

2020 Vestry Nominees

The Vestry Nominees were asked to submit a photo and answer the following questions.

1. In what ways have you been involved at Christ Church?
2. Why would you like to serve on the Vestry of Christ Church?

Below are the answers to these questions along with a photograph of the Nominee.

Vestry Elections will be held on January 7, 2018 during the Annual Parish meeting to be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



I am a cradle Episcopalian. I grew up in St. Christopher Episcopal Church in Pensacola, Florida. I graduated from Pensacola Christian High School in 1972 and from Troy State University in 1976. I was married to Kathy Mowrey Armstrong shortly after our college graduation.

We moved to Valdosta in 1988 and attended First Methodist Church for several years. In 1993 we were invited to visit Christ Episcopal Church and found our church home. We have two children: Elizabeth Armstrong Davis (spouse Aaron Davis and grandchildren Emma and Abby Davis) of Lake Park, and Will Armstrong of Boston, Georgia.

Bill Armstrong

We have been members of this church family for 24 years. During that time I have served on the vestry for one term. My involvement has been limited to faithful attendance.

I believe that I have the ability to work with others of different temperaments, talents, and convictions than my own. I am honored to be nominated to serve Christ Church.



I am married to Stephanie Hinton Blevins and we have three daughters: Ann Harrell (10), Stella (10), and Amelia (8). I moved to Valdosta in 1983. I am a graduate of the VSU class of 1995.

Stephanie and I started bringing the twins to PMO at Christ Church when they were 18 months old. We felt so welcomed, loved and appreciated, we enrolled them in the Church's preschool program. The girls are active in the youth program. Stephanie and I participate in the 20's 30's group, and belong to the LRC Foyer group. I have also

recently joined the men in blue cooking team. I was also confirmed by the Bishop earlier this year.

I look forward to serving in the Vestry of Christ Church so I can give back to my Church family who has been so kind and welcoming to me and my family. I feel driven and want to give back to my church family and my community.



Dave Clark

continues to support at Christ Church.

I have been a member of Christ Church for more than 40 years. I have served on the vestry for many of our past priests. I would love to serve with Father Dave. I have been an usher, and 15 years ago, I organized the Men in Blue. A Fellowship and support system for the men of the church. The Men in Blue now assist the Hospitality Group with cooking meals for various occasions, and cook for various organizations in the community. Christ Church has been our church family and has supported us through the good, bad and hard times. Stella and I have used the Mike Clark Fund to support youth and youth activities of the church.

I would like to serve on the Vestry to help support Father Dave and the excellent programs that he has started and



Julie Daughtrey

leadership in reaching their goals planning for the future of Christ Episcopal Church.

Julie Daughtrey is the proud mother of Gwen and the owner and operator of Wiregrass Title Services, LLC. Wiregrass Title Services, LLC is a small title abstracting business that has served attorneys and banks in South Georgia since 2007. Julie also volunteers as a classroom mom and serves on the Board of Directors for Girls on the Run South Georgia. She is originally from Atlanta and has a B.A. in History from Agnes Scott College.

Julie and Gwen have attended Christ Episcopal Church since 2011. Julie has enjoyed volunteering in the Nursery and at Vacation Bible School, participating in Foyer Groups and Daughters of The King. If elected to the

Vestry, Julie would do her best to assist the current



David Sandbach

I was born and baptized in 1959 at Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Augustine, Florida. Moved to Valdosta in 1963 and joined Christ Episcopal Church. Graduated Valdosta State College in 1981 and Law school at Mercer University in 1985. Practiced law in Valdosta 32 years. Married to Elise for 36 years, 3 children (Chris, Lauren, and Stephen).

I have served as an acolyte, lay reader, lay Eucharistic minister, men in blue cooking team, lunch bunch coordinator, choir, vestry, and senior warden.

I would like to see how Christ Church could find more ways to reach out to our community and share the incredible amount of love and caring we have within this Church.



Lucille Sineath

I grew up in Christ Episcopal Church, having been baptized in 1945, confirmed in 1958, and married in 1967. For 24 years I attended a church of another denomination, but really missed the reverence of the Episcopal Church. In 1991 I divorced and came back to Valdosta and to Christ Church. Then in 1997 Bill and I were married in this church.

For some time I was on the Altar Guild, but currently I am not. I help in the church nursery, am a member of Daughters of King and attend Thursday morning communion, and Willa the Valencia's Bible Study.

I love Christ Church and if I can be of service, by serving on the Vestry, I would love the opportunity to give back to Christ Church the love and support which I've received these many years.



I have been a member of Christ Church since moving to Valdosta in 2004. It has been my pleasure to serve on the Altar Guild, Lunch Bunch, Daughters of the King and as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. I chaired the Stewardship Committee in 2015 and 2016 and co-chaired it this year. A recent accomplishment of mine was to choreograph Father Dave and the Midlife Crisis Dancers when they performed "Ice, Ice, Baby" for the Girls on the Run fundraiser!

I have served on the vestry of Christ Church and as the vestry liaison to the Search Committee in 2013.

Jeani Synyard

Having served on the vestry, I realize what a commitment and obligation it entails. I enjoyed being involved in the actual "workings" of the Church, and would be honored to be able to be your representative again.



Steven Taylor was born and baptized into the Lutheran Church in Metuchen NJ. While attending Juilliard in New York, he provided music for a dance ministry through Jews for Jesus where he met his wife of 30 years, Maria Scalia. After leaving New York he played with the Toledo Symphony, North Carolina Symphony and the Savannah Symphony. While in Savannah he was a member of Independent Presbyterian Church. After accepting a position at VSU in 1992 he became a member of Christ the King Episcopal and was confirmed by Bishop Harry Shippo. In 2000 he joined Christ Episcopal Church. Steven teaches cello at VSU and has been the personnel manager of the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra since 2005. He is the founder of the Valdosta Chess Club and the Valdosta Sacred Harp Singers.

Steven Taylor

I have been a member of the St Gregory Choir since joining Christ Church and have donated musical services on the cello.

Christ Church is a place where the Gospel is preached in word and deed in the life of its members in a unique way. The world needs this light now more than ever. This church has meant a great deal to me during my own personal difficulties. I would be honored to serve in any way that I can.



Matthew Wilkins

Matthew was born in raised in the small town of Colquitt, Georgia. He lived there until he graduated high school in 2000. He then attended the University of Georgia for his Bachelor of Science and Auburn University for his Master of Science, both in Horticulture. After finishing school at Auburn, Matthew moved to Valdosta where he started his career with the United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency serving America's producers. He began his career as a risk management specialist and is now a program director with the Risk Management Agency. Matthew met his wife, Keri, when he moved to Valdosta – they were married at Trinity Episcopal Church in Apalachicola, FL in July of 2009. Matthew and Keri were blessed with their first child Matthew Ford Wilkin on January 23, 2013 and are expecting their second child on January 8, 2018. Matthew and Keri both joined Christ Church Valdosta in 2009. Matthew enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, and cooking in his spare time.

Most of my involvement has been with the youth ministry. Aside from attending on Sundays, I, along with my wife Keri, have assisted with youth Christmas parties, Easter activities, Trunk or Treat, and have substituted with the middle school youth. We have also provided snacks for the college ministry and helped with Lunch Bunch. We have been members of two foyer groups and are active in the 20s and 30s group.

I would like to serve on the vestry because I think it is a great opportunity to get more involved with the Church. I have enjoyed watching our church grow and would like to help continue that growth and development. The direction our church is headed is wonderful and I would like to help keep us on that track in the future. I maintain an open mind and am always open to new ideas. I have completed leadership courses that have helped develop my leadership skills that may benefit the Church. I rarely meet a stranger and enjoy telling people what a great and welcoming church my family and I have found at Christ Church.