

THE SAINT TIM'S TIMES

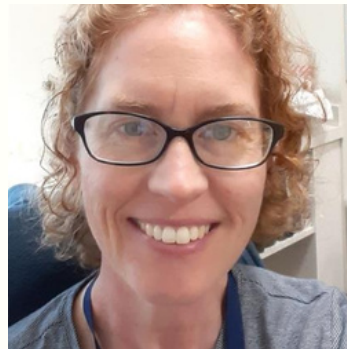
Happy 2025! This month we will profile our new vestry members. The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances. The St Timothy's vestry has 12 members, and serving the vestry is a three year term. If you have any questions or concerns, a vestry member is your person! Our 2025 vestry includes:

Class of 2025: Chip Williams, Angela Mallette, Sharyn Lennox, Steve Callender

Class of 2026: Bill Biddlecome, Chuck Widney, Leslie Veach, Becky Suggs

Class of 2027: Amanze Ugoji, Barbour Strickland, Patricia Dragon, Robert Shelton

Patricia Dragon



Years at St Tim's 15

Previous or current involvement in ministries or leadership at St Tim's

Vestry member 2013-2015, Senior Warden 2015, worked with Sunday School and Youth Ministry when my son was of the age.

What do you do outside of St Tim's?

Librarian at ECU since 2002, like to travel with my husband John, mom to one college boy, big walker and yoga enthusiast

What is one "fun fact" about you?

I've been to the world most southerly national capital (Wellington, New Zealand) and most northerly capital (Reykjavik, Iceland).

What are you most interested in learning about or working on through your time on the Vestry?

Helping St. Timothy's be the best that it can be.

What are you most nervous about with your time on the Vestry?

Should I be nervous?

If you have a favorite Bible verse or story, what is it?

Hm. Not sure about a Bible verse, but a song: "Be not afraid. I go before you always. Come, follow me, and I will give you rest."

If you have a favorite church event, what is it?

Sunday services

If you have a favorite church season or day, what is it?

Good Friday



Robert Shelton

Years at St Tim's 21

Previous or current involvement in ministries or leadership at St Tim's

Present: LEM, lector; Previous: member of the Vestry, adult formation teacher

What do you do outside of St Tim's?

Currently a licensed psychologist working at the VA clinic in Greenville

What is one "fun fact" about you?

Returned December 7th from two weeks in India attending our daughter's wedding...

I have 1000s of photos to share!

What are you most interested in learning about or working on through your time on the Vestry?

Doing what I can to grow St. Tim's as a safe place fostering creativity, love, and peace.

What are you most nervous about with your time on the Vestry?

Keeping focus on the Spirit and not myself.

If you have a favorite Bible verse or story, what is it?

from Psalm 23 "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with me."

If you have a favorite church event, what is it?

I really enjoyed the recent Christmas caroling around the fire pit. It was great seeing so many families and kids there!

If you have a favorite church season or day, what is it?

Probably advent, love the carols, the focus on kids, bringing light into the darkness



Barbour Strickland

Years at St Tim's 5 years (since 2019), confirmed in 2023

Previous or current involvement in ministries or leadership at St Tim's

Stewardship co-chair 2022, chair of the committee that established the Faith Fund in 2023, Endowment Committee chair 2023-2024

What do you do outside of St Tim's?

Served as executive director of the Greenville Museum of Art for 14 years, owned a custom frame shop (FrameMakers) for 26 years, enjoy spending time with grandchildren

What is one "fun fact" about you?

When presented with a challenge or new idea I am usually willing to step up and work to meet needs. I enjoy trivia and funny jokes and laughing out loud.

What are you most interested in learning about or working on through your time on the Vestry?

Learning about the "workings" of St. Timothy's as a whole, and being more involved in the finances of St. Timothy's.

What are you most nervous about with your time on the Vestry?

Making sure I do the best job of meeting the needs of St. Timothy's.

If you have a favorite Bible verse or story, what is it?

The 23rd Psalm

If you have a favorite church event, what is it?

Sunday worship services

If you have a favorite church season or day, what is it?

Advent



Becky Suggs

Years at St Tim's Attending St Tims since mid 1975s when services were held at Seven Day Adventist Church, 10th St, Greenville, member of St Tims mid 1985s.

Previous or current involvement in ministries or leadership at St Tim's

Sunday school teacher about 8 years, lay reader since early 2000, week-long Nicaragua medical mission trips x 10 yrs, altar guild 20 years (now team leader), teams for Joy Soup Kitchen and Homeless Shelter meals, volunteer for lobster fairs

What do you do outside of St Tim's?

"Let me tell you about my grandchildren." Always an ice-breaker for me! Registered nurse x 31 years, retired 2021, now working part time as a Medicare Wellness nurse.

I love to sew. I made most my clothes as a teenager. I have smocked and sewn grandchildren dresses. I have embroidered and sewn priest stoles and designed and embroidered towel ministry towels and aprons for St Peter's Episcopal Church, Swansboro (my cradle church). I am learning to creek fish with Billy (my husband).

What is one "fun fact" about you?

I ziplined down the side of a volcano, over a rain forest.

What are you most interested in learning about or working on through your time on the Vestry?

I am most excited to learn what the parish is called to do and to have oversight of that work, remembering always to be grounded in the Spirit.

What are you most nervous about with your time on the Vestry?

As a vestry member, I must represent the entire congregation and cannot serve as an advocate or spokesperson for a particular constituency, activity or special interest group. When making tough decisions, I will need to consider the total needs of the congregation from a missional and strategic point of view, especially when it comes to issues of budgets or allocation of resources.

If you have a favorite Bible verse or story, what is it?

My life verse is 1 Corinthians 13:13 says, "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Love is the greatest gift of all, and my priority as a Christian.

If you have a favorite church event, what is it?

Communion! There are no words that can truly describe this very sacred meal at God's table. It's a feeling. It's a tangible reminder of the selflessness and love that underpins my Christian faith. In this meal, I am reminded that we are one Body, united to God and one another. I can only imagine the ultimate heavenly banquet with God.

If you have a favorite church season or day, what is it?

I would say Holy week is my favorite. Holy Week causes me to feel many emotions, including joy at Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, sorrow and grief over his betrayal, trial, and crucifixion on Good Friday, and anticipation and hope for the resurrection on Easter Sunday, all culminating in a profound sense of renewal and gratitude for Christ's sacrifice.

BONUS: Anything else you want to share about yourself or your adventure as a new Vestry member!?

I think about the story of Mary and Martha. Luke 10:38-42. It teaches the lesson of prioritizing spiritual connection with Jesus over worldly busyness, highlighting that while serving is good, actively listening to and spending time with Jesus is the "better part" that should be chosen first; essentially, Mary, who sits at Jesus' feet and listens, represents the importance of focused devotion while Martha, preoccupied with household tasks, symbolizes the potential distractions of worldly concerns. As a vestry member, I will strive to balance my Mary and Martha. My ultimate goal is listening to God and to my church family. I will do this through humble listening and working with others to reach decisions that benefit the Church.



Amanze Ugoji

Years at St Tim's 15

Previous or current involvement in ministries or leadership at St Tim's

This is my first time!

What do you do outside of St Tim's?

I am involved in healthcare services.

What is one "fun fact" about you?

I love to travel.

What are you most interested in learning about or working on through your time on the Vestry?

Learning the process

What are you most nervous about with your time on the Vestry?

Being able to render my services as required

If you have a favorite church season or day, what is it?

Christmas!

BONUS: Anything else you want to share about yourself or your adventure as a new Vestry member!?

Looking forward to working with the new Vestry members and accomplishing the common goal of growing the church.

We look forward to the work of the new full Vestry! You can always learn about their work on our website "Vestry Minutes" page <https://www.st-tim.org/vestry-minutes/>. If you have any questions about the church or the Vestry's work, feel free to reach out to a current Vestry member.