I consider myself an EMS professional. As a certified EMT-Paramedic I have worked countless hours on an ambulance, worked three years in the organ donation field, worked three years for Herman Life Flight as a flight paramedic, was a founding member of Rice University EMS, and for the past 17 years, I have worked as a Deputy United States Marshal. Becoming a Deputy U.S. Marshal has allowed me to bring emergency medicine to the federal law enforcement world. I currently serve as the Chief of the Law Enforcement Safety Training Branch for the U.S. Marshals Service. I am still a Paramedic and a member of the U.S. Marshals Special Operations Group (SOG). I truly believe that the Lord gave me life so that I can serve others. My "career" has not been a job. It is my calling.

As a member of the Vestry, I would bring along my experience working in many teams as well as my leadership skills.

I currently serve on the Children, Youth and Families (CYF) Council here at Christ Church. My wife Elise and I have an amazing young daughter, Laura. I jumped at the opportunity to become a member of the CYF Council when it presented itself. As a Christian who has attended church all over the United States, I am greatly concerned with the low numbers of children attending church. Christ Church has a very healthy family atmosphere and I want to contribute to it. If we don't have children in church today, who will be attending tomorrow? I also enjoy helping with various church activities, from equipment setup/takedown to hanging Christmas lights, to making pancakes at the Pancakes at the Pier celebration.

Being a long-term member of Christ Church excites me. Since childhood, I have moved and lived all over the United States. I have attended many Episcopal churches. Elise and I have thrown out our anchor here on the island, and we love it here. We can't think of a better community to raise Laura in. Contributing to the community of Christ Church and seeing the church grow, seeing the current projects come to fruition, and planning for the future of the church is what excites me.

JULIANNE TEMPLE



My family and I have regularly attended Christ Church since 2014. Before the pandemic we regularly attended the 9:15 am service. Since the pandemic, we have attended both online and the family services in the tent.

My career is in healthcare and nursing education. As a pediatric nurse practitioner and an instructor, I am in a constant conversation with a great variety of people and families at different stages in their lives. I've cared for local, immigrant, refugee, vacationing, and foster families. Despite differences in cultural backgrounds, primary language, health traditions and resources, they all have children that want to be kids, to run, play, explore. They are families that want to be healthy, happy, and safe. The fundamental desire that all of us share is to nurture our families safely with core values that are very common. We only differ in some of the details. I appreciate being part of an inclusive church family and community that respects traditions and also appreciates the differences that make every family unique. I believe I can continue to bring a communal perspective, and healthcare knowledge, to Vestry service.

I have been honored to fill an unexpired Vestry term. I joined the Vestry at the start of the voting for the current Capital Campaign. It has been an exciting time to see growth in the church community and visions for the future begin to come to fruition. Prior to the pandemic, I was actively serving on the Capital Campaign Steering Committee. I currently serve on the Reopening Task Force relating to considerations for worship and church activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pre-pandemic, I enjoyed serving as a regular Kidurgy shepherd and with family ministry events. I have also volunteered with the Tour of Homes. All 3 of my children enjoy participating in the children's choirs. My husband and I appreciate relationships we have built with fellow families and parishioners. We have enjoyed supporting the Frederick Cousins Guild with their annual oyster roast. I could not be more thankful that my children and family have established family traditions, but also feel a strong sense of community, at Christ Church.

I also currently serve on the Golden Isles Youth Orchestra Board of Directors.

As I look to the future, I am excited and hopeful about the return to in-person worship, church ministry gatherings, and the Capital Campaign. In the meantime, I am thankful for the adjustment to worship opportunities that abide by CDC and diocesan recommendations and guidelines.

GORDON ZEESE



I began attending Christ Church Frederica when I retired here from Albany, Georgia in the summer of 2017. Before the pandemic I attended the 9:15 am service. Since then I've been attending the 9:15 am on line service.

After graduating from the University of Georgia Law School in 1972, I practiced law in Albany for nine years. In 1981 I became an Administrative Law Judge for the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation for the Southwest Georgia area: a job I continued in until my retirement.

I began attending St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany when my family moved there from the New York City suburbs in 1960. At St. Paul's I led an adult Sunday school class on the lectionary, was an EFM mentor, sang in the choir, recorded and transcoded sermons and choir performances for posting to the church's website, served two terms on the vestry, and was secretary to the vestry for some twenty years. I was president of the Dougherty Circuit Bar Association, served as a representative of that body to the State Bar of Georgia's Board of Governors for seventeen years, and chaired several State Bar committees. I served on the Boards of Directors of the Albany Chapter of the American Heart Association and of the Albany Symphony Orchestra.

I've found Christ Church to be a very welcoming community. I've been singing in the choir and participating in the weekly men's book study group since I moved here in 2017. In January 2019 I became the Secretary of Christ Church's vestry.

The Covid 19 pandemic has made it obvious just how precious it is to be able to gather together to worship and interact with one another. My belief is that as we emerge from the shadow of the pandemic we will all use that realization to return revitalized to enthusiastically participate in the many ministries that Christ Church offers to us. I'm looking forward to coming "home". I'm also looking forward to seeing this year's beginning of the improvements from the church's capital campaign.



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