

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Candidates Standing for Election to the Vestry

Submitted by The Rev. Drew Downs

At our Annual Meeting on January 31, 2021, three new members will be elected to the vestry of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

The Vestry is responsible for the fiscal and spiritual leadership of the congregation, requiring a commitment of mind, spirit, and time.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Attending church services regularly and participating in the life of the congregation;
- Continuing to make and fulfill a stated financial commitment (pledge) during their term;
- Attending vestry meetings;
- Showing leadership in the various ministries of the church;
- Being committed to the future of St. Stephen's.

There are three positions on the vestry vacated by the departures of Martha Layton, Gail Nattkemper, and Robin Willis from the vestry. With (potentially) three candidates standing for three positions, we are hoping to vote by acclamation at the meeting. In the event of a contested election we will complete the election on a different day in accordance with our by-laws.

Bill Denton



Bill Denton with fellow Sacristans Carolyn Steinbaugh and Carol Hutz

I came to St. Stephen's Church in the early 1970's and since then have participated in a lot of activities at St. Stephen's.

Partial List of Activities:

- 1) served as a Lay Eucharistic minister
- 2) member of two search committees for Parish Priest
- 3) appointed one of two Vergers

- 4) organized numerous Lector and Chalice Workshops
- 5) served several terms on the Vestry
- 6) served as a Senior Warden
- 7) organize and supervise materials for the Parish Sacristy
- 8) participated in numerous book study, Bible study and discussion groups
- 9) serve as a Lector and Chalice

As a result of all of that and aware of my ability to attend to organizational details, I feel that I can make positive contributions to the Vestry and bring my experience to discussions of the inner workings of our church and community.

Andrew Miller



I am originally from Evansville where I grew up mostly in non-denominational churches. I was a Music Education major at ISU but immediately went into the nonprofit world after graduation with a brief stint as a staff member for my fraternity's national headquarters in Evansville. After that, I worked for 15 years as a background investigator contracted with the federal government. Since October, I have been a case manager with Reach Services, primarily administering the State Covid rental assistance program for the surrounding region.

With my work experience, I find it very easy to connect with people, both professionally and empathetically. With my music background, I feel that I can offer that experience with liturgy. I served on the administrative board at my previous church for two years, with one being as President.

Michelle Moulton



My name is Michelle Moulton. I'm originally from Alabama, but have moved several times in my adult life. Matt, my husband, and I met in Georgia. We married in 2009 and moved to Houston, TX. While in Texas, our son Jack was born. Our next move was to Athens, GA in 2014. In 2018 a job brought us to Terre Haute and we've been finding ways to engage with the community ever since. I work in the admissions office at Indiana State University. Matt too works at ISU as a faculty member in the College of Education. Jack is in second grade at Meadows Elementary

School and knows all there is to know about Star Wars :) I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family, baking cookies, reading, learning about nature and the environment and social justice. I'm excited for this opportunity to serve on the vestry and getting to know more folks at St. Stephens.