

2022 VESTRY NOMINEES

THERE ARE 4 NOMINEES.. AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, WE WILL BE VOTING TO HAVE 3 PEOPLE SERVE A TERM UNTIL 2025.

LOU ALARIE

My name is Louis James Alarie. I answer to Lou, hey you, or its-time-to-eat. I have been called many other things in my days.

I am an 8 o'clocker. I was born and raised in St. Paul's, Flint; baptized, confirmed and married in St. Paul's. As a kid, I sang in the boys' choir. When I could no longer sing, I became an acolyte and served through my first two years of college. My three kids were all baptized at St. Paul's. In those days, St. Christopher's was a mission church of St. Paul's. I served as an acolyte at the first St. Christopher's Church (House) in Burton. I served two terms on the Vestry of St. Paul's. I was an acolyte at the ordination of our first full time vicar.

When I moved to Grand Blanc in the early 70's, I transferred to St. Christopher's and became involved in a variety of things. I served four years as Treasurer. I worked on the first building fund committee which led to the building we now enjoy. I have worked on many things over the years, lately helping to maintain the grounds and gardens.

As a Vestry person, I would like to see a return of some things that made St. Christopher's grow and involve more people on church and fun things. We must get out of current covid problem first. Go blue!!

ELLEN SAFLEY

I'm Ellen Safley and I have been a member of St. Christopher's since 1995. When we joined, Charlie and I were excited to feel welcomed by the congregation and proceeded to get involved in many aspects of parish life. St. Christopher's became our faith home and family-that never being made clearer than when I lost him in 2016.

I currently am active in bell choir, adult choir, Sunday and Tuesday counters, lector and usher for special events, such as the Messiah sing. I have coordinated the Buick Open/Ally Challenge Parking for over 20 years, served on the Vestry previously and chaired the Project 99 Committee. I was a member of our Search Committee last year, survived the experience(LOL) and helped to bring Fr. Jerry to us!

Covid notwithstanding, I have also been part of seeing the declining numbers of worshippers and members active in the daily life of St Christopher's. The next few years will be ones of discernment and decisions as we plan for our future. Returning to the Vestry, I would like to assist in those decisions.

COLLEEN SHRANK

I'm a long time (40+ years) member of St. Christopher's. I've previously served on the Vestry, Executive Committee and Project 99 Committee. More recently I served on the Search Committee. I am currently a member of the Altar Guild and act as chair for funeral dinners. And yes, during the Ally Challenge I seem to live in St. Christopher's parking lot. I attend the 8 o'clock service and would be honored to serve on St. Christopher's Vestry.

BILL THEWALT

I was married to Joyce in 1968 in an Episcopal church. I became a practicing Episcopalian in the 1970's with the birth of our daughters. At that time, I was employed by General Motors as part of the Marketing Staff. I retired from GM in 1987 and ran my own consulting business for about 12 years.

My service to St. Christopher's began with teaching middle school Sunday School in our former building. I have since served two or three terms on the Vestry and have been Senior Warden twice. I was a Lay Reader for many years. I was part of the fundraising group to build our present church building. I was chair of the Search Committee following the retirement of

Bob Davidson. Over the years, I have been one of St. Christopher's delegates to Diocesan Convention several times.

When our diocese was formed, I served on the first Board of Trustees. In more recent years I have served the Diocese for one term as a member of Diocesan Council and two terms on the Standing Committee. Currently I am a member of the Diocesan Finance Committee and chair of the Diocesan Personnel Committee.

I have reasonable expertise in church finances and am comfortable reading financial reports. I believe securing a sound financial footing for St. Christopher's and growing its membership to be two critical issues facing us at this time.