

2024 Annual Meeting Elections

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JoAnne Lehman



For which position are you running? Senior Warden

How and when did you become a member of St. Andrew's?

When I moved to Madison's near west side in 2009, I hadn't attended an Episcopal church for a few years but was experiencing a desire to return, and I realized I was within walking distance of this beautiful stone building. I started attending that spring and was especially drawn in by the radiant welcome of Archdeacon Susan Mueller. I came and went somewhat over the years, but eventually realized I was here to stay. I'm now completing my second year serving on the vestry.

Briefly describe your background and history with the Episcopal Church.

I was raised in a conservative evangelical setting as the child of a Baptist minister. In my twenties I encountered the Episcopal church, where I progressed from fearing it wasn't conservative enough to wondering whether I had become too radical for it — but eventually I was confirmed while a member of another St. Andrew's, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Later I joined St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, and then in my early years in Wisconsin I found spiritual kinship with Quakers and Unitarian Universalists and also spent some time without a faith community at all before finding my way into St. Andrew's.

What strengths, talents and experiences will you bring to this position?

I believe I bring strengths in writing and critical thinking, a commitment to justice, and passion for grace, mercy, and seeing “that of God” in everyone. As a current vestry member I'm familiar with the makeup of this congregation and some of its concerns, and I'm able to be organized and to track and follow through.

What issues do you think are a priority for St. Andrew's?

I love our church's vibrant mission statement, with its bold opening claim that “All are welcome.” I've experienced that welcome myself and see it increasingly lived out by this community. My desire is for us to explore even more ways we might manifest deep and radical “welcome” to all whose paths intersect with ours. A couple of practical areas in which we might explore that could potentially involve improving the accessibility of our physical space and strengthening our support of members approaching the last years of their lives.

Candidate for Junior Warden

Andy Porter



For which position are you running? Junior Warden

How and when did you become a member of St. Andrew's?

I became a member of St. Andrew's in the mid-1960's when I was a toddler and later I was confirmed as a teen. After being away, I returned in 2002 to be a regular attendee at the early service with my brother Phil.

Briefly describe your background and history with the Episcopal Church.

I grew up in this parish and attended with my brother for many years. I've served this parish in various capacities, including as an altar server, lay reader, Vestry-person twice, member of Stewardship and Finance committees and Treasurer.

What strengths, talents and experiences will you bring to this position?

My experience on the Vestry and on various committees has given me an understanding of how the vestry functions, makes decisions, and works through thorny topics. I've also worked with the current Junior Warden on performing projects and solving building issues.

What issues do you think are a priority for St. Andrew's?

Solving some persistent maintenance issues, engaging parishioners in improvement projects, and boosting our building's curb appeal to attract new members.

Candidates for Vestry

Janet Martin



For which position are you running? Vestry

How and when did you become a member of St. Andrew's?

We moved to Madison in 2021. We were moving from our home (and church) of forty years in Pennsylvania to be near some young grandchildren. We had seen some of the ZOOM and streaming services done by St. Andrews and other Episcopal churches in Madison, and after a few Sundays of visiting and "trying out" various parishes, David and I were sure St Andrews was where we wanted to be.

Briefly describe your background and history with the Episcopal Church.

I was raised in a small Protestant denomination (Disciples of Christ) and I was a Methodist for a brief time. When we lived in England, we attended the local Anglican Church and became members of an Episcopal parish while we were in Germany for four years. It was comfortable and supporting to join the Episcopal Church when we returned to the US. I had grown up with a worship that celebrated the Eucharist every week, and I was glad to find a church with Eucharist at the center of its life. (I know that was not always the case with the Episcopal Church, but I am grateful to find it so now.) I appreciate the Book of Common Prayer because it puts me at ease and lets me worship with understanding wherever I am in the world.

What strengths, talents and experiences will you bring to this position?

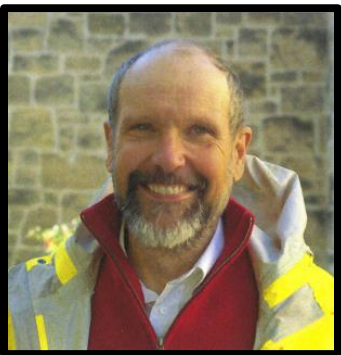
I am a listener and a questioner. I have been a teacher and a librarian and have worked with young children.

What issues do you think are a priority for St. Andrew's?

From the outside looking in, I think St. Andrew's needs to "make a name" for itself. I know it has been in Madison for many years. Now we need to find a service that the community needs and that the church can supply.

St Andrew's needs to continue to be financially self-sustaining.

John Thompson



For which position are you running? Vestry

How and when did you become a member of St. Andrew's?

My parents left the Methodist Church in 1957 to join the Episcopal Church, and I came along. I served as an acolyte at Trinity, Wauwatosa, and I was active at St. Francis House when I was a student at U.W.

Briefly describe your background and history with the Episcopal Church.

I must confess that St. Andrew's is the first Episcopal Church I've attended regularly. I grew up and was baptized in the Presbyterian Church, but one of our two daughters was baptized in the Episcopal Church of my wife's youth. I have learned much about the Episcopal Church these past few years, both from its rituals (there was no foot washing in that Presbyterian Church!) and from discussions with other choir and vestry members.

What strengths, talents and experiences will you bring to this position?

I bring my experience as an architect and my commitment to the spiritual life. Sometimes I am able to help people overcome disagreements and find satisfying solutions to their problems.

What issues do you think are a priority for St. Andrew's?

I give priority to spirituality, particularly as experienced and expressed in common worship. I hope that the movement of the spirit will strengthen our fellowship and enable us to embody Christ's teachings through good living and good works.

Karen Evans-Romaine



For which position are you running? Vestry

How and when did you become a member of St. Andrew's?

I became a member of St. Andrew's in June 2013. I was looking for a church home for myself and my son, then going into second grade. I checked out the St. Andrew's website, saw the announcement of Mother Dorota's first service, attended, and never looked back!

Briefly describe your background and history with the Episcopal Church.

I was raised Roman Catholic; I attended church regularly since early childhood with my father, a bass in the choir, and my older brother, a professional church organist. I began attending the Anglican Church of St. Andrew's in the heart of Moscow in the mid-1990s. When I came back to the US to take up my first job as an assistant professor, I attended the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Athens, Ohio. There I served on the Vestry, as a chalice bearer, and on a discernment committee, and I sang in the choir. I felt very much at home there. I feel just much at home here at St. Andrew's, and life at St. Andrew's is a central part of my life. I have served one three-year term on the Vestry (2017-19), served for three years on the Stewardship Committee (2020-22), and have been teaching the younger kids (4K through Grade 1) in Sunday School for several years. For the past three years I have been scheduling volunteers for service at our Sunday worship. I also serve regularly as lector, intercessor, communion server, digital acolyte, and on the committee that writes social justice commentaries on the Gospel. I was Diocesan Convention Deputy in 2022, 2023, and for both Diocesan conventions in 2024. Most recently I have joined the board of St. Francis Episcopal Student Center, where I enjoy bringing together my mentorship of students and my life in the Episcopal church.

What strengths, talents and experiences will you bring to this position?

I enjoy working collaboratively. In addition to teaching at UW-Madison, I am president of a national professional organization whose leadership works closely together, I am co-director of a federally funded program for Russian language learners, and I serve on departmental and university committees. So I participate in regular committee meetings from weekly to monthly, in national conferences frequently, and I work with colleagues daily. I enjoy meeting new people and learning from others. I enjoy administrative work as well as teaching and learning. I like to think that I am organized and a good listener, and I focus on hearing all sides equitably and finding consensus. And I take good notes!

What issues do you think are a priority for St. Andrew's?

We are at a critical time in St. Andrew's and in our diocese. The reunification of the Diocese of Wisconsin provides opportunities for new growth, discussion, discernment, and learning from our fellow Wisconsin Episcopalians. At St. Andrew's we are experiencing inspiring growth and welcoming new members of all ages. We need to continue to support that growth and to live out our mission: to be a thoughtful, supportive community that welcomes all and makes everyone feel welcome and supported; to continue to develop and support formation programs and activities for members of all ages; to support kids and families at St. Andrew's at this exciting time of growth; to continue our work toward diversity, inclusion, equity, and access in our community; and, to that end, to support our neighbors in and around Madison.

Kevin Featherston-Crowe



For which position are you running? Vestry

How and when did you become a member of St. Andrew's?

My first visit to St. Andrews was in early 2017. I had intended to visit each of the Episcopal churches in the Madison area before deciding which to join, and the first service I attended was at St. Andrews. I immediately knew that I had found my place and have attended ever since.

Briefly describe your background and history with the Episcopal Church.

Like many, I found a home in the Episcopal church after a prior journey. In my case, I was raised in both the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian churches – but neither one spoke fully to me. At one point in college, I was told by a friend to try the Episcopal Church – which sparked a curiosity, process of learning, membership of St. Andrew's parish, and eventual reception by the Episcopal Church in 2022.

What strengths, talents and experiences will you bring to this position?

My earliest parish leadership role was when I was a youth representative to my church's parish council, and that experience continues to this day. I am honored to be a current member of the St. Andrew's vestry and former parish treasurer, having several years of experience working with our vestry and staff. In addition, I share my knowledge and experience of financial management gained during my nearly 25-year career of working at Heartland Credit Union, where I currently serve as Chief Financial Officer.

What issues do you think are a priority for St. Andrew's?

Our highest priority is to successfully navigate the changes presented by our current environment. We continue to see changes in attendance and membership in our parish, which directly impact participation in our ministries and finances. While staying true to our beliefs and values, we must learn new ways of opening our doors to the community, particularly to those who are looking for a spiritual home. And, as a vestry, we must continue to provide the best possible stewardship of the parish's resources, to ensure that we remain a vibrant, flourishing source of life and love for many generations to come.

Judy Mills



For which position are you running? Vestry

How and when did you become a member of St. Andrew's?

I became a member of St. Andrew's over 40 years ago, soon after I began attending UW-Madison. I have been here ever since. I greatly enjoy worshiping and serving at St. Andrew's.

Briefly describe your background and history with the Episcopal Church.

I was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church Cathedral in Eau Claire and am a lifelong Episcopalian. At St. Andrew's, I have served as a chalice bearer, intercessor, lector, counter and Sunday School teacher. I was an Adult Leader for the Appalachian Service Project, going on 6 mission trips, and was blessed to have each of my 3 children attend with me. I served on the Vestry from 2018 to 2020 and was Clerk for the Vestry in 2021.

What strengths, talents and experiences will you bring to this position?

I am very familiar with the Episcopal Church, having been a lifelong member. I have previous experience on our Vestry, which oversees finance and building issues and works with Father Andy to determine future direction for the church. I worked as an attorney for the State of Wisconsin for over 35 years, a position in which I dealt with some similar issues on a secular level. I am also a member of the Triangle Community Ministry Board, which governs financial and program issues for the residents of the Triangle Neighborhood, a low-income area in central Madison.

What issues do you think are a priority for St. Andrew's?

In the post-pandemic world, I think we must strive to welcome back past members who have strayed from the fold and think of creative ways to attract new members to our parish. I believe a high priority should be placed on Christian Education, both for children and adults. We also need to place a high priority on supporting our clergy and staff in every way possible. I strongly support St. Andrew's continuing outreach efforts and partnerships in the local community: I was part of the group that worked to address the homeownership gap for Black families and partnered with OwnIt; and I am currently on the Outreach Committee, working to partner with West High, and provide support to other area schools, food pantries and other groups.

Candidates for Diocesan Convention Deputy

Karen Evans-Romaine



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Carolyn Chadderdon



For which position are you running? Diocesan Convention Deputy

How and when did you become a member of St. Andrew's?

I was looking for an Episcopal church in Madison and started at St. Francis House where two of my kids were baptized. I followed Susan Mueller to St Dunstan's where my last child was baptized. We bought a house on the near west side and found St. Andrew's. I have been a member of St. Andrew's for almost 34 years.

Briefly describe your background and history with the Episcopal Church.

I first encountered the Episcopal Church in high school. The Presbyterian (my church) and Episcopal Youth groups were combined that year and we all went to Christmas Eve service at the Episcopal church. I loved it. I joined the Episcopal church in college and have been a member ever since.

What strengths, talents and experiences will you bring to this position?

I enjoy working in groups, am flexible, try to see all sides, and like to look at the big picture. I have been a diocesan convention representative in the past and have enjoyed it. I was a camp nurse at Camp Webb for 10 years when my children were attending. I met many people from the diocese here and established some relationships. I am excited about the Wisconsin Diocese and will do what I can to support the people and church throughout Wisconsin. As a Christian, I have been around other denominations (Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, and Lutheran) and appreciate the role of each in the body of Christ.

What issues do you think are a priority for St. Andrew's?

5Increasing membership, continue to promote financial stability and good use of resources, and rebuild structures/offering that support the church and bring new people in, encourage family and kids' activities and support, recognize the mental health needs of people now, and be a welcoming loving home where people feel grace and care. There is much to be done in our town and world regarding effects of systemic racism and the parish should help where they can especially in home ownership in Madison with our partner OwnIt.

Anne Keller



For which position are you running? Diocesan Convention Deputy

How and when did you become a member of St. Andrew's?

I began coming to St. Andrew's in 2009 and have steadily attended since that time.

Briefly describe your background and history with the Episcopal Church.

I went to an Episcopal school in high school and the first two years of college. I did not attend church consistently after that time until returning to the Episcopal Church at St. Andrew's in 2009. When it was time for me to try church again, I realized I had fallen in love with the Episcopal way.

What strengths, talents and experiences will you bring to this position?

I will attend and listen. I love the church and want to support its vitality.

What issues do you think are a priority for St. Andrew's?

- Inclusive membership, welcoming to all.
- Attractiveness to young people and families.
- Social justice practices that help us join with marginalized people in our community.
- Music, music, music.
- Financial solvency.

