

## 2021 Congregation Council Nominees

After prayerful conversation and with input from the Congregation Council, the Nominating Committee is presenting the following nominees for election to the 2021 Congregation Council.

### **Council President – Gary Monesmith (1 year term)**

I have been an active member since joining St. Matthew's in 2004. I came to St. Matthew's from Christ Lutheran in Pipersville where I served on various Council positions for over 13 years including Council president. I have served on Council at St. Matthew's as Council President and as the Property and Grounds Chair. I look forward to serving you as your Council President. I have retired after 43 years of work in various fields including 6 years as a Heavy Equipment Operator, 25 years as a Senior Project Manager in the Aviation Physiology Training Environment, 9 years as Owner of a General Contracting Business, and 3 years in Hardwood Lumber Sales. I am widowed with three wonderful daughters, and their spouses, plus 3 grandchildren. So far it's been a wonderful and fulfilling life and I am looking forward to many more years of service and experiencing many more of life's great benefits.

### **Treasurer – Cindy Murphy (2-year term)**

My name is Cindy Murphy and I have been a member of St. Matthew's since 2009. My husband John and I have been married for 25 years and we live in Plumsteadville. I have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Temple University. I worked for a life insurance company in the information technology department for over 37 years. I held many roles with the company and have a strong financial background.

I am currently the Stewardship Team Chair, serve as an usher, have helped with Sunday School and I also have participated on the Head Start Christmas Gift Committee. I would be honored to continue to serve St. Matthew's as the Treasurer.

### **Social Ministry – Donna Buzdygon (2-year term)**

I have been worshipping at St. Matthew's since I moved to Perkasio when I was 6 years old. I was confirmed here, sang on the Junior and Senior Choirs, attended and taught Vacation Bible School, and was actively involved in Luther League. I graduated from Pennridge High School in 1973, married my husband Scott at St. Matthew's in 1975, and moved to Quakertown in 1977, where we have lived for 43 years. Scott and I are blessed to have 3 fantastic children, with wonderful spouses, and 5 precious grandchildren.

I graduated from Kutztown State College in 1977 with a B.S. in Secondary Education, majoring in French and Spanish. After graduating from college, I worked in an orthodontist office for a few years, and later supplied daycare for children in our home, until our three children were in school full time. In 1994, after two years of substitute teaching, I was very fortunate to be hired by Salisbury Township School District, as a High School French and Spanish teacher. I retired from teaching in 2016.

While a member of St. Matthew's, I have been a Communion Assistant, Liturgist, Lector, Usher, served on the Altar Guild and the Nominating Committee, was Chairperson of the Memorials Committee, and the representative from our congregation on the Telford Home Founder's Fair Committee. I enjoy gardening, reading, volunteering at Pennridge FISH, and spending time with my family. I am looking forward to being the Social Ministry Chairperson and a member of Church Council for the next two years.

### **Evangelism - (2-year term)**

### **Stewardship - (2-year term)**