

Jane Allgood



I have been active at St. Thomas since 2018 when I moved to Huntsville to be closer to my family. I knew I wanted to be a part of St. Thomas before moving here as every time I drove past while visiting my family something was happening - The Farmers' Market, Lobsterfest, and educational programs for young folks. I value a church that is active and involved both within the congregation and in the community. Since joining St. Thomas, I have been active with Lobsterfest every year. I have also been active with Children's Christian Education, along with completing EfM and now serving as a co-mentor with EfM. I have been the facilitator for the Caregiver's Support Group for the past 3 years. I serve as a

Eucharistic Minister and as a licensed lay Eucharistic visitor. Also, I have participated in the medical mission to Honduras for the past 2 years and plan to go this year as well. I am a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and a retired professor from the University of Southern California, School of Social Work. I am the mother of one, grandmother of three, and soon to be a great-grandmother. I am also a Navy veteran and an Army brat. I will bring skills and abilities to the Vestry if I am given the opportunity. It would be an honor to serve St. Thomas as a member of the Vestry.

Kurt Dietz

I have been a member of St. Thomas since 2021 and was confirmed an Episcopalian here in 2023. I'm thankful for finding this wonderful parish and for all the people who make it such a welcoming home. My wife Ann Marie and I first started serving by signing up to provide cookies and refreshments after the 10:30 service. Since then, I've also become a Lector and a Lay Eucharistic Minister. I've served as Chair of the Invite, Welcome, and Connect Ministry since the first meeting I attended in 2023. For Lobster Fest, I have served as co-leader (with Ann Marie) of Outdoor Decorations for the past three years, as well as volunteering in the car line.



Huntsville has been my home since I rolled up to the Knight's Inn in 1989, and I've worked for NASA as a software engineer in support of Space Sciences the entire time. I'm originally from the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon, and Alaska) and went to college in Tucson, Arizona. St. Thomas has given me the gifts of a nurturing faith community and many good friends. I hope my service on the vestry will help St. Thomas to share those abundant gifts with others.

Belinda Greenaway



I was born in Southeast England and moved to the USA as an adult in 1994. I worshipped at St Stephens Episcopal Church in Vestavia Hills, Birmingham, for 22 years where I sang in the choir and was a Lector. I served for a time as a Eucharistic Minister until I was invited to join their Healing Ministry which offered the laying on of hands and healing prayers during Sunday worship. I served one extended term on the Vestry during a period of a large building project and a prolonged search for and appointment of, a new rector. I was also a team member for several on-site Discovery Retreat Weekends.

I moved to Huntsville in December 2017 and found St Thomas in the summer of 2019. I have been made so very welcome here and consider this congregation to be my family. I sing in the choir, am a Lector, belong to our Centering Prayer Group, take part in our 'Rosary Fridays' and am the chairman of the Creation Care Committee.

My ministries have always been prayer and spirituality based; I am an introvert and a contemplative. I am a graduate of EFM (which I started in England and completed in the US); Disciples of Christ in Community; Metagem Institute's 'Holy Whole and Bold' Contemplative Path Program; and The Academy of Spiritual Formation of which I am a staunch supporter.

I would be honored to serve this, my family, in the capacity of a Vestry member. I would bring a calm centredness to the role, and I am disciplined, organised and detail oriented.

Linda Hanson

Linda Hanson has been a member of St. Thomas since 1990 and is currently retired from her teaching and nursing careers. Initially drawn to St. Thomas due to its welcoming feel, she views St. Thomas as extended family. She has been a faithful volunteer at St. Thomas, serving the younger members of the parish as a Christian Education teacher and committee chair, along with teaching and co-directing Vacation Bible School. She previously served on St. Thomas' Audit Committee. She currently volunteers with Vacation Bible School, Special Session, and St. Thomas Night creating props and scenery. She is a medical provider with St. Thomas' Medical Mission in Honduras, and is a lector, greeter, and member of the choir, Handbell choir, and Joyful Noise. She currently serves as co-chair of the World Missions Committee. She is excited about the possibility of serving St. Thomas in this new role!



Crystal Knickelbein



I am a Huntsville native. I have four children- Coralie (11), Tierney (9), Poppy (7), and Remy (7). I enjoy regularly attending breakfast and the 10:30 service with my kids, my parents, my niece, and my three nephews. When I am not spending time with family, I enjoy working at Space Camp and volunteering in the Huntsville running community. St Thomas has been my church home since I moved back to Huntsville in 2010. I am currently active in the St Thomas Mom's Group and serve as Race Director of the Lobsterfest 5k. The support I have received from the Mom's Group and from the whole church community as Race Director this year have made me eager to serve more at St Thomas. I would be honored to be a part of the Vestry.

Jennifer Leon

Growing up in a rural community near Bowling Green, Kentucky, I learned important principles of service to others through the examples set by my parents and aunt, without knowing at the time what future opportunities God would provide. I attended Western Kentucky University earning a bachelor's in Religious Studies, later attending Southwestern Seminary, graduating with a master's in Religious Childhood Education. It was there that I met my husband, Frank, who is an ordained minister, currently serving with the Chaplaincy at Redstone Arsenal Bicentennial Chapel. I have 20+ years experience in Christian education, and I am now employed as a caregiver for senior adults.



I find immense joy in sharing the love of Christ by making tangible differences in the lives of others. Through the years, God has provided various ministry opportunities. Some of the opportunities have been serving on the mission field in a foreign country, helping people in the communities where I have lived, volunteering at a church that ministered specifically to homeless persons, and sitting next to a homeless Romanian on the sidewalk, giving them the meal that Christ provided while listening to their story.

During the years Frank was assigned to ministry in Belgium, I became involved in the Episcopal church. I was confirmed in 2016 and served in various ministries at All Saint Episcopal in Waterloo, Belgium. Joining St. Thomas in 2020, I have loved every minute of worship and service here. My first opportunity of service began with the Little Free Pantry, under the wonderful guidance of George and Debbie Harriman. It is truly a blessing to share the love of God in this ministry, knowing that a tangible difference is being made for someone else. I have recently been given the supervision of the Little Free Pantry. I love reading the Holy Scriptures at the 8 am service. I have also helped with Lobsterfest as a baker of items to sell and volunteering on the day itself. I have assisted George and Debbie with the back-to-school backpack ministry. During the summers, I have served at St. Thomas' Farmers' Market. After I fill the Little Free Pantry on Sunday mornings, I love walking around the parish hall greeting people with a smile, a listening ear, and perhaps a warm embrace. When elderly individuals with physical challenges come to breakfast, I like offering assistance to ensure their comfort and well-being.

Ministry at St. Thomas begins easily enough with a smile and welcoming first-time visitors and others to our worship space. It was the kindness of the membership of St. Thomas that drew me into becoming a member. I have learned much about what it means to serve at St. Thomas just by watching you. Sharing Christ's compassionate love and serving together with you is an honor.

Carolyn Seaman



This from Jack Stokes: I have known Carolyn and Dan for many years as close friends bordering on family. We first met when we were both on the Local & National Outreach Committee many, many years ago. I have always been blown away at what she is capable of accomplishing for the good of other people, as was her mother before her. We have worked together on outreach tasks for a long time. She understands what people need and how to graciously accomplish good deeds without the recipient even knowing she is behind the help. She was a school teacher for many years and still has a most excellent reputation in our community for how well she was able to bring children along. They and their parents still tell her how appreciative they are of how she taught and for being a friend to both the parent and the child. One might think she is over-burdened with Dan's health challenges, but she manages that effort very well while providing very classy and excellent kitchen efforts for the Parish. She, without being asked, took over the First Stop Breakfast Team when our First Friday Breakfast lead stepped aside. We never missed a beat, as Carolyn passed out instructions while taking on a large effort of providing breakfast food products herself. She also has previously served on the vestry, was co-organizer of the Sunday Suppers, member of Cursillo, she's on one of the breakfast teams and former chairperson of Fellowship. Carolyn has also served in Honduras as part of the mission team. The Vestry can use a true Christian woman who thinks comprehensively, grasps all sides of the issue, and can propose realistic solutions while integrating the various opinions and positions.

Mark Stucker

Honored to be nominated as a candidate to St. Thomas's Vestry providing me the opportunity to serve God and help guide our Church forward. Married wife, Elisa, in 1975. Received into the Episcopal Church in Iowa in 1980. Joined St. Thomas Episcopal Church in 1987 upon returning to Huntsville, AL where I am a regular attendee and financial contributor. Graduate of Holy Spirit Catholic school, Huntsville High and the University of Tennessee (BS and MS in Industrial & Systems Engineering). Retired. Will apply team and business skills to advance Vestry and Church undertakings. Forty-three years professional work experience: 12 at John Deere and 31 at NASA-MSFC. Co-led development team that implemented the first ATV at John Deere. Lastly part of NASA team that developed the Launch Abort escape System used on the new Artemis launch vehicle. At St. Thomas Church I have been active as a Greeter and Usher on Sunday and other services as requested. Also, have supported varied Church ministries (Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build, annual grounds updates, summer farmers markets, Christmas gift drives, food drives, and annual lobster fests). Look forward to sharing God's grace with my fellow parishioners and growing the church.



Bob Thurber



Led by Susy and with two toddlers in tow, we joined St. Thomas in 1970. Of course, I was already on the Finance Committee by the time Bishop Stough arrived to lay his hands on me. Shortly thereafter, Harry Pritchett asked me to chair the newly formed Worship Committee to help usher in the "new" Prayer Book. One of the committee's most important duties was to lead the design and then conduct Huntsville-wide Rite III Services. Serving as LEM in the "sideways church" on Bob Wallace was a special treat for me and a service to the congregation. Lectoring and Ushering from the mid-seventies continues today, and Susy and I have been a Greeter Team since that program began. My many terms on the Vestry included at least four terms as Senior Warden. Leading the Lobsterfest Finance Team since the mid-nineties has been especially rewarding because of the quality and dedication of a stream of team members. I have been highly active in fundraising, construction planning, and photo-documenting all four of the construction projects on Bailey Cove. As informal assistant to Treasurer Evelyn Hiers, including ushering St. Thomas finances into the computer age, I was well prepared to succeed her as Treasurer in 2002 for the following 23 years. To extend my service to the Church and to strengthen the relationship between St. Thomas and the Diocese, I served on the Parish Development Committee, Diocesan Finance Committee, Diocesan Council, and as a trustee for the \$20M Diocesan Trust Funds; chaired the Bishop's Committee whist started St. Columba in the Cove; chaired a Diocesan Strategic Planning Committee and the Major Gifts Committee for the ensuing Acts II Capital Campaign; and organized the St. Thomas sponsored Hospitality Suite for 25 consecutive Diocesan Conventions. Close behind my family and Intergraph, St. Thomas has been a critically important and valuable part of my life. I sincerely hope to return the favor as an active, contributing member of the Vestry.