CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY 2021

DAVID ALLEN -

I moved to this area shortly before Janet and I married in 1982. We have two wonderful children with whom we are very close. I retired in May of 2020 after practicing law for 44 years. My three favorite past-times now that I am retired are walking with Janet, running and reading. I was baptized as an Episcopalian while in high school, but it wasn't until after Janet and I married that I became truly engaged. We joined St. Margaret's more than 14 years ago, and have served as Eucharistic ministers for several years. I have served on vestry twice at another parish, and would be grateful for the opportunity to serve St. Margaret's as a vestry member, in thanks for all that St. Margaret's has given to us.

ALDEN GROSS -

My wife Ruth and I live in Severna Park where we are micro-managed by 19 month old Benjamin and 2 month old Charlotte. We have been attending St. Margaret's since 2016 when we moved to the area. Outside of personal life, I am associate professor of epidemiology at Johns Hopkins, where my teaching and research focus on cognitive and mental health in older adults.

KATHY LANG -

I have been a member of St Margaret's since 2002 and have been involved with multiple ministries since then. Currently I lead the coffee hour teams, am a member of the Flower Guild, the History and Archives Committee and the Women's Guild. In the past I have been a member of the choir, served on the rector search committee in 2010, and was a member of the Joust committee. In my professional life I had two careers. I am a retired Air Force officer who served as a communications-electronics officer all over the world with my last assignment at Ft. Meade. Afterward, I obtained a Master's degree in Library and Information Science and worked as a librarian at the Naval Academy. Most recently I am a volunteer at the Jennifer Rd Detention Center teaching GED classes to inmates. St. Margaret's has been a center to my life both spiritually and socially. For me, worship is the most important part of St Margaret's, and I look forward to the opportunity to provide leadership in this area or any other area that is needed by the parish.

CHRIS PRENDER -

I was born in Gaithersburg, MD, and lived there throughout high school. While living there, I attended The Church of the Ascension, where I was an acolyte. In 2000, I opened FreeState Martial Arts in Millersville with my father. I worked there for six years, before changing careers and working at Sheehy Infiniti of Annapolis. After working there for 15 years, I became the General Manager of Sheehy Infiniti of Annapolis in 2019. I live in Arnold with my wife, Amanda, and my two boys Emerson, 3, and Bennett, 1. In my spare time, I enjoy boating, fishing, cooking, taking on home improvement and construction projects, watching The Washington Football Team and having cookouts with family and friends. I started attending St. Margaret's in 2016, and now bring my boys with me to the 7:30 service, where they have made so many close friends.

SUSAN ROBERTS --

My husband, Jim Barnett, and I joined St. Margaret's Church in November 2010 after moving from Northern Virginia in 2009. We were members of St. John's Lafayette Square and knew Peter when he was serving as a Seminarian. When we heard Peter was the new Rector of St. Margaret's, we headed right over. My early career was in education where I developed a passion for teaching. I worked in the Pentagon in various capacities before retiring in 2010. Once we knew St. Margaret's was our church home, I volunteered at the Day School. In 2013, I was elected as Chair of the Day School Board. I served for six years, overseeing the construction of the school portion of the new Formation Building, expanding the financial aid/scholarship program, and establishing a merit-based policy for staff salaries. I currently serve on the Altar Guild and coffee hour leams, as a lector, and as a weekly office volunteer (when the office is open). I am a member of the Book Study Group and attend Senior Sessions. We participate in community outreach through the holiday baskets and Light House donations and volunteer opportunities.