

**Information about  
Vestry Candidates,  
Diocesan Convention/  
Huron Valley Area  
Deanery  
Representatives**

**For election at the  
Annual Meeting**

**January 30, 2022**

Dear St. Andrew's Parishioners:

In preparation for the election at the annual meeting January 30, 2020, following the 10:00 service it is important that you become familiar with the candidates. The candidates standing for election to the Vestry and Diocesan Delegate/Huron Valley Area Deanery are:

**Vestry**

John Burhenn  
Elizabeth Calhoun  
Claire McLaughlin  
Lisa Osbeck  
Ann Scott  
Leslie Stainton

**Diocesan Delegate/  
Huron Valley Area Deanery**

Lucy Richert  
George Watson

**Continuing Vestry Members**

Class of 2023:

Carol Bernard  
Catherine Carver  
David Hunsche  
David VanWagenen

Class of 2024:

Jeanine Diller  
Lorraine Field  
Chris Watson  
Bob Westveer

These candidates were asked to reflect and respond to the following text:

Please tell us a little about yourself and family, work, or other volunteer work in which you have been involved.

Reflecting on our Mission Statement (Witnessing to the Good News of God in Christ) how do your life experiences at St. Andrew's, other churches, and in the community at large, demonstrate your dedication to the various ministries of St. Andrew's? Please include special skills, areas of interest, and other information you think will help parishioners understand who you are and how you may contribute to our mission.

This booklet contains the responses from the candidates.

I would like to thank the members of the nominating committee for all their hard work:

Sarah Inwood  
Sandra Murchison  
Luke Thompson  
Susan Wakefield

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the nominating committee.

David Hunsche  
Junior Warden  
Acting Chair, Nominating Committee

## John Burhenn Vestry Candidate

Thank you for the opportunity to run for vestry. My wife, Robin Berry, and I became active members of St. Andrews prior to our marriage here in 2002. Neither of us were born into the Episcopal faith but found here a welcoming home while coming from different faith traditions. I was a lapsed member of the United Church of Christ (Congregationalist), and my wife grew up in a large Roman Catholic family. Robin has sung in the Adult Choir for many years as well as serving on the Vestry. Our daughter, Fan, has been active in church school, choirs, and theatrical productions. I've also previously served on the Vestry during the 2008 capital campaign and the rector search process that led Father Alan to us. I have been active on the Organ Committee since its inception and cherish the amazing gifts of music presented at St. Andrews. Finally, I've previously served on the Outreach Committee (now reborn as the Social Justice Committee) where Robin and I produced the Sunday evening Theology on Tap presentations.

As the yard sign in front of our house states "We have work to do." The challenges include finding ways to let voices speak and be listened to from those that were previously muted. Can we find new, deeper, and more inclusive meanings in the traditions that sustain many of us here? As Covid is not done with us, supporting the work of the church leadership and staff, and fostering their connection to us, will be paramount. Finally, as a project manager at an architectural firm implementing large projects at UM and various institutions, I've personally witnessed how climate change is impacting our world. Designing sustainable buildings has been a personal passion of mine for decades. It is time for the

church to take a leadership role in how we address climate change and its unfolding threats and challenges.

One of the joys of worshipping at St. Andrews is being part of a wonderful group of people who care deeply about this church, about each other, and possess tremendous talents. I never cease to be amazed at our fellow worshippers and their life stories. There is little we can't accomplish together.



**John Burhenn**

## Elizabeth Gray Calhoun

I am a 30-year+ employee of the University of Michigan, having worked at the U of M Law Library since 1998.

Previously I earned my M.A. from UM in 1984 and started full-time UM employment in 1988.

Through my university employment I have taken additional professional development training in leadership and “team-member” and I currently serve two other non-profit organizations, the Society for Creative Anachronisms as a calligrapher and Target Archery Marshal; and the University Low-brow Astronomers where I am currently one of four Vice Presidents.

I was accepted into the Episcopal Church in June, 2002, after having attended St. Andrew’s since 1999 or so. Since then I have served as Usher, Lector, Intercessor, and Lay Eucharistic Minister; I became an Acolyte in 2009-2010. I have also served on Altar Guild.

My life has been one of spiritual upheaval and “church-hopping.” I am not a “cradle” anything – I was baptized Methodist into a family that was not particularly religious. I know personally that some individual spiritual work is best accomplished surrounded by other people; but also that some spiritual work is private, introverted, and unintelligible to outsiders. My Puritan ancestors came to North America with a specific vision of “holy” and expected absolute conformity to that vision. I would like to uphold St. Andrew’s mission by working to allow everyone, in our shared sacramental context, to come to their own enlightenment and “salvation” (or in Hebrew, “yasha,”--“broadening”).



**Liz Calhoun**

## Claire McLaughlin Vestry Candidate

I grew up in Sandusky, Ohio, and my husband Harry and I arrived in Ann Arbor in 1981 after relocating several times for early career moves and graduate school. We have two sons and daughters-in-law and four grandchildren, and all live close enough to be able to spend time together. Some may remember our son John who sings at St. Andrew's several times a year. I retired from the Canton Public Library in 2010 after 25 years and since that time have worked off and on for the Admissions office at the University of Michigan and as a volunteer docent at the University of Michigan Museum of Art.

We began attending St. Andrew's in the mid-1990s and it was a short time later that we started volunteering in the Breakfast program—and we still are. We love it here and try to contribute to the church community in other ways too. I served on the vestry and the Breakfast board about 15 years ago. Most rewarding have been Coventry suppers because that's how we got to know so many parishioners, which then led to other opportunities to serve. Some of those are Altar Guild, counting the offering, helping with mailings, serving at funeral receptions, and baking altar bread. I also taught Sunday School at a previous parish when our kids were young. Most recently we have helped prepare and deliver care packages to members who have been isolated due to the pandemic.

I have grown in my faith through the work at St. Andrew's that Harry and I have done, with the new organ a grand manifestation. I hope to give back as a vestry member who has a long-term perspective on St. Andrew's unique and significant role in the community.



**Claire McLaughlin**

## Lisa Osbeck Vestry Candidate

Lisa Osbeck has been involved with Saint Andrews since 2015, when her daughter Cecile Piffaretti began to sing in the Junior Choir. Her husband is Joe Piffaretti, aka Mr. Bumbles from *Annie*, and as a family they are best known for their several appearances as “The Wilsons” in the Christmas pageant. Lisa is a Michigan alumna and was happy to return to Ann Arbor from Atlanta for Joe’s position at Michigan Medicine. She continues to teach remotely as a professor at the University of West Georgia, specializing in the history and theoretical foundations of psychology.

Lisa’s father was a director of music for a large church and her grandfather as well as three uncles were ministers in traditional denominations. At one time she entertained the goal of teaching comparative theology in a seminary. Lisa would love to have more involvement with Saint Andrews through service on the vestry. She has a great deal of interest in church history, philosophy, and the arts. In addition to learning as much as possible about the Episcopal tradition and the specific needs of the Saint Andrews community, Lisa would like to explore ways to honor the rich traditions of the church while also supporting its commitment to social justice and ensuring that it is a place all feel welcomed as full participants.



**Lisa Osbeck**

## Ann Scott Vestry Candidate

I have many fond memories of growing up in Virginia and belonging to our episcopal church, All Saints. It was a small but growing church, and my father was very active in its development. He always gave back to the church and the community, setting an example that has always been a beacon for me.

My husband Phillip and I settled in Ann Arbor about 25 years ago to work at the University of Michigan medical center. Phillip works in the emergency department, and I work in the recovery room as a nurse. We originally attended St. Claire's episcopal church but, after a move to Ann Arbor's west side, we started attending St. Andrews and have felt at home ever since.

We have two young adults that have grown up within the St. Andrews community. I started volunteering as a Sunday School teacher when my daughter Anna was in the 3/4 grade class. I moved up with her and her class through the grades, J2A and her pilgrimage—what a memorable journey. Along that road, I found myself volunteering with the breakfast program and serving as an acolyte. Giving my time to these duties has provided me with great spiritual rewards.

Looking back, I was very fortunate my father set such a memorable and loving example; I hope to honor his memory by doing the same for my own children.



**Ann Scott**

## Leslie Stainton Vestry Candidate

Since joining the St. Andrew's congregation in 2008, Leslie Stainton has served as an usher, lay minister, lay reader, Evensong officiant, and member of the Social Justice Ministry, which she helped found in 2018. She is a past editor and writer at the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and a recent faculty member at the U-M Residential College, where she taught writing. She is the author of two books, *Lorca: A Dream of Life*, and *Staging Ground: An American Theater and Its Ghosts*, and is at work on a book about her slaveholding ancestors in Georgia. She is a member of the board of directors of the Slave Dwelling Project and a past board member of Coming to the Table; both organizations seek to confront the history and legacy of American slavery and to foster racial justice and healing.



**Leslie Stainton**

## Lucy Richert Area Deanery/Convention Delegate

St. Andrews has been my church home since 1986 when my twins, Alex and Rachel were baptized by Fr. Harvey Guthrie. Back in the day, I was involved in ECW, bazaars, potlucks, and vestry. I've been part of the St. Andrew's Players since my debut as a tree in "Peter Pan" in 1995. My involvement in the theater program led to meeting Norm Richert during the production of "Spoon River Anthology" in 2009 and we were married at St. Andrews in 2011. We continue to enjoy stage life and managed to survive 2020-21, with Zoom versions of several productions.

A great joy was helping to lead the first J2A Pilgrimage to Boston in 2002. More recently, I was a leader in the Zoom Rite 13 church school program.

Another great joy has been singing in the Adult Choir since 2004.

After serving as Diocesan Delegate/Huron Valley Area Deanery Representative in 2009 I was fortunate to be appointed to the Diocesan Commission on Ministry for 5 years. That involvement in the Diocese gave me further insight and appreciation for the process of clergy training and experience and how it fits into Diocesan life.

The outreach of St. Andrew's is enriched by our participation and representation in the ministries and programs of the Diocese. I look forward to renewing my involvement with the larger Diocesan community by serving as Delegate or Alternate.

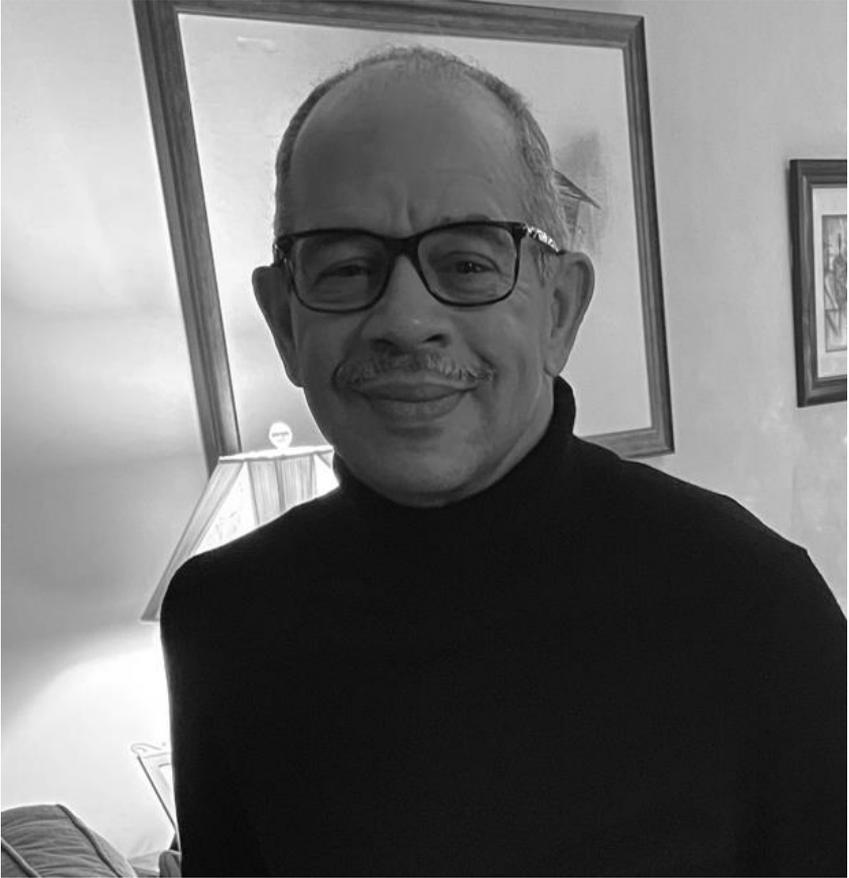


**Lucy Richert**

## George Watson Area Deanery/Convention Delegate

I originally came to Ann Arbor for Psychology graduate school in which I completed my Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1984. I was received into the American Episcopal Church in 1999, after participating in two Adult Inquirer's classes, one at St. Andrew's, which I began to attend with my family in 1994. I became a Vestry Member at Canterbury House, before serving in the same capacity at St. Andrew's in the Early Millennium. As a Church School Teacher, I taught both my kids through the (then) Journey to Adulthood program, which culminated in two Pilgrimages I was able to chaperone to NYC and Portland. As I have played hand percussion in a band of friends for more than two decades, we have performed to raise funds for the Pilgrimages and the Church School. I began to play with the pit band of St. Andrew's Players, when Chris was in Middle School, and have done so for many productions. Christopher and Laura were confirmed while they were in high school.

The incredible spiritual community of St. Andrew's has borne us through so many challenges, including the cancer which took Cathlynn from us in 2017. It is my personal mission to make St. Andrew's the most welcoming, diverse, and active spiritual community we can be. That is, one in which we can explore our relationship to God in Christ, see the Christ in all human beings, and serve our community



**George Watson**

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