



Vestry Candidates

2022



Austin Canuel Youth Representative

Austin is the son of Stacy and Ray Canuel and grandson of Hope and Don Schroeder and has been a member of St. Margaret's since his birth. He is a junior at Annapolis High School in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program.

Austin is employed at Flamont Bistro and the Kenneth R Dunn Municipal pool.

He has been an active member of St. Margaret's Youth Group since 2016 and has been serving as an acolyte at St. Margaret's for many years. Because of his commitment to his faith and his commitment to sharing his faith, he served as a staff member for the Diocese's youth program Happening (a national program designed, staffed, and run by Episcopal youth to deepen relationships with Jesus and connections with those on similar spiritual journeys). He has also participated in New Beginnings (serving as a mentor for our Diocesan learning retreat for middle school students). He has been actively participating in other Episcopal Diocese of Maryland's high school and middle school retreats.

Matt Chasse

Matt has been a member of St. Margaret's Church since 2012. Originally from New York, he's lived in the DC Metro area most of his adult life. As a member of the church community with wife Diane and daughter Ella, he has been a Sunday school teacher and grants liaison over the years.

Professionally, Matt has 30+ years working in the private, federal, and state sectors working on water quality and natural resource management issues. Currently, he is a federal program officer for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration convening researchers and stakeholders to solve relevant coastal issues across the nation. Matt strongly believes in service to community and country. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa in the mid-90's and is active in volunteer organizations in Annapolis. Matt firmly believes that the church can be a force for equity and justice during these challenging times.



Janice John

Janice John joined St. Margarets in 2003. She's served on the Grants Committee, the Missions Commission, the Foyers Committee and as Chair of the Personnel Committee. In 2019 and 2020, she led the Dageno Girls Center safaris, seeing in-person the St. Margarets key impact in providing educational and entrepreneurial opportunities to impoverished girls in Tanzania. Most recently, Janice co-chaired the Afghan Refugee Tiger Team.

Professionally from 2005-2019, Janice founded and ran a successful strategic communications firm whose clients included EPA, FEMA and the Army Corps of Engineers. She holds a Masters Degree in Systems Management and dual Bachelors Degrees in English and Psychology. She is a certified as a Project Management Professional and an award-winning writer. Now that she is semi-retired, Janice hopes to join with other parishioners in outreach on behalf of St. Margaret's to improve the lives of those less fortunate. She lives in Atlantis/Cape St. Claire and has three grown daughters: Selena (28), Marisa (24) and Robin (23).



Dan Tootle

Dan entered active military duty from California in 1962. He has served as a disabled Vietnam War and Cold War veteran with 21-years active service as a US Navy carrier pilot and command and control specialist with assignments in San Diego CA, Norfolk VA, and Sunnyvale CA between at-sea deployments until retirement from active duty in 1984.

Since then, Dan has been a resident of Anne Arundel County and Severna Park since 1986 and was employed as a systems engineer and project/programs manager until retirement in 2013.

After retirement, he volunteered for an Episcopal Church Missionary to Haiti as a manager for an Episcopal Schools Reorganization project. Upon return from missionary assignment, he was employed by The Episcopal Church as Program Manager and Development Officer for Haiti until 2018.

Dan has served as President and Board Member for the Severna Park Community Center; a Board Member for the Hens4Haiti non-profit organization, and Founder and Board Member of CASB Agriculture College Support Group non-profit organization. He was a member (2018-2021) of the Anne Arundel County Veterans Affairs Commission and County Executive transition subcommittee for Military Partnerships & Veterans Affairs.

He has been a parishioner of St. Margaret's since 2019, a member of the Stewardship Committee, the Co-Chair of the Truth, Reconciliation and Reparations Task Force, and a member of the SMC Afghan Refugee Resettlement Team.

He is married to Merla Kae (Porter) Tootle and father to David C. Tootle and Brian J. Tootle.