

# Vestry Candidates



**Margaret Blair** - Acolyte Support, Alpha Group, Children's and Youth Ministry, Women's Bible Study

I am a lifelong Episcopalian who values tradition and liturgy while recognizing the importance of adapting to the needs of a modern congregation. I am always willing to speak up with respect for others' perspectives, being dedicated as well as steadfast in all my efforts. As someone relatively new to Galilee, I bring a fresh voice and perspective to the community. I was baptized, confirmed, and married in the same small-town church, and my adult life has led my family to many places where it was hard to find a church "home." Over the past few years, we've begun to feel at home at Galilee, and I now want to use my time and talents to support its mission, growing in faith and fellowship.



**Mindy Carlin** - Alpha, College Care, Lecter, Usher, Vacation Bible School, Women's Bible Study

I have experience serving on and leading Boards of Directors, workgroups, and committees, which will allow me to contribute effectively if selected for the Vestry. I possess strong communication skills and can facilitate inclusive, engaging discussions and decision-making. I work well with all types of people, listening thoughtfully and remaining open-minded to others' ideas. As I strive to make God a more central focus in my life, I am integrating my learning from the Bible and involvement at Galilee into everyday living. Serving on the Vestry would be an opportunity to support the church, strengthen my faith, and collaborate with others.



**Donald Clark** - Contemporary Music, Lay Eucharistic Minister

I am a retired attorney with 42 years of experience in litigation and business law. I bring a common sense approach to addressing issues and problem solving. I previously served on the Vestry in the early '90s, during which I had the utmost respect for experienced Vestry members like Charlie Gilliam and Art Mann. Now, as I am older and perhaps wiser, I feel a renewed enthusiasm to contribute to our church community. I am eager to serve, to do good work for the Lord, and to help support the continued growth and success of Galilee.



**Susan Freese** - Alpha, Adult Forum, Food Gap Program, Women's Bible Study, Grandparents@Prayer, JCOC, Morning Prayer, Vacation Bible School

I've been a member of Galilee since 2001 and understand what works well in our church. I'm passionate about clear communication, excellence in worship, and "dreaming big." I pay attention to detail and am not afraid to ask questions or suggest improvements. I enjoy pioneering new ideas and building on what's already successful, always quick to acknowledge others. I work best in a team and love our clergy, staff, parishioners, and community. Galilee is my home, and I'm excited to be part of such a vibrant, spirit-filled church. After prayerful consideration, I feel called to serve on the Vestry and help Galilee remain a welcoming place for all.



**Jesse King** - Finance Committee

I have strong attention-to-detail but can also see the big picture. I'm a good communicator and listener, committed to long-term goals and the well-being of our community. As my kids get older, I have more time and energy to get involved. I have served on Galilee's Finance Committee for 10 years and can see how serving on the Vestry would be a great way to contribute to our church's success and growth.



**Dee Oliver** - Chalice, Flower Guild, Lecter, Women's Bible Study - Small Group Leader, Vacation Bible School, Alpha, Greeter, Sunday School Teacher

I bring over 10 years of experience in community leadership, having served on the city's planning commission, where I developed skills in communication, negotiation, and consensus-building. I've worked with diverse groups to achieve common goals, listening attentively and contributing thoughtfully to decision-making. A devoted member of Galilee for over 30 years, this church has been central to my faith and family life. It is where my children were raised and where my grandchildren will grow in their faith. God is calling me to serve on the Vestry to help Galilee thrive for future generations. I am committed to supporting Galilee's mission and ensuring it remains a place where God's love is shared abundantly.



**Marianne Traywick** - Flower Guild, Four Seasons Service, Galilee Gift Shop, Parents of 2021 Confirmands, Women's Bible Study

I was raised in the Episcopal Church and have been a member of various Episcopal churches throughout my adult life. I feel called to serve more fully by contributing ideas and supporting efforts to make our church more active, while also helping make decisions that support our clergy and staff. I believe God has called me to do more to serve my church. As an empty nester, I have ample time to dedicate and no conflicts with high school parent activities. I appreciate Galilee Church, and I look forward to supporting our church and learning from it anew.



**Michael Via** - Alpha, Diocesan Council, ESC Food Pantry, Books Through Bars, Winter Shelter, JCOC, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Rally Day, Stewardship, Usher, Vacation Bible School, Morning Prayer

I have experience in banking and finance, which could be helpful for the Vestry. My interpersonal and communication skills would help foster collaboration and understanding. Additionally, my team-building abilities would help support an understanding and effective environment. Through prayer, worship, bible study, and church fellowship, I feel led to serve. The Holy Spirit inspires me to grow, learn, and lean on God. Empowered by His Spirit, I am committed to being a faithful servant, walking the path God has prepared.