

Candidates for Vestry Class of 2020

Beth Fyock

Years at St John's: 18

Service regularly attended:
9:00 a.m. Historic Church

Involvement at St John's:

Vergor, 1 year; Acolyte
Coordinator: 6 years; New
Member Committee: 4 years;
Taught Sunday School classes (K-
6) and worked in the nursery; Women's Retreat; Participant in
Progressive Dinners, Dinners for 8; College Connection,
Discovery Weekend, and the Lenten Series.

Outside church: For nearly 30 years I have been a Senior
Executive Sales Representative for Merck Pharmaceuticals.
I'm very active in the Mt Hebron athletic program, including a
role as a Field Hockey team representative for Mt Hebron's
Viking backers. Outside of work I enjoy hiking, swimming, yoga,
and spending time with my three children.

**Vision for St. John's and interests the nominee would pursue
if elected to the vestry:** If elected to the vestry, I would work
hard to enhance the spiritual experience in our worship and
encourage more youth involvement in the worship service. I
would also work to see an expansion of care to seniors in our
parish and a broadening of our outreach programs.



Lissa Bounds Hammond

Years at St. Johns: 8

Service regularly attended:
9:00 a.m. ASH & 11:30 a.m. Historic
Church

Involvement at St John's:

Most recently, I have joined the Adult
Choir in the Historic Church in addition
to singing in the All Saints Hall Band. I
have also assisted with music accompaniment for the Stations of
the Cross. As a youth I was active in both the middle and high
school groups, and then returned during college to assist and
chaperone summer retreats and events at St. Johns. Serving in
the Live Nativity during Advent was also a great experience. We
feel blessed to be members of St. John's warm and caring
community.

Outside church: I am an interior designer and have a background
in Art Education, Fine Art, and have a B.S. from the School of
Justice, American University. My family and I have been very
active in Historic Ellicott City fundraising for historic preservation
since 1972. I am currently an active member of the Ellicott City
Rotary Club.

**Vision for St. John's and interests the nominee would pursue if
elected to the vestry:** If elected to serve on the Vestry, I will work
to support the great traditions of fellowship, inclusive worship,
and also provide support to fundraising efforts to fulfill financial
commitments necessary to facilitate the growth of the Church.



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David Sloper

Years at St. John's: 6

Service regularly attended: 9:00
a.m. All Saints Hall

Involvement at St John's:

Our 4 children were all baptized at St.
Johns and are actively involved with
the children's faith formation groups. My wife Tammie and I
chose St. Johns for their youth group commitment. I have also
served on the St. John's Finance Committee.

Outside church: I have actively been coaching youth sports for
the past 10 years. This is an important part of how I have been
giving back to our community. It is important to me that
children have an exceptional experience outside of their home
and school life. I believe St. John's is a valuable part of this
experience.

My 20 plus years of building a wealth management firm has
enabled me to not only understand budgets and cash flow,
but understand how to work and collaborate with people in a
group or individual setting. My experience also provides
valuable insight from a financial background.

**Vision for St. John's and interests the nominee would pursue
if elected to the vestry:** My vision for the church and desire to
become a part of the Vestry is two-fold. First, I believe that
any good organization is only as good as its leadership.
Leadership starts at the top. For St. John's, finding a new
Rector to lead our parish and take a strong leadership position
is critical.

Secondly, making sure our church youth groups continue to
get the support and guidance needed to continue their strong
tradition is a priority and something I am passionate about.



Brian Stone

Years at St. John's: 13

Service regularly attended: 9:00
a.m. Historic Church or ASH

Involvement at St. John's

As a parishioner at Saint John's,
I am and have been an active
participant in worship, music,
parish life, and education. I serve as a lector and have
encouraged my daughter to serve as an acolyte as part of
the church worship services. I and my children have also
sung in the Historic Church choirs, and our family has a
deep love and appreciation for the music ministry of Saint
John's. Throughout the years, I have participated in any
number of parish life activities including: the Progressive
Dinner, Dinners for Eight, and Fellowship of the Table. I
have treasured experiences in each of these activities as a
means to connect personally with parishioners through
fellowship. Lastly, I have benefited through participation in
numerous adult forums and through adult drop-in
education classes. Also, my children have benefited from
Saint John's robust children's education system since the
time that they were born.

Outside church: I have lived in Ellicott City for almost 17
years and have moved in that time from a career in
archaeology into a career in Geographic Information
Science. I have served as a Geographic Information
Specialist for Baltimore County since 2008. In that role, I
have drawn on my knowledge of technology, mapping
techniques, survey, and spatial analysis to provide
Baltimore agencies with mapping tools which can help
review, plan for, and assess the impact of development
within Baltimore County. In my longer career path from an
archaeologist to my current position, I have gained an
appreciation for the complexity of human interaction with
our world throughout time and our obligation to discern
carefully how our current actions within our
neighborhoods, community, state, and nation can impact
other's lives.

**Vision of St. John's and interest the nominee would
pursue if elected to the vestry:** I have viewed our church as
a physically and spiritually beautiful space in which all are
warmly welcomed. In my view the embrace of diversity
within Saint John's is one of its greatest strengths and I
believe that we serve as a much-needed model of
acceptance of differences through the pursuit of shared
values, of love, and service. If elected to the vestry, I would
foster activities to continue expanding diversity within our
parish while also fostering fellowship activities and groups
to strengthen old bonds and form new bonds within our
parish through one on one connections.



Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 7 10:00 a.m.

All Saints Hall

St. John's bylaws allow for additional nominations to be
submitted to Registrar Beth Mackey as late as two weeks
prior to the annual meeting (April 23) Please see the full
bios on the candidates printed here. **This year's slate of
Vestry Nominees includes (in alphabetical order): Beth
Fyock, Lissa Bounds Hammond, David Sloper and Brian
Stone.**

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