

2017 Vestry Candidates

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5 at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Worship services are at 7:45, 8:45, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Darrell Alexander



Darrell was introduced to GHTC in the early 1990's while dating his future spouse, Stella. Stella grew up in GHTC. After moving to Dallas in 1993, Darrell and Stella returned to Richmond in 1998 and re-entered the GHTC community. Over these past ~20 years, Darrell has enjoyed many aspects of our church, including six years as a Sunday school teacher, retreats at Shrine Mont, and participating on the initial committee that studied the feasibility of renovating our facilities. Moreover, Darrell and Stella have three children (Libbie 17, Catherine 17, and Heth 14) who have grown up in our church.

Professionally, Darrell works at Capital One as the Chief Financial Officer for Capital One's Infrastructure groups. He graduated from James Madison University with a BS degree in Accounting. He also holds an MBA with a concentration in Finance from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

Personally, Darrell is quite passionate about travel with his family, particularly international travel, and all the benefits that come with experiencing different cultures and seeing new places. Darrell also enjoys reading fiction to relax, and attending as many of his children's school and sporting events as is humanly possible.

Debra Cole

Debra Cole was born in Roanoke Virginia. She attended Roanoke public schools and was raised as a Episcopalian. She left Roanoke in 1973 to attend VCU and joined Grace and Holy Trinity shortly after arriving on campus. Debra graduated from VCU/MCV in 1977 with a degree in radiology technology. She has been employed with the Hunter Homes McGuire Veterans hospital for 36 years in various roles in the radiology department, currently working in the pain clinic. Debra has been married to Maurice Cole for 14 years and they each have one daughter from their previous marriages. Over the years she has served as a Sunday school teacher, in addition to working on numerous other projects and committees here at Grace and Holy Trinity. Debra currently is a greeter and serves as a coordinator for the Sunday foyer dinner group. She usually attends the 8:45 am service and her interests include cooking, trivia contests and VCU basketball.



Neely Dykshorn

Neely joined Grace & Holy Trinity 16 years ago as a transfer member from Grace Church in the City of New York. She grew up in the Church of the Holy Comforter, an Episcopal parish in Burlington, NC. Neely holds an MA degree from Parsons School of Design and is a freelance editor and producer on editorial and advertising projects. At Grace and Holy Trinity she served on the 2009 annual membership canvas, the stewardship committee, assisted Dan McNamara with the acolyte program and represented GHTC in 2006 at the Diocese of Virginia Annual Council. Neely served on the steering committee for the *Cooking With Grace* cookbook. She lives in Church Hill with her husband Todd and their children and two pugs - one a three-legged rescue from the Richmond SPCA



Betsy Featherstone



Betsy has been a member of Grace and Holy Trinity for 29 years. During this time she has been a constant presence in the Adult Choir and currently serves on the Music Ministry Team. More than 15 years ago, Betsy founded the Shawl Ministry and continues to serve as Chair of this important pastoral care ministry. Betsy served as Chair of the Plum Pudding Committee for 9 years. Each Friday Betsy is one of the dedicated Red Door volunteers. Additionally, Betsy has been a volunteer at St. Mary's Hospital for 30 years, sings with the "Heartstrings" group at nursing homes each Monday, and is a docent at the Governor's Mansion. Betsy and her husband Jim have 5 children, and their 9 grandchildren have all been baptized at GHTC.

Woody Woodward

Woody grew up in Salem, Virginia. He is an Army veteran and a retired lawyer who graduated from Wake Forest College and the University of Virginia Law School. He is married to the former Virginia ("Ginger") Tyree, and they have three grown children, Carey, Allin and John, and three grandchildren. Both Woody and Ginger currently reside at Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond.

Woody (and Ginger) have been members of Grace and Holy Trinity Church for thirty-four years, having transferred in from another parish. Over the years, Woody has served at Grace and Holy Trinity variously as Greeter, Usher, and Lector. He has also been a cook, organizer (with Ginger) of the luncheon following the annual parish meeting, and co-chair and member of the every-member canvass committee. Most recently he served on the Strategic Planning Committee and one of its subcommittees.

While recognizing that service is a major part of the Christian experience, Woody also seeks to deepen that experience by participating in the Rector's (early!) morning bible and theology study group. His favorite prayer is the fourth petition of the Prayers of the People Form IV (BCP p. 388).

