



Spiritual Leadership

Serving on the Vestry of
St. John's Episcopal Church



The Candidates for Vestry Class of 2024

VESTRY MEMBERS offer their leadership to serve the mission of the congregation — “to strive to bring all into a closer relationship with God and one another through Jesus Christ.” Vestry members serve the entire congregation rather than represent one specific ministry. They also continue to serve in the ministries of the parish, practice sound stewardship, and support our Bishop and Diocesan ministries.

The Vestry includes the Rector, who serves as the presiding officer, and an elected group of parish members. Together, this group is the legal governing and decision making body of a parish with regard to all matters pertaining to the church and its operations. As the presiding officer, the Rector only votes on matters when there is a tie among the other Vestry members.

Vestry duties include approving the budget, making policies and supporting the mission of the congregation through spiritual leadership. At large churches, such as St. John's, this includes strategic planning and oversight. Operational decisions are left to the Rector, staff and commissions. The strategic work of the Vestry, in collaboration with the Rector, includes identifying goals, opportunities, and challenges; creating a strategic vision; monitoring steps toward implementing the vision; overseeing financial health and progress; developing leadership in commissions and committees; and communicating with the parish.

EXPECTATIONS OF A VESTRY MEMBER:

- Attend worship regularly
- Attend parish events
- Pledge proportionally, moving toward the tithe
- Attend Vestry meetings
- Arrive at meetings prepared
- Minister collaboratively with the Rector and other Vestry leaders
- Serve the whole congregation
- Show commitment to the Church as a community of God's people called to ministry

The five nominees for the Vestry Class of 2024, outlined in this brochure, are offering their spiritual leadership for St. John's.

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Elections will take place via mail-in ballots due back on Mon., April 26, 2021.
New Vestry members will be announced at our Annual Meeting
on Sun., May 2 at 11:45 a.m. on Zoom.



SCOT MILLEN

Years at St. John's: 7.5

Pre-pandemic regularly attended:

All Saints Hall; occasionally Resurrection Chapel, Saturday at 5PM

Involvement at St. John's:

Youth Leader (Rite-13, J2A), Shrine Mont, Service Trip Volunteer, Men's Small Group, Dinners for Eight

Outside church:

I'm a founding partner and Director of Investments for Brightworks Wealth Management. I oversee investments and advise families, companies, nonprofits and foundations. I'm active in philanthropy and a community leader. Past chair of the Community Foundation of Howard County and Leadership Howard County graduate.

Vision for St. John's and interests that would be pursued if elected to the Vestry:

I'm especially interested in the regathering after COVID and helping reimagine what worship, fellowship, and service opportunities St John's will deliver and how. In a one year term, I think that will be the most pressing issue.



SARAH NELSON

Years at St. John's: 3

Pre-pandemic regularly attended:

Resurrection Chapel, Saturday 5PM; Historic Church 10:15 AM

Involvement at St. John's:

Mental Health Ministry, ARC Easter basket, contributed to Pots & Pans and Food on the 15th for seniors. Participated in BLM Wednesday gathering last summer. Participated and supported the Re-entry Backpack Ministry.

Outside church:

I am a recently retired Physician Assistant. I have worked as a Peace Corps Medical Officer in Mongolia and Mauritania and enjoy traveling and meeting other cultures and people. I have worked for many years with Habitat for Humanity in the U.S. and also in Honduras and Guatemala. I am a life long church member but have participated in Lutheran, Baptist and Episcopal churches during my lifetime.

Vision for St. John's and interests that would be pursued if elected to the Vestry:

As Bishop Curry states, the church is about bringing the Love of Jesus to the people, and this is what I see as our main purpose is at St. John's.



JASON SUTULA

Years at St. John's: 2

Pre-pandemic regularly attended:

All Saints Hall, 10:15 AM

Involvement at St John's:

I am happily involved in a Thursday Small Group, Thursday Bible Study, Sunday morning Bible Study, Men's Group, Coffee Crew (pre-pandemic), and I co-chair, with my wife, the Discovery Weekend Planning Committee.

Outside Church

Outside of church I am an engineer by profession. I use my skills on a daily basis to conduct hazard assessments of various facilities from a fire safety perspective, as well as conducting fire and explosion investigations and forensic analyses. I also teach as an adjunct with the University of Maryland and Eastern Kentucky University.

Vision for St. John's and interests that would be pursued if elected to the Vestry:

The warmth of the welcome my family and I received on the very first day at St. John's was a moment I will never forget. It opened my eyes to the reality of God's Presence in the here and now and not as something that people talk about but never experience. If elected to the Vestry, I would want to continue to help make St. John's the warm and welcoming place I have experienced, and would seek the opportunity to find ways to make both our current and potential new members feel that they are invited to share in God's Grace and a community of acceptance at St. John's.



JENNIFER WAMBLE

Years at St. John's: 11

Pre-pandemic regularly attended:

Historic Church, 10:15 AM.

Involvement at St John's:

I have been a member of St. John's Episcopal Church since February of 2010. My current responsibilities at St. John's are being a lector, as well as the lector coordinator. I have been a lector since 2011, and have been the lector coordinator since 2012. As the lector coordinator, I develop and manage the lector schedule at the Historic Church and All Saints Hall (ASH).

Outside Church:

Residing in Ellicott City, I live with my husband, Brent, and my step-daughter, Sheena. Currently, I am a middle school English teacher in Montgomery County. I have been in the field of education for twenty-seven years. My education consists of a B.S. in Marketing from Delaware State University, and two Masters in Education (Elementary and Educational Administration) from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania.

I am a lifelong Episcopalian. My father was the late Rt. Rev. Franklin D. Turner, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. A lot of what I know and love about the Episcopal church, I learned from him. Growing up, I enjoyed accompanying my father to various church services and functions. I was particularly fond of anything that involved music. As a little girl, I enjoyed tagging along with my father to wedding rehearsals and weddings. As a teenager, I loved being my father's date to the annual Bishop's Ball.

During my teenage years and into my early adult life, I was an active member of the churches where I was a member. As an adolescent, I was an acolyte and an active member in the youth ministry at Trinity Cathedral in Newark, New Jersey. As a young adult, I served as a lector, Eucharistic Ministry, vestry member, and treasurer at St. Mathias, which was a very small mission church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In my spare time, I love reading, creative writing, arts and crafts, traveling, cooking, and spending time with my friends and family.

Vision for St. John's and interests that would be pursued if elected to the Vestry

I am very honored to be a nominee for the vestry. I decided to run for a position on the vestry in order to serve and lead the congregation beyond my current role as lector coordinator. If I am fortunate enough to be elected to the vestry, I would like to focus on building the diversity of our church community. Not only is diversity one of the principles inherent in the Episcopal tradition, but is also the bedrock of American society. It is my belief that as our country and communities become more and more diverse, our church communities should too. In doing so, we will become stronger together by broadening our understanding of God, deepening our compassion for others, and making God accessible to everyone.



KARA ZARON

Years at St. John's: 11.5

Pre-pandemic regularly attended: All Saints Hall, 10:15 a.m.

Involvement at St John's:

Supports Nancy McCallister on the Rain Garden Committee — maintaining and preserving the current gardens and educating the congregation on the importance of the rain gardens to our campus and our community. Lead Children's Chapel when able or when there is a need.

Outside Church: Government contractor Program Manager supporting the Department of Defense.

Vision for St. John's and interests that would be pursued if elected to the Vestry

If elected to serve on the Vestry, I would focus on growth of the congregation's younger generation — young professionals, newlyweds, young families and singles. Growing this ministry is important to me personally, but also for the future of the church.



Sunday, May 2, 2021 • 11:45 a.m.

via Zoom

*As the date approaches, find the link
at stjohnsec.org or in Blessings e-news.*

2021-2022 Vestry Leadership



Ken Wireman
Senior Warden

New
Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Registrar
to be voted in by the Vestry
at the May 2021 meeting.

Many thanks to our outgoing Vestry Class of 2021



Lauren Brown



Peace Okoya



Mike Sullivan

&

Other outgoing members for their many years of service



Bob Cecil
Junior Warden



Jackie Cumello



Emily Murphy
Registrar



Jordan Schlick
Treasurer