

2021 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 6, 2019 during the Annual Parish meeting to be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



Bryant Alonso

Bryant was raised in Valdosta, Ga and graduated Lowndes High School in 2010. He attended Augusta University where he graduated with a Master of Health Science in Occupational Therapy in 2016. He is employed by Valdosta Pediatric Therapy Services where he has the pleasure to work with children, ages 0-21, with a variety of disabilities and challenges. He married Lindsey Alonso (oldest daughter of Larry and Elizabeth Wisenbaker) in August of 2016. He has attended Christ Church for over 5 years and was baptized by Father Dave in April of 2016 and confirmed the next year.

I have been involved with the high school and middle school ministries, lunch bunch, foyers group, and 20s/30s dinners while at Christ Church. I want to serve on the vestry to ensure that we continue to develop and grow our youth ministries as well as the other ministries here at Christ Church. I would love the opportunity to give back to Christ Church because of the love and support it has given me.

I currently serve as the Director of STEM, Science Curriculum, and AVID for Valdosta City Schools. I love my community and love to give back. My current service work includes Vice Chair of the City of Valdosta Historic Preservation Commission, Immediate Past-President for the Kiwanis Club of Valdosta, Valdosta Heritage Foundation Board, and the Valdosta City Schools Foundation Board. At Christ Church, I serve as an usher and with the Men in Blue. I would love to do more to serve my church and fellowship with my church family through serving on the Vestry of Christ Church. Christ Church has already given me more than I could ever ask for over the past few years and I look forward to many more years.



Alex Alvarez



Delrick Bradley

My name is Delrick Bradley. My wife Leigh and I became confirmed members of Christ Episcopal Church on January 10, 2016. Since then, 2 of our kids have been baptized here and of course are members. I'm a member of the Men in Blue cooking team. I'm also active in Foyer Group meetings and also attend as many HEP parties and 20's/30's parties as possible. I guess it's safe to say I'm a party animal.

Being on the Vestry of Christ Church would be a great honor for me because this church has given and shown my family and I so much love. To me, serving would be a small partial repayment for the love that we have been given.

Thanks for considering me to be a part of this board and God bless.

I have been a member of Christ Church for a long time. My parents started taking me to the church when I was a young child. When I became a parent, I had my children baptized and confirmed in Christ Church. My husband Richard was also received at our church. We have seen many changes. From new priests, new buildings and most importantly new growth.

My Church family has been very important in my life. I appreciated their confidence in me, having served on the vestry two times. I am again honored to be on the ballot.

Christ Church has so much to look forward to. I can't wait to see where God leads us and how he leads us there.



Robin Coleman



Judy DeMott

I became an Episcopalian as a child at St. Johns Episcopal Church in Moultrie, Georgia, when I attended church with my best friend. I was baptized and confirmed there.

My husband, Jerry, who recently went to be with our Lord, and I attended Valdosta State College beginning in 1960. I finished a two-year Secretarial Science degree and we were married. We began attending Christ Church (on occasion during college) after we married. Our three children (Mark, Jay and Nikki) were born and then were baptized and confirmed at Christ Church. We have attended Christ Church for over 50 years.

I served on the Vestry in past years and feel it is an opportunity to serve our Lord and my church family. I am also on alter guild and served as coordinator for about fifteen years. I am a member of the Daughters of the King. I also serve on a Lunch Bunch team and on the Hospitality Committee.

I volunteer at the Community Soup Kitchen on Tuesdays and am on its board of directors as secretary. After 911, I felt led to serve our community.

Christ Church is family to me and I am happy to serve however I am called by our Father. There are wonderful people led to serve and if this is not my time, I am fine with that. I leave it in God's hands and I am happy to support Dave, our Vestry and the programs of Christ Church in prayer and service always.



I grew up in Atlanta, the 4th child with siblings 10, 13 and 15 year older. I truly was the baby of the family! My father passed away when I had just turned 6, and my mother raised me as a single parent. She decided to leave the Baptist church for the Episcopal church when I was a teenager. I graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.S degree in Secondary Education and taught English in Cobb County for almost eight years. After having one son, Sims, and later getting a divorce, I left teaching to sell medical capital equipment. I did this for twenty-three years. I moved from Atlanta to Valdosta in 2001 and have worked for CJB Industries as Executive and Marketing Assistant since 2012. My son and his wife, Janda, live here and have given me three beautiful grandchildren (Miller – 7, Jake – 3 and Mae – 18 mos.). I am so blessed and happy!

I have been a member of Christ Church since 2014 as an active parishioner. My involvement has been with the Hospitality Committee, Lunch Bunch as often as possible, cooking for College Ministry as well as working on Wednesday night teaching series meals. I have been a Lector for several years now and have worked on the Women’s Retreat providing

Marcie Dennard

lunch for the past two years. I just finished classes in preparation for becoming a member of the Daughters of the King in January.

I feel that through Christ Church, my spiritual walk continues to evolve and new opportunities to serve God present themselves all the time. It’s amazing, really. I have no idea who nominated me for vestry, and I don’t need to know. It would be an honor to serve and do whatever is called for to promote God’s Grace in the community and advance the mission of Christ Church. I see the function of vestry as a shared ministry of representatives who 1) advance an agenda of Grace in the congregation and community; 2) provide whatever help, leadership, direction and organization is required for the operational aspects of our church; 3) will be willing listeners to all parishioners and understand that there are diverse interests and concerns to be considered in any matter 4) support Dave’s leadership and vision for the church; and 5) are committed to prayerfully and thoughtfully work to the betterment of Christ Church. If selected to the vestry, I will strive to bring enthusiasm, commitment of time and talents, a willing heart, positivity and an attitude of service for Christ Church in all these areas.

I’m Sparky Greneker, and have been at Christ Church my entire life. My Christ Church family has been an important part of my personal development all along the way.

I have been involved at and in the church since I was a child, from starting as an acolyte in elementary school, playing music for services from 11:30 choir, to Wednesday night services, and any other chance I could and can get, to involvement in the EYC programs throughout my school aged years, and into Canterbury Club in college. I am an active member of the Men in Blue cooking crew, and look forward to every opportunity to prepare a meal for the parish, and the fellowship that comes with it.



Serving on the vestry would be an honor and pleasure to help me serve and give back to the church and parish that has served me so well growing up.

Sparky Greneker



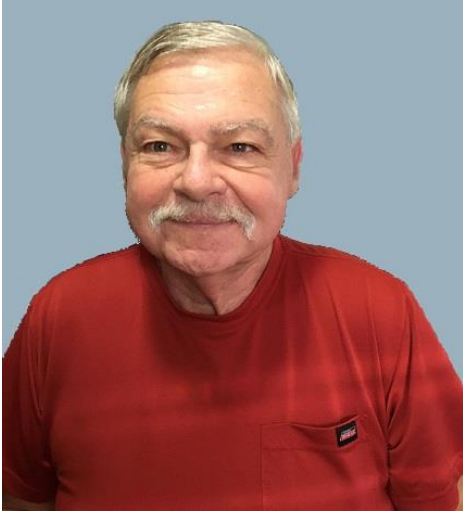
Cathy Hanson

I consider myself a cradle Christ Church Episcopalian. I moved to Valdosta when I was two and was raised in this church. I was an active member of the youth group and involved in the Happening program. I was also confirmed and married here. Christ Church has always been a part of me for as long as I can remember. In 1988 I married my college sweetheart, Jeff Hanson, and left Valdosta for 16 years. In 2004 we returned to Valdosta to raise our own three children. Once again Christ Church became my safe place and my family. I have taught Sunday School in the past but to be honest I have received far more from Christ Church than I have given. I spent many years being consumed with raising children and working as the Marketing Director for South Georgia/North Florida Eye Partners. Recently I retired and became an empty nester. If I am called to serve on our vestry, I believe I have the time, the passion and the heart to finally give back to Christ Church what I have already received tenfold.

I've been a resident of Valdosta for twenty years and have worked as a lawyer at Coleman Talley LLP for that length of time. I believe I could be of service as a member of the vestry with my experience as a transactional lawyer, the managing partner of Coleman Talley for a six year period and as a board member and chairman of the Community Foundation of South Georgia. I am the father of four sons, three of whom attend the University of Georgia and the youngest a senior in high school. I was confirmed as a member of the church in 2018. I regularly attend Sunday services and other activities of the church. I look forward to becoming more active in the church in any way which may be helpful and of use.



Russ Henry



I am married to Peggy. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Material Science, and a Master's Degree in Engineering.

I have served in the past on the Vestry of the Church of the Savior, in Denville, NJ. I was on the board of directors at Bement Episcopal Camp and Conference Center, and the Stewardship Chair at Christ Episcopal Church in Rochdale, MA.

Peggy and I joined Christ Church in September of 2015. My current Christ Church activities include: Men in Blue Cooking Team, Lunch Bunch, Bible Study, Grace Café, and Foyer Group.

George Mellors

My desire to serve Christ Episcopal Church Valdosta on the Vestry has been hastened by two recent events. The first was the care, support, and prayers given to Peggy and I by the entire congregation during and after my recent open heart surgery. The second was the "Holy Spirit's moment" when Steph asked me to help with preparation of a grant request to the National Church for Grace Café.

Born in Jacksonville, Florida

Baptized and confirmed in St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, Florida

Graduated from Andrew Jackson High School, Jacksonville Florida

Graduated from Florida State University

Served six(6) years in Naval Air Reserves in Jacksonville Florida, as aircrew aboard C118 transport, Transport squadron VR 742. Aviation Machinist Mate PO2(E5)

Moved to Valdosta in 1978

Career: Medical Technologist. Retired from SGMC.

Married to Helen Tucker, two boys, Marty and Keith.

Member Christ Episcopal Church 38 years.

Involvement with Christ Church: Served as Cubmaster for church sponsored pack, Helped with Hospitality Committee,

Served on Vestry, On "Men in Blue" cook team. Would like to serve on Vestry to be involved in decisions effecting Christ Church.



William M. Tucker, Jr. (Bill)