

2018 Vestry Nominees

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

1. How long have you been attending Christ Church?
2. In what ways have you been involved at Christ Church?
3. 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 3, 2016 during the Annual Parish meeting to be held immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



Jeana Beeland has attended Christ Church since 1994. Even as a Baptist at the time, she felt warmly welcomed into the church and became a confirmed Episcopalian. Christ Church helped Jeana and Clinton raise their 2 children (Mitchell (21) and Robbie (19)) and continues to support them during the many phases of their lives. Jeana believes the current vestry is doing a fantastic job and enjoys seeing growth in the church. In the past, she taught Sunday School and served on the Finance Committee at Christ Church. Locally, she served on the Valdosta City School Board 10 years and works in Human Resources for CJB

Jeana Beeland Industries. Serving on the vestry would be an honor and an opportunity to support and give back to the church that does so much for Jeana and her family.



I began attending Christ Church in 1989 so I have had to opportunity to worship and observe the church under the leadership of various Clergy and Vestries. I have attended, at different times on a regular basis, all three worship services. I would like to see the 11:30 a.m. service resumed. From an age perspective I understand the needs of our older members. My grandchildren range in age from the third grade to college seniors. My children and coworkers are in their 20's, 30's and

John Bennett 40's so I have a pretty good understanding of needs of a broad cross section of the Parrish and community. Christ Church members make a significant contribution to the community in various activities from the foodbank, the arts and AA to name a few. I would I like to encourage this tradition as well as increasing the general outreach of the church.



Stephanie is married to David Blevins and has 3 girls Ann Harrell (8), Stella (8), and Amelia (6). She is President of Jim Hinton Oil Co., Inc. Her first exposure to Christ Church was in high school when good friends invited her to take part in EYC events and Happening. All three daughters attended PMO and Pre-School at Christ Episcopal. She is very excited to see all the great things going on in Christ Church and would love to be more involved and serve in the church.

Stephanie Hinton Blevins



Tammy has been a member of Christ Episcopal Church for 20 years. She is married to Ron Borders and they have two daughters, Alex and Mallory Lind. She taught Sunday School for kindergarten, middle school and high school throughout the years. For the past 10 plus years, she has led and continues to lead a weekly Wednesday night women's bible study and has opened her home to host the Valencia bible study. Professionally, Tammy has been a nurse since 1984 but currently co-owns Real Living Realty Advisors and sells real estate in the

Tammy Borders area. She enjoys reading, exercise, cooking and working on crafts. She is passionate about the ministry of one-on-one discipleship for women, having been mentored since 1999 by a fellow Christ Church member.



Since 1992, I have been an active member of Christ Church serving in several capacities including a previous term on the Vestry. In addition, I have served on the altar guild, as a lay reader and Lay Eucharist Minister and on several committees such as the capital campaign for the Gabard Education building, setting policies for memorial gifts to the church, organizing a lunch for the week the Local Soup Kitchen was closed in July, and assisting with many other ministries.

Sandra Fletcher In 2012, I was asked to serve on the planned giving committee for the Diocese of Georgia because of my experience as Director of Planned Giving for 16 years at Valdosta State University. This committee researched and developed policies and documents which are available for use by every parish and mission. As part of this ministry, I met with the vestries of each of the parishes of the Southwest Convocation to present these resources and encourage the development of planned giving programs. At the 2014 Convention I presented a workshop on establishing planned giving programs for parish churches.

My years at Christ Church have been a life changing blessing for me. We are known throughout the Diocese as a spiritually strong church with many meaningful ministries. Established under the guidance of beloved past rectors, this is the foundation on which we are now building a vibrant, active church with the leadership of Father Dave Johnson and, more recently, Father Dan Shoemake. I think we are making a significant difference in our community and others. In order to continue and expand our service to God, we need resources. These resources include the talent of our members as well as financial support. As a member of the Vestry, if elected, one of things I would like to participate in is the development of these resources by promoting estate gifts (planned giving). I am now retired and will have the time and energy to devote to Christ Church and its ministries in any capacity.



I have been attending Christ Church since the early 2000's and was confirmed by Bishop Louttit in 2004.

Since those early days, I have sung with the choirs of Christ Church.

I have found Christ Church to be a very welcoming place and its membership supportive and kind. I am humbled to have been nominated for this service to our church.

Duke Guthrie



My name is Millie Johnson. My husband, Lee and I, have been married for 11 years and have two sweet boys, Rich (8) and Gowan (4). I have been attending Christ Church for 2 years. I began working at the preschool in the 2 year old classroom in November of 2013 and in December of 2014, I took over the Parent's Morning Out Program until August 2015. I currently serve on the altar guild, Sunday School teacher, coffee hour host and DOK. I am honored to be a vestry nominee for many reasons. Mostly because I have never been a part of a church family that is so loving and fun!! The love I feel when I walk in these doors is hard to put into words but I'm sure you all know what I mean.

Just in my two short years here, Christ Church has grown so much and I can tell it's not slowing down! I want to be a part of the continued growth here and I feel that being on the Vestry will allow me to learn more about our church and it's needs.



A member of Christ Church, Valdosta since moving to Valdosta in 1989, I have had the privilege to serve at Christ Church in several capacities. I am currently a choir member, lay reader, chalice administrator, acolyte and High School Sunday School teacher as well as helping with SR. EYC. I am a member of the Daughters of the King and have served 3 previous terms on the vestry. Between 2001 and 2012, I was honored to serve Christ Church as the parish administrator.

Molly Stevenson Christ Church is an extremely important place for me and my family. It is where we are nurtured and nourished. I am thrilled with the direction we seem to be being called to as a church in this community through outreach and would be honored to serve on the vestry as we live into the challenges into which we're being led by the Holy Spirit.