

## 2026 New Vestry Members

### Katie Harvard

Katie has been a member of Christ Church since 2011. She has previously served on the Christ Church Vestry and currently leads the Alter Guild and participates in flower delivery. She is involved as Christ Church liaison to Bright Futures, participates in seat sales for Apple Blossom, and enjoys supporting the WATTS program and the Rescue Mission through Christ Church Outreach. She also has been singing with the choir since joining Christ Church in 2011.

Katie moved to Winchester with her family in 2011 from the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Christ Church has played a large role in acclimating her to the community. Katie is a graduate of St. Catherine's School in Richmond and Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. She worked as Director of Development for an independent school before retiring to stay at home with her two children. Katie is an active volunteer and serves on the boards of directors of the Garden Club of Virginia in Richmond and the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and the Adult Care Center here in Winchester. She lives in Winchester with her husband, Scott, and her son William. Her adult daughter, Katharine, is married and lives and works in Manassas. Two dogs, Bob and Maizie, are also part of the family.

If selected for the Vestry Katie hopes to continue to be a working part of the Christ Church family.



### Arthur Sperry



Arthur has been a member of Christ Church since 1984 and was a member of the Vestry for two terms in the 1990s. He has been a member of the Choir since 1984, and has also been involved in the past with Adult Education and the Worship Committee. He was Register for the Vestry for eight years.

Arthur is a lifelong Episcopalian. He grew up in Woodbridge, Connecticut and moved to Virginia for college in 1980. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1984, and has worked for the Frederick County Schools as a Latin teacher for the last 42 years. He enjoys playing competitive chess, and reading fiction and non-fiction books. He has one son, David. He and his wife live and work in New York City.

He says, "I feel I can contribute to Christ Church in the following ways: I have been involved with worship as a choir member and plan to continue. I have also been a reader and involved with the education and worship committees in the past. I would love to serve on the Vestry again, and get involved in as many ways as I can."

## Neile Grady Martin

Neile grew up in a large family in Syracuse NY, and attended college and graduate school in Boston, MA where she earned a BS in Psychology from Boston College, and her MBA from Northeastern University. Her husband, Steven, and she spent several years working and living in MA and then NJ before moving to Winchester in 1997. They joined Christ Church shortly after moving here and their daughters, Maggie and Emma, grew up attending Sunday school and participating in youth activities at Christ Church.

Professionally, Neile is a retired human resources executive and spent the last 22 years of her career as the Chief People Officer for YHB, a regional public accounting firm headquartered in Winchester. She is a current board member and past President/Board Chairman for the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, and an active member in the Rotary Club of Winchester.

Neile feels that she can contribute most by sharing expertise gained from her professional experience. She also brings a passion for building a vibrant and growing parish community.



## Susan Lauer



Susan has been an Episcopalian throughout her life and is now retired after a career as a kindergarten teacher. Her involvement extends beyond the church, as she is active with the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and serves as an advisor to a sorority at James Madison University. Her husband, Carl, and she have shared 34 years of marriage, during which they raised three daughters together.

Susan began her service to the Church as an acolyte, which gave her early experience in supporting worship services and learning about the traditions of our faith. Over the years, she has contributed to the Christ Church community by assisting with the youth group, where she helped guide and mentor younger members. Additionally, she taught both Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, sharing her love of learning and faith with children and families in our congregation.

Susan looks forward to serving on the Vestry and is eager to contribute her background in teaching and guiding individuals. She says, "My years spent as an educator have equipped me with the skills to nurture growth and support others in their journeys. Combined with my deep love for the Episcopal Church, I hope to help Christ Church continue to thrive and grow into the future."