

Proxy Vote

If, for a valid reason, you cannot attend the Annual Parish Meeting, the Proxy below is available for your use.
To be valid, the Proxy must be properly signed and turned in by the deadline below.
NOTE: Proxies will not be accepted on the day of the Annual Meeting.

Proxy Ballot

Deadline: Please return to the Church Office - Satterlee Hall by 1pm, Friday, January 19, 2018.

The undersigned Communicant is in good standing at The Episcopal Church of the Advent and does hereby appoint

Printed Name of Lawful Attorney

as his true and lawful attorney in fact for the purpose of voting at the Church's Annual Congregational Meeting, to be held at 10am on January 21, 2018 (and also at such time thereafter as the meeting may be rescheduled).

The reason I will be unable to attend the meeting in person is as follows:

Reason for not being able to attend in person

Signature of Communicant

Signature of Witness

Printed Name of Communicant

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170th Annual Parish Meeting

Vestry Nominees

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT Spartanburg, South Carolina

Sunday, January 21, 2018

10AM

Parish and Community Life Center

The Nominating Committee offers the following slate of nominees for parish leadership positions to be filled by election at our annual Parish Meeting. Nominations of parishioners meeting the above criteria may be made from the floor for any of the offices. Before making a nomination from the floor, you should determine in advance that the person to be nominated meets the above criteria and is willing to serve, if elected. **All communicants in good standing and at least 16 years of age are eligible to vote.**

Vestry Nominees have met the following criteria for a communicant in good standing:

1. *Be committed to Jesus Christ and His church.*
2. *Be an active member of the Church of the Advent as defined in the Canons:*
 - (a) *be a confirmed Episcopalian*
 - (b) *worship regularly*
 - (c) *be involved and participate in our parish life, and*
 - (d) *support the mission of the Advent financially, practicing good stewardship.*
3. *Be willing to commit to regular attendance at Vestry meetings and take responsibility for other needs of the church.*

Nominating Committee

From the Vestry: Ruthie Bailey, Cathy McCabe, Bob Page, Erin Strickland and Charlie King, chair

We thank you for your response and for the confidence and support you have shared with each of us for the past three years.

Please Note:

Proxies are also available on the church website and at the reception desk in Satterlee Hall.
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NOMINEE FOR JUNIOR WARDEN-ELECT

Jim Little

1010 Meander Lane; Perrin and James (children)

Profession: General Contractor **Member:** 41 years

Involvement: I have been attending the Advent my entire life. I was an acolyte, a member of the youth group and played basketball. I also went on mission trips to coastal South Carolina. I currently serve as an usher and am a member of the Parents in Community class. I have helped with Rise Against Hunger meal preparation and assisted the Scouts in their project to build shelving for Spartanburg Shares so they could organize their equipment.

Why would you like to be involved in the Vestry now? My father was a member of the Vestry and I remember his participation. I feel the time is right for me to be more involved with the daily life of my church - something more than just showing up for Sunday services.

How do you see your gifts and talents enhancing the work of the Vestry? I would like to be more involved, and my profession would be a good fit for the junior warden duties. I'm also interested in identifying some outreach projects for our Parents in Community class in collaboration with the Outreach Commission.



YOUTH VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE

James Mullen

111 Sunset Drive; Mark and Keenan (parents), Banks (sibling)

Profession: Junior at Spartanburg High School (SHS) **Membership:** 16 years

Involvement: My family joined the Advent when I was a baby. I participate in youth group, play basketball and served as an acolyte. I was confirmed in December 2017. One of my proudest accomplishments was becoming an Eagle Scout in Troop 1 at the Advent.

Why would you like to be involved in the Vestry? Now that I'm confirmed, I believe this will be a good way to be involved and serve my church. I am looking forward to representing the youth and gaining a better understanding of how the church functions.

Briefly describe your educational accomplishments, awards, and/or goals. I am very involved at SHS. I am a member of Beta Club, the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, and Student Council. I am currently serving as a Wyldlife leader. I played football for SHS for two years and have played Varsity lacrosse for three years. I also volunteer regularly in the Spartanburg community with the Tippers Club of Spartanburg.



NOMINEES FOR VESTRY (ELECT 4 FOR A 3-YEAR TERM)

Jean Dunbar

300 Rivermont Drive

Profession: Retired in 2015 after teaching math at Converse College for 29 years; former programmer at Milliken **Member:** 41 years

Involvement: I was raised at a local church, then went away to college and graduate school, returning in 1976 when I was married to an Advent member. Our marriage ended, but my connection with the Advent did not. In olden days I sang in the choir, the first adult group I'd ever joined. Later I helped facilitate our Benedictine Sunday School, and I'm a member of the Listening Hearts group. More recently I've enjoyed participating in our daily Morning Prayer service, and I've worked with a group creating the Wednesday Evening Prayer service.

Why would you like to be involved in the Vestry now? I believe it's an exciting time to be involved with the Advent, trying to discern where our God is leading us into new areas and strengthening old ones. My initial involvement with the vestry would be to listen and learn more about the workings of this group of humans endeavoring to respond to Christ's light.

How do you see your gifts and talents enhancing the work of the Vestry? I especially enjoy learning more about 'praying' rather than 'saying' the Daily Office. My bent toward contemplative practices is enhanced by a love for the liturgy so the Liturgy Commission would be a good fit.





Hugh James - 105 Plantation Drive; Caroline (spouse), Tillman and Cooper (children)

Profession: General Surgeon **Member:** 23 years

Involvement: I have enjoyed attending the Advent for the past 23 years. I have been involved in youth sports and Scouts. I served on the Vestry approximately 10 years ago and during that time served on the Outreach Commission and the Rector Search Committee. Two years ago, I completed a five-year term on the Advent Foundation. I also was the Advent liaison to the Bishop's fundraiser for Cange, Haiti about five years ago.

Why would you like to be involved in the Vestry now? I enjoy being involved in the Advent community. I have witnessed the good works of so many Vestry members during my time at Advent and recognize the need for us to volunteer time and effort to the body of Christ.

How do you see your gifts and talents enhancing the work of the Vestry? I am knowledgeable of the buildings, finances, activities, outreach and other functions of the church and am willing to help sustain or improve its functioning in whatever way necessary.



Clint Settle - 614 Boyd Street; Rogers (spouse); Brandt and Pierce (children)

Profession: Insurance Agent at Farm Bureau Insurance **Member:** 4 years

Involvement: I was confirmed in 2013 but had been involved prior to joining the church. I've been on the Outreach and Missions Commission and am the current chair. Also I have been on the Stewardship Commission, search committee for the associate rector for Christian Formation and have served as an usher and SPIHN volunteer for most of the sessions.

Why would you like to be involved in the Vestry now? I'm proud to be a part of the Advent, and I'm excited about what we can accomplish in the future, with God's help. I want to help lead efforts to continue the work that we are doing to serve God and his kingdom and enhance our ministries in ways that will excite and engage our parishioners. As chairman of the Outreach and Missions Commission - one of my greatest passions - I have a vision that includes extending our outreach ministry to a new level. We have a lot of great momentum, and I would like to help continue that momentum and take our ministries to a new level that will reach more people for Christ and shine His light brighter than ever.

How do you see your gifts and talents enhancing the work of the Vestry? I feel that some of the most important qualities of anyone in a leadership role is good judgment and the ability to work well with others. I believe I have shown those qualities in my service on the two commissions. I'm also looking for ways to enhance and improve our parish so that more and more people can see that Christ is the Way.



Bea Smith - 105 Hillbrook Drive; Roy, Jr. (spouse), Hunter (child)

Profession: Executive Director of the Spartanburg Community College Foundation and Advancement **Member:** 12+ years

Involvement: Connected to the Advent since moving to Spartanburg in 1991.

Why would you like to be involved in the Vestry now? I have reached a point in my life where I am stable, confident and secure in my faith, marriage, motherhood, and career. Focused on raising our son, I want him to have a solid, family-focused, Christian faith community in which to grow and develop. Serving on the Vestry will allow me to give my time, talent and treasurers to a dynamic leadership team focused on achieving goals, facing obstacles, and serving the congregation.

How do you see your gifts and talents enhancing the work of the Vestry? I believe I can bring a positive perspective to the Vestry - with humor, compassion and a sincere understanding of Christianity. This is an honor and a privilege to be considered.

NOMINEE FOR VESTRY (ELECT 1 FOR A 1-YEAR TERM)



Bill Coker - 1205 Partridge Road; Sally (spouse), Will and Laney (children)

Profession: Private Wealth Advisor and Certified Financial Planner with South State Bank
Member: 27 years

Involvement: Parishioner since moving to Spartanburg in the mid-1980s. Served on the Vestry from 2002-2004 and the Outreach Commission. Treasurer of Troop 1 for approximately 5 years. Coordinated ushers for 2013 and continue to serve as an usher.

Why would you like to be involved in the Vestry now? While I have always believed deeply in the church and its mission, I have more time to volunteer now because I have recently completed serving in a voluntary capacity with another local nonprofit organization.

How do you see your gifts and talents enhancing the work of the Vestry? Based on my business and financial background, my previous role on the Vestry, and my organizational skills, I believe that I'll be able to help the most with the business aspects of leading the Parish in support of our mission to shine the light of Christ into the world around us.