

Judith Drake, Worship Chair, is a retired art teacher from North Colonie Schools in Latham NY. She has lived in Clifton Park since 1966, and has been a member of St. George's parish since 1968. During that time, she has served on the Prayer Path Committee, Columbarium Committee, St. Margaret's Guild, Daughters of the King, the church choir, and was Director of the Altar Guild for eight years.

Nancy Hennes, Evangelism Chair, and her family joined St. George's Church in 1981. This is her second term on the Vestry. She has also chaired Foyers and the Epiphany Fund Auction. After 20 years of practicing Critical Care Nursing, Nancy is now involved with Oncology Research, traveling around the country to educate and train physicians and nurses in implementation of study results.

David Blanchet, Property Chair, a graduate of Binghamton University, MS in Information Systems, has been employed many years in the computer industry, presently with NYS Office of Mental Health as an Information Technology Specialist. Dave and wife, Joy, sing in St. George's choir and have 3 grown children and one grandchild. Though admittedly not much of a builder, Dave enjoys mechanical repair work ("fixing things").

Cathy Fare, Outreach Chair, has been a member of St. George's Church for 28 years and served as President of Daughters of the King for 6 of those years. By day she pursues a busy professional career as accountant and office manager and in her spare time runs St. George's Church monthly senior community luncheons, provides caring companionship at a local Hospice, and even finds a little time to craft and paint.

She and her husband have two grown children.

Carol List, Christian Education (see her bio under Board of Trustees)

Lynne Olney, Clerk of the Vestry. Lynne Olney has been a member of St. George's for almost 18 years. As the parent of Shenendehowa middle school and high school students, Lynne's ministry at St. George's has focused on Youth. She teaches Sunday School and serves on the Youth Steering Committee. Lynne previously served a three-year term as the Christian Education lead. She earned a B.S. and MBA in Health Care Administration. Lynne has spent 20 years in health plan management. Lynne resides in Clifton Park with her husband and two sons.

Tim Berger, Financial Liaison, has a BA in Accounting from SUNY Utica and over 20 years experience as a Healthcare Finance Executive, currently serving as CFO of VNS of Schenectady and Saratoga Counties. He has served as Treasurer of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lewiston, NY and was a Vestry member of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Bath, NY and Christ Episcopal Church in Herkimer, NY. He has been Treasurer of the Schenectady Rotary Club since 2007

Carole Van der Veer has been a member of St. George's for 33 years, serving on Vestry for 6 years, and a current Vestry member; taught Sunday School for 3 years, and a member of St. George's Choir for 19 years. Carole is a Legal Secretary with Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC in Albany and has been with the firm for 30 years.

Rich Dominelli is the President of Tempered Solutions. He has spent the last 20 years as a Programmer, Architect, VP of Technology and Technology Strategist for world-class organizations such as Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Guy Carpenter/Marsh McLennan. Rich maintains our St. George's web site.

Melinda Palmer is our talented and experienced classroom teacher assistant. She is excited to be a part of the K-1 School at St. George's in the full day program. She earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from New England College in Henniker, N.H. and a M.S. in Reading from Russell Sage College in Troy, N.Y. She taught full-day Kindergarten for two years and Second Grade for two years at the Emma Willard Children's School in Troy, as well as, First Grade for one year and Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten for four years at the Brown School in Schenectady. Melinda is the proud mom of two children, one of whom will be attending Kindergarten at the St. George's School. Both are graduates of the St. George's Preschool. She's looking forward to a wonderful school year!"

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

is an outreach ministry of St. George's Episcopal Church, led by Fr. John Henry II, Rector and St. George's Vestry.

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Gene Gordon, Co-Chair, is a retired elementary school principal who spent many years working in the Schalmont Central Schools as a building principal and district-wide program administrator. Prior to that, he had been an assistant principal in Watervliet City Schools and an elementary school teacher in the Rensselaer City Schools. Currently, he is supervising elementary student teachers from Oneonta State College and also works part time as a Regional Representative for the School Administrators Association of New York State. He is a member of St. George's Episcopal Church and has served as Warden and a member of the church Vestry.

Jean Stevens, Co-Chair, began her work with the New York State Education Department in 1986. In 2007, following years of increasing leadership responsibility, she was appointed Associate Commissioner in the Office of P-12 Education. Prior to her career at SED, she had been a teacher and a Department Chairperson in the Guilderland and Scotia-Glenville School Districts for over ten years. Mrs. Stevens has been a member of the St. George's Church for 32 years. During this time, she has been involved in many ministries including Altar Guild, singing in the church choir, serving as Warden and as a member of the church Vestry.

Tom Kuebler, Treasurer, has been a member of St. George's Church for 27 years, serving on the Vestry for 5 years, in various capacities, including Warden, and a former co-leader of the Church Youth Group. Previously a long-term Clifton Park resident, he now resides in Saratoga Springs. Tom is able to bring his business and analytical expertise

to the Treasurer position through his 30 years of working in the insurance health care industry.

Phyllis Aldrich, Secretary Pro-Tem, earned a BA & Phi Beta Kappa in Hist & Lit from Harvard, MA in American Studies (Brown, NYU), School District Admin Certification at College of St Rose. In education since 1967, she began as Board President for a new Montessori School then became master elementary teacher for gifted children at a start up Episcopal school in NYC. In 1976, WSWHE BOCES hired her to design new regional talent development programs such as after school enrichment and Young Scholars. After 27 years, she joined Skidmore College as Supervisor for student teachers. Since 1986, she has been consultant on exceptional students for the Overseas Schools Office in US State Dept where she has taught at international schools world-wide about curriculum and strategies to meet a range of special needs. She and Alexander have been members of St. George's since 1993 where they have served in the choir, vestry and Stephen Ministry. They are blessed with 18 grandchildren.

Kate Ferris, Trustee, is owner of C.L. Ferris & Associates, a consultant to not-for-profit organizations, providing Board Leadership training and event management. She most recently served 15 years as director of the Saratoga Builders Association Showcase of Homes that generated nearly \$600,000 for charities in Saratoga County. In addition, Kate volunteers with *Leadership Saratoga*, a program of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce, and is designated a Leadership Fellow for her contributions to the community. She is currently the president of the Board of Directors of The Counseling Service of the Episcopal Diocese of Albany.

Carol List, Trustee, has a B.A. in Education with a minor in Developmental Reading. She is a Head Teacher at St. George's Preschool where she also conducts music classes for the 3 and 4 year olds twice a month. Carol is a member of St. George's Church, serving in the choir, as a Stephen Ministry Leader and on the Vestry. As a Vestry member overseeing Christian Education, she acts as a liaison between St. George's School and the governing body of St. George's Church.

Heidi Bonacquist, Trustee, has been an active member of St. George's Church for 15 years. For the past 10 years, she has been the principal at Slingerlands Elementary School in the Bethlehem School District. Prior to that she was an English Language Arts Supervisor and an elementary teacher. Heidi currently resides in Rotterdam with her husband Bruce.

Barbara Hinrichs, Ex-Officio, is Director of St. George's Preschool that opened in 2002. She has an AA in Early Childhood Education and has 23 years experience in the educational field. She resides in Clifton Park with her husband, Fr. Bill Hinrichs, Rector Emeritus, St. George's Church.

MEET ST. GEORGE'S VESTRY

Fr. John Henry II, Rector of St. Georges, attended the Naval Academy and graduated from Indiana University, with a double major in English and Religious Studies. With an MDIV from the University of the South, he began his lifelong career as a priest in 1984 in the Episcopal Church where he has led many parishes ranging from Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania. Fr. Henry's love of classics and literature infuses both his preaching and teaching. His vision for St. George's School is that the Church is called to take an active role

not only in nurturing the spiritual, but also the intellectual life of children. He and his wife, Mtr. Karen Henry, have raised four children.

Abby Bee, Senior Warden, helps to oversee the various church boards and works closely with the Fr. Henry. She has been a Vestry member has served as Sunday School Director, Altar Guild Directress and member of the choir. Abby earned a BA in Communications from State University of New York at Plattsburgh. She is the President of the Mechanicville Friends of the Performing Arts, and after being a full-time stay home mother to four children, she now works as a church secretary for several churches in the Mechanicville area.

Joe Gulyas, Junior Warden, is a chiropractor and holistic healer who currently serves as Junior Warden of St. George's. He is a graduate of Skidmore College and New York Chiropractic College where he received numerous awards for his clinical excellence. He is the founder of Northeast Spine and Wellness, a full service wellness facility which he owns and operates here within the Capital District since 1988. His wife, Mary Ann, is an active member of the Church choir and together they have raised two children.

Jon Vargo, Membership Chair, has been a member of St. George's Episcopal Church for 1½ years and is currently serving as the Vestry Membership Committee chair. He and his wife, Amy, moved to the Capital District 2 years ago after his retirement from the US Marine Corps. Jon is currently employed at Momentive Performance Materials as the Waterford Site Training Manager. Jon and Amy live in Halfmoon.