

Message from the Rector and Senior Warden

Dear Friends,

Sunday, **December 11** will be our annual meeting, the once-a-year gathering to conduct the business of the Church. We will hear reports from our Treasurer, the Christ Church Trust, the Endowment Committee and the Senior and Junior Wardens. We will also continue our tradition of honoring one of our own as an Outstanding Servant Leader in our midst. The business meeting will begin at 9:45 am in the Nave of the Church.

We will elect four new members of the Vestry. Voting for new members will occur during both worship services. Ballots will be collected at the Offertory by members of the Vestry. You must be present to vote. We will also have “drive up” voting from 8:30am – 11:00am. That will occur on Pollock Street in front of the gates to the church. Drive up, and a member of the Vestry will bring a ballot to you.

You must vote for four (4) nominees. Any more or less will invalidate the ballot. To be eligible to vote, “One must be an enrolled, baptized, confirmed communicant in good standing of Christ Church which is sixteen (16) years old or older” (*Christ Church bylaws, Section 5.1*).

Information on the vestry candidates is contained in this mailer, as well as on our website (<https://www.christchurchnewbern.com/quick-links>).

Our candidates are:

Randy Bogle
Stephanie Bratton
Holly Craighead
Kim Huddle
Peter Mnatzakanian
Betsy Phillips

I am grateful to these great parishioners for their willingness to stand for election. I hope you will be prayerfully discerning who God is calling you to vote for to lead Christ Church for the next three years. If you have any questions, between now and then, please do not hesitate to be in touch with either or both of us.

Blessings,

The Rev. Paul Canady
Rector

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Senior Warden
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Nominees for Vestry

Randy Bogle

Family Life:

I have been married to my wife, JoAnn “Joanie” Bogle, for 54 years and we have two sons, Jeff and Dave. Jeff is a firefighter and lives in Chula Vista, CA with his wife and three sons. Dave is a retired Marine Corps officer and lives in Ann Arbor, MI with his wife and twin daughters and works at the Detroit International Airport. We moved to New Bern in December 2018 from San Diego, CA. This move was one of the best decisions we ever made! We love the area, the people, and Christ Church.

Professional Background:

I graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1968 and completed flight training and was designated a naval aviator in 1969. I served in numerous operational, and staff billets during my 31-year Navy career retiring in June 1998 as a Captain.

Following retirement from the Navy, I joined D.P. Associates Inc. (DPA), a Veteran Owned, Small Business supplying training courseware to Navy and Marine Corps aviation units. I retired from DPA, then L-3 DPA, as Vice President for Training after 15 years and entered the non-profit field serving as the Executive Director of the San Diego Military Advisory Council. During this time, I became involved in several community organizations including the Board of Directors of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the National City Chamber of Commerce, and the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation before retiring in October 2018. I am also Past Chairman of the Board of the Naval Helicopter Association (NHA) and Past Vice President of the California Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

How I have been involved in Christ Church or at other churches:

Prior to moving to New Bern in 2018, we were members of the Alpine Community Church, a United Church of Christ affiliate, in Alpine, CA. We were members of this church for 13 years. During this time, we volunteered to be ushers, greeters and I read scripture. I also served as a Deacon and then Moderator for two terms.

We joined Christ Church in early 2019. We are currently co-chairs of the 2023 Stewardship Campaign. We have volunteered to be greeters and helped with Pumpkin Patch. I have served as a Lector and recently became a Lay Eucharistic Minister and a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. I am also a member of the Building and Grounds Committee.



Personal Interests: I like watching college sports, especially football, and especially Navy football! I have learned to play pickleball and enjoy the outdoors. I love spending time with family and friends.

What do I bring to the Vestry: First, let me say I'm blessed to be nominated to become a member of our Vestry. I will bring to the Vestry my faith in God, my love of people, my leadership and management experience, and my willingness to work wherever I am needed for the good of Christ Church!

Nominees for Vestry

Stephanie Bratton

My name is Stephanie Bratton. I became a member of Christ Church after moving to New Bern and becoming engaged to my amazing husband 23 years ago. We were married in 2000 on Ocracoke Island by Pat Thomas, our Rector. Drake has been a lifelong member of the church. He tells stories of playing in the church halls as a child. Drake is Realtor Broker/Owner with Coldwell Banker Sea Coast Realty.



We are the proud parents of two boys. Palmer, our oldest son is a sophomore at NCSU and studying business. He is also a part of Delta Sigma Fraternity and competes on the NCSU Club Swim team. Ted, our youngest, is a senior at Arendell Parrott Academy in Kinston. He is an active student who plays sports year round. His love and passion is chasing the yellow tennis ball around the court. I love watching him! He is looking forward to attending college next Fall. Time really does fly and I cannot believe that Drake and I will be empty nesters next year. We enjoy all things boats, water and outdoors. Drake, Palmer and Ted are my greatest Joy.

I moved to NC in 1990 when I attend UNC Wilmington. Prior to moving to New Bern, I lived in Columbia, South Carolina where I obtained my Master's Degree in Clinical Social Work. I have held several positions in the field since coming to New Bern including the Psychiatric Unit at Carolina East and as an individual contractor for a psychiatrist and a nurse practitioner in town. Just over 5 years ago, I opened my own private practice, Twin Rivers Counseling. I offer therapy for individuals, families and couples. Serving my community in this way has been a passion.

Christ Church has been the foundation of my faith. It was here that I have grown my relationship with Christ. My husband's family grew and served in Christ Church. I have quietly served as a mother raising my children and sharing my love of the church with others. It is my hope that my love of family, the skills of being a therapist and happiness I find in church will be an asset to the vestry.

Nominees for Vestry

Holly Craighead

Family Life:

Devout, lifelong Episcopalian and mother of two beautiful daughters, Meghan and Annie; my son-in-law, Jorge; two remaining brothers, The Rev. Tom Craighead and Bill Craighead; their wives, Lorna and Elizabeth, respectively; and their sons, Jamison, Alex, and Will and Jacob, respectively.

Professional Background:

A Freshman, collegiate English instructor, businesswoman in fundraising and volunteer management, and most humbly – a missionary.

How I have been involved in Christ Church or at other churches:

Over the years, it has been my privilege to have worked for several Bishops as an Editor in a Communications Department, Special Events Coordinator, and Fundraising Consultant. In churches, I



have enjoyed serving as a Ministry Coordinator, Lay Eucharistic Minister, a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Stephen Minister & Leader, healing minister, Lector, and devotional writer. I have also taught small groups, including The Alpha Course, numerous Bible studies, and special liturgical classes for churches in multiple dioceses. I served on a Cursillo Secretariat; the Vestry; as Convention Delegate; as a church outreach board member; and chaired numerous committees. At Christ Church, I have served as a Stephen Ministry Leader and on Cursillo team.

Personal Interests:

I love crew as a team sport, gardening for prayer and listening, and baking – to provide bread for family, friends, and neighbors.

What do I bring to the Vestry: I bring a humble and prayerful spirit, energy, and dedication to The Church.

Nominees for Vestry

Kim Huddle

Family Life:

I am married to Carl Huddle and have two children, Campbell Huddle Taylor, (Josh) and Jack Huddle. I am the daughter of Edward Campbell and the late Teri Campbell.

Professional Background:

After graduating from North Carolina State University, I was employed at New Bern High School in Special Education.

How I have been involved in Christ Church or at other churches:

I have been a member of Christ Episcopal Church all my life. I was baptized in the Church, confirmed in the Church, married in the Church and baptized both of my children in the Church. I have served as the youth director, volunteered as a youth counselor, taught Sunday school, organized parish family weekend among other



activities. I am currently involved with Growing in Grace as a mentor, and I serve as a Trustee for the Memorial Fund.

Personal Interests:

I enjoy traveling, playing tennis, boating, volunteering in the community, and spending time with family.

What do I bring to the Vestry:

I am honored being selected to run for Vestry and if selected I bring a personal and generous commitment of my time, energy,

resources, and spirit to Christ Church. I accept the challenge to make this work a priority in terms of time and schedule and will be dedicated to serving and providing leadership in Christ Church and our community.

Nominees for Vestry

Peter Mnatzakanian



My Wife (Michele) and I moved to New Bern in 2018 from the Washington DC metro area. Our Sons Raffi and Zaven have given us five grandchildren (Nairi, Sophia, Levon, and Wesley).

Retired in 2015 after spending over 30 years as a Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sales Specialist serving Hospitals and the Cardiology office market in the Mid Atlantic Area (VA-NJ). Participated in Simon's Fund, a nonprofit providing cardiology screening for children.

I was baptized in the Armenian Apostolic Church and served on the Soorp Khatch Board of Trustees (2-2yr terms). Parent Volunteer in the Hamasdagh Armenian School. Came to Christ Church in 2019 and have participated in many activities such as the Pumpkin Patch, Spring Mulch, Sacred Sound and Space Kickoff, Greeter, Usher, and Reader.

My interests include playing golf regularly, walking, reading, men's bible study and lead our community members at Colours with PRIDE (residents who are involved in providing maintenance to our golf course).

As you can see service is a big part of my life at Carolina Colours and New Bern. I believe in being part of a solution by jumping in with both hands. I would be honored to serve as a vestry member with such wonderful people.

Nominees for Vestry

Betsy Phillips

Name:

Betsy (Elizabeth) Phillips

Family Life:

Married to Stephen Phillips for 36 years. Three sons, ages 33-38.

Professional Background:

Nurse, horse breeder and former owner of a coffee shop.

How I have been involved in Christ Church or at other churches:

Choir member, Bible School, Growing in Grace program.

Personal Interests:

I enjoy horse activities, knitting, weaving, soap making, and any other artistic and creative activity. Also, I volunteer at the YMCA, currently as a spin instructor.

What do I bring to the Vestry:

I hope to bring to the Vestry my enthusiasm, integrity and leadership abilities. Previously, I have served the community as president of the Sea Notes Choral Society, PTA officer, Cub Scout leader, Kiwanis member and a Guardian ad Litem. If elected, I welcome a new challenge and serving the church community.



Inside please find biographical information on this year's Christ Church Nominees for Vestry. We are grateful to these parishioners who have volunteered to stand for election.

Voting occurs during the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held **Sunday, December 11th.**

Parishioners must vote for FOUR nominees. We encourage you to pray for all of the nominees and pray about how you will cast your ballot on December 11.



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