



2012 Nominees for Vestry and Delegates

Nominees for Vestry (four):

Kurt Feigley



I began attending Grace Episcopal in the fall of 2005 after relocating to Kirkwood from New Orleans. I was baptized at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Biloxi and confirmed at St Philip's Episcopal in Algiers (New Orleans). I was attracted to Grace Church by the warm reception from Grace parishioners during visitation in 2005.

In New Orleans I was a volunteer with St Philip's Boy Scout troop and the Boy Scout Jamboree Committee. Here at Grace I serve as an usher and previously volunteered with the Boy Scout Venture and Sunday school programs.

My interest in Grace is in the development and growth of programs to attract youth and young adults, as well as programs that serve the local community.

I am an insurance agent with AAA Insurance, licensed in auto, home, life and health, and a member of Kirkwood Chamber of Commerce. Prior to moving to Kirkwood, I was employed by the National Safety Council where I promoted health and safety in the workplace, home and community, and other activities including as a board member for area traffic and bicycle safety committees. I also served as a board member of a swim and tennis facility and involved in areas of finance, property management and administration.

Pam Fitzgerald

Mike and I have been members of Grace Church for more than 27 years. We were both brought up in the Roman Catholic Church, but when it came time for our oldest to start school, my feminist husband said, "My daughters can be president of the United States if they choose. I do not want to raise them in a church where they cannot be a priest." We went church shopping and found Grace.

I am currently a member of the altar guild and have served a four year term as directress. In the late 90's I was a member of the Vestry, where I served on the Communications Committee, Finance Committee and the Endowment Fund Committee. I have taught Sunday School, prepared lunches at the homeless shelter for women at the Cathedral, gone on the first two youth mission trips, and been active with Grace's Habitat for Humanity project.



I look forward to offering any assistance I can in helping Grace grow as a church and a community.

Melissa Hensley

(No photo available.)

I have been blessed to grow up in the Grace Church family since I was in elementary school. A lifelong love of music was fostered by early involvement in the youth choir, and it was a thrill to participate in the Youth Group's inaugural mission trip to Russellville, Arkansas.

After earning my master's degree out of state, I returned to St. Louis and Grace Church, this time as a member of the adult choir, a mentor to the Youth Group, and a member of several committees. My husband, Jon, and I particularly enjoyed helping the Youth Group build the Elegant Italian Dinner into a major fundraising event.

We recently returned to St. Louis (for good, now!) after a job-related stint in Jefferson City, and cherish the opportunity to raise our daughter, Caroline Grace, in Grace Church. Attracting new members and young families is the lifeblood of any church, and I believe this should be a point of primary focus for Grace Church. I have worked at Maritz, Inc., since 2005, where I now serve as Senior Manager of Research Operations.

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Philip Morrow

I've been a member of Grace Church for 12 years. I was baptized at Holy Family Church, St. Louis in 1957, confirmed at St. Mary Magdalen Church, Brentwood in 1966, and received into the Episcopal Church at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis in 2001.

My activities at Grace Church have included: Sunday School (J2A) Teacher, Eucharistic Minister, Lay Reader, Episcopal City Mission Ambassador, Discernment for Holy Orders Leader, Nominating Committee Member, Annual Pledge Drive Volunteer, Capital Campaign Committee Member, SWEEPS Ministry Co-Chair, Adult Christian Education Co-Chair and Instructor, Paseo Con Christo Community Member.



Challenges I see on the horizon include continued economic pressure on Grace family members, Grace's operating revenue stream and our response to outreach needs, as well as the opportunity to welcome outsiders seeking comfort, fellowship, and spiritualness.

I think vestry members should represent parishioners, him/herself, and Jesus Christ in assembly with other vestry members in all decision making. Vestry members should strive to maintain and improve the spiritual welfare, fiscal integrity, physical and entrusted assets, and moral compass of the parish. Church committee involvement where the need is greatest is my first interest, followed by areas that most closely match my professional and educational experiences: finance, property, communication, personnel, support, and adult education.

I am a native of St. Louis; married to Michell Morrow; three children - Christina, Daniel, and Maureen; grandfather of three; professional contract dining services management advisor - currently seeking greater employment; educated at St. Louis University (BS) and Webster University (MBA); most interested in home improvements, gardening, computer aided design, and my dog.

2012 Nominee for Convention Delegate Alternate

Roy Pennington

I was baptized at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Webster Groves, where my mother was a soloist in the choir and my older sister and brother were also baptized. In 1956 we began attending services at Grace (since we lived in Kirkwood), and I enjoyed singing in the Boys Choir from the 4th through 7th grades.

I returned to Kirkwood in 1993 after 25 years in New York. I was privileged to live with and care for my mother the last 5 1/2 years of her life. I began attending the Thursday Morning Men's Coffee and have been playing in at least one - initially two, of Ella Jean Heigham's handbell choirs since 1994.



My hope and dream for Grace's future is for financial stability. I enjoy attending Sunday morning services at Grace. I appreciate a good sermon and have rarely been disappointed. I also enjoy the music at Grace and think the acoustics in the church are excellent for instrumental and vocals. I admire Phillip Brunswick's musicianship and dedication.

I am divorced, with two grown step-daughters. I enjoy practicing piano and spend as much time playing as possible. I have worked at the Schnuck's Market at Clayton Road and Lindbergh Blvd. since August 1999.