



VESTRY

N O M I N A T I O N S

“...if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” Romans 12:8

The Vestry Nominating Committee is pleased to present the slate of candidates for 2010. Over the past month they have worked in accordance with our new By-Laws to prepare this slate.

The committee consisted of 5 persons: 2 Vestry members (Tom Sands and Hope Lucas) and 3 lay members (Vince Burens, Holly Merriman and Bill Roemer).

This year, the slate is comprised of 4 candidates for 4 vacancies (including one incumbent). We are grateful to the members of our congregation who have spoken with us, made nominations, and prayed along with us.

Absentee ballots are permitted according to the paragraph on the right side of this insert.

Please direct any questions about our process to the chair of the nominating committee, Hope Lucas. Hope can be reached at 412-766-2842 or by e-mail at hope_lucas@yahoo.com.

ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any Member of the Parish may vote by absentee ballot for election of members to the Vestry provided the following conditions are met:

1. Such Member is unavailable to attend the Annual Meeting by reason of illness or other unavoidable absence
2. Such member may use only official ballots obtained from the Buffy Abbott or Judge of Elections: and
3. The ballot must be returned to Buffy Abbott or the Judge of Elections prior to the calling to order of the Annual Parish Meeting.



Jason Bablak

Member: Since 2005

Wife: Jane
Children: Hannah, 11; Elizabeth, 10; Andy, 5; Emily, 2

Profession: Consultant to pharmaceutical industry

Education: JD, University of Pittsburgh; BS, Allegheny College

St. Stephen's Ministries: Pittsburgh Fellows mentor, Usher, CLC (Christian Leadership Concepts)

As I look at the challenges and opportunities of the Anglican realignment, I am hopeful that St. Stephen's will be able to navigate the difficult path set before us with humility and grace, but also a strength of conviction. I am hopeful that our experience will serve as a positive example of faithful people following God's will, for both our local community and the secular world. I am honored to have been nominated, and if chosen will focus my skills and talents towards meeting the challenges before us.



Ron McCormick

Member: Since 2000

Ron is a Pittsburgh native, currently employed with Steel Dynamics, Inc., as General Manager of Business Development. He and his wife Julie have been married for 24 years and have five children. They came to St. Stephen's in 2000 and are involved in the marriage mentoring program and lead a home group. Ron has led middle school and CLC small groups, organized the Men's Work Day Program and served on the West Virginia Family Mission Trips.

Statement

My hopes for St. Stephen's are found in the words "stand" and "grow." My hope is that we will continue to stand for truth and serve as a model for other churches. Our example must continue with joy and faith even if we suffer risk to our finances or property as a result. However, we must also look beyond the current issues in the broader church and fulfill our mission at the local level, specifically:

- Grow deeper bonds within our church which manifest themselves in care and concern for each other.
- Increase our impact in the communities where our members live and work.
- Increase our outreach to those who don't know Christ, particularly those who visit our church and live in our neighborhoods.
- Reach out to our new members and quickly embrace them into our fellowship.



Mark Otto

Member: Since 1995

I was confirmed at St. Stephen's around 1974 and participated in the youth program from 1972 until 1980 before departing for college. Lori and I relocated our family to Pennsylvania.

That St. Stephen's will be a place where:

- God's Word is preached and Love for the Lord is pervasive;
- Thousands will come to a saving faith in Christ through our ministry;
- Our members can disciple and be discipled in the Christian faith;
- Pastoral care to our members is a priority;
- Missions in our local area and community are at least as important as international missions.

Ministry / Service Experience:

Youth: high school, middle school, Grades 1-5, Short term missions: Juarez, Church Army, Pittsburgh Project, Light of Life, Pre-marriage class, Usher, Vestry member - Church of the Epiphany

Current Ministries / Service:

Home Group, Christian Leadership Concepts, The Lazarus Center

Community Service

Youth Sports Coach -Lacrosse, soccer & baseball

Spiritual gifts

Service, discernment and wisdom.

Previous Career Experience:

- 8 ½ years as an attorney with the Army and Air Force specializing in contract law and litigation.

Best for Last:

- Wife and best friend: Lori (married 20+ years)
- Joshua (19), Luke (15), Alexa (8), Matthew (4)



Larry Rice

Member: Since 1976

Larry & Jane Rice have been married 34 years, live in Sewickley and have attended St. Stephen's since moving here. Jane is a school psychologist; Larry works in business. They have one married daughter in Wheaton, IL. They love Sewickley and St. Stephen's; and enjoy using their home for the glory of God, hosting and entertaining.

They are both involved in our church/community:

1. Both sing in the Choir; Larry served on the search committee for our Music Director.
2. Both are involved in several Bible studies (together and singularly);
3. Larry has taught the personal finance course, and provides financial advising for St. Stephen's.
4. Both mentor for The Pittsburgh Fellows; Larry serves on the Board of Directors.
5. They are counselors in the pre-marital counseling program.
6. Larry enjoys serving on the Sewickley Tree Commission.

Larry's statement: "The realignment fills us with awe and wonder, concern and trepidation. Playing a small part in the changing face of Christianity is amazing...but not without challenges. These are difficult times; but this is a mission of God, and we must act in faith with decisiveness of mind, and with singleness of heart. I urge you to think and pray for God's leading as you select the people to serve our church in the days ahead."

The four candidates in this brochure are running for four vestry positions. Mark Otto currently serves on the vestry; he is running for a second term. Elections will be held at our Annual Meeting, March 14, 10:15 a.m.