



2011 Special Edition

St. Paul's
Episcopal Church

November 2011

Annual Meeting Is November 13

The 137th Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 13, 2011, in the nave; and all parishioners are urged to attend. We will begin with the first part of the Holy Eucharist, and the business of the Annual Meeting will replace the homily. After the meeting and the completion of the Eucharist, we will remove to the Parish Hall for light refreshments arranged by the Vestry.

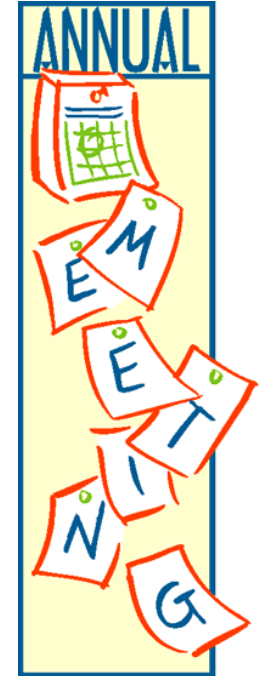
All communicants in good standing with the parish, 16 years of age and older, have voice and vote at the Annual Meeting and are encouraged to attend. Canons 1.17.2 and 3 of the Canons and Constitution of the Episcopal Church in the United States, define *communicant* and *communicant in good standing*:

A **communicant** is a member who has received the Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year. A **communicant in good standing** is a communicant who, for the preceding year, has been faithful in corporate worship (unless for good cause prevented) and has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

An election will be held to fill the three Vestry positions that will become open in January of 2012. At St. Paul's, Vestry members serve through prayer, participation in worship and the life of the parish, attendance at meetings, and giving their time and talents for the good of the church. Because vestry elections have such a tremendous impact on the future of this parish, they should never be considered popularity contests. What is important is that each member elected has the spirituality, gifts, and leadership talents needed by the church and the commitment and willingness to use those gifts and talents for the good of St. Paul's.

As of the deadline for inclusion in this edition of *A Potpourri*, three nominations for the Vestry have been received: **Rob Hensley**, **Dick Richards**, and **Debbie Swartz**. Biographies and photographs of the nominees are printed on the following pages.

As of the date of this publication, it is anticipated that there will be at least one nomination from the floor. The article below gives information on how to make nominations from the floor.



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Making Nominations from the Floor



On the day of the Annual Meeting, nominations may also be made from the floor. Article III, Section 5-2(c) of our parish bylaws outlines the procedure: "A nominator who wishes to originate a nomination from the floor at the Annual Meeting shall first secure the consent of the prospective nominee. At the Annual Parish Meeting, the nominator shall make the nomination from the floor and then make a statement about the nominee's goals and qualifications.

Any nomination from the floor should be accompanied by a completed nomination form and signed Vestry Commitment Statement.



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The 2011 Vestry

Scott Rushing,, Sr. Warden

Susan Norwood, Jr. Warden

Jim Becker

Nicci Brown

Ruthie Orr Dixon

Nicole Dunn

Christopher Flack

Jan Lochary

Julius Nimmons

Henry Jenkins, Treasurer

Sarah Palmer, Bookkeeper

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. (Spoken Service), Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. (Choral Service), Holy Eucharist

Weekday Services

8:00 a.m., Monday - Thursday, Morning Prayer

5:30 p.m. Every Tuesday, Holy Communion with Healing

Every Wednesday, Noonday Prayers

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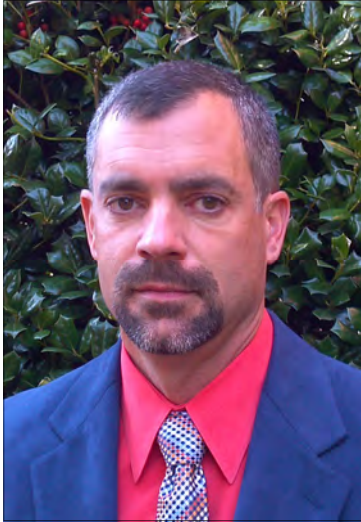
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Nominee for Vestry

Rob Hensley



Family

Wife, Robin
Daughter, Raven

Years at St. Paul's 11

Church Activities, Current and Former

Greeters; Parish Clean-Up; Passion Play (three times)

Other Activities

North Carolina Rhododendron Festival, 30+ years; Disaster Relief for Hurricane Katrina

Employment

Current, Dorton's Mobile Service (Transportation Industry);
U.S. Army (Field Communications and Heavy Equipment)

Education

Mitchell High School, Bakersville, NC
Central Piedmont Community College (Welding)
University of Maryland (Mathematics)

What can you bring to the Vestry—your strengths, talents, goals, and ideas for the future of St. Paul's?

I will bring my construction and maintenance knowledge as well as an open-minded attitude. I want to serve the parish in the preservation of the church campus and provide open-minded leadership for the continued growth of St. Paul's.

Nominated by

Kim Rushing



Nominee for Vestry

Dick Richards

Family Wife, Carole
 Daughter, Amy
 Son, T Jay
 Grandson, Clayton

Years at St. Paul's 11+

Church Activities, Current and Former
Finance Committee, Acolyte

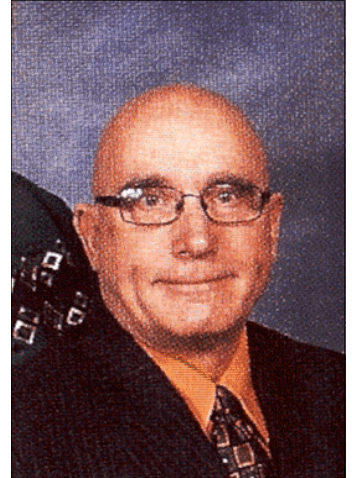
Other Activities
Christian Education Teacher, Assistant Acolyte Warden (other churches); EMT & Firefighter, Unionville Volunteer Fire Department

Employment
Staff Accountant, The Cato Corporation.

Education
B.A., Sociology, University of Oregon
M.S., Accounting, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

What can you bring to the Vestry—your strengths, talents, goals, and ideas for the future of St. Paul's?
I will bring with me 45 years of management experience in a variety of settings. I would like to participate in efforts to make St. Paul's an organization that serves the needs of its congregants and that is a positive force in the broader community as well.

Nominated by
Jane Beamer





Nominee for Vestry

Debbie Swartz



Family

Husband, Bob
Daughter, Janis
Son, Robert
Mother, Marie Demarest
Sister, Teri Kiko; Nieces, Debbie & Nikki

Years at St. Paul's 15

Church Activities, Current and Former

Acolyte Marshal, Acolyte, Sunday School Teacher, Ugly Quilts crafter, Senior Series events crew; Children's Choir meal preparer.

Other Activities

I support local sports...and I never litter!

Employment

Convenience Store Manager (Monroe Oil Company)

Education

Henry P. Becton Regional High School, East Rutherford, NJ

What can you bring to the Vestry—your strengths, talents, goals, and ideas for the future of St. Paul's?

I tend to cut to the chase in most things, and I am good at seeing both sides of issues. I love St. Paul's and would like to try this new challenge. I think everyone should run [for Vestry] to understand the other side to the running of the church.

Nominated by

Doris Rushing