

Meet the Candidates for Vestry

The members of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will be electing four members to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on January 25. These four members will each serve a three-year term. Those who have accepted nomination to the Vestry are Patti Beckley, Anne Geiger, Mary Beth Jourdonnais, and Leslie McShane. In order for you to better know the people who have been nominated to the Vestry, the Nominating Committee of the Vestry would like to offer the following profiles.



Patti Beckley

Patti was raised in Schenectady, NY. She and her husband, Bob, have been members of Holy Spirit for more than 30 years. They have two sons, two grandsons, and two daughters-in-law — all of whom she describes as quite amazing. Patti is a retired teacher and considers Missoula a very special place. She is proud to be part of such a kind and thriving community, and equally proud to be a member of the Holy Spirit parish. She welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Vestry.



Anne Geiger

Anne and her husband, Ted, are lifelong Episcopalians. Her church involvement began early, serving as an acolyte at the 8 a.m. service in her childhood parish—a church her parents still attend. Anne and Ted have two daughters, one a freshman in college and the other a freshman at Hellgate High School. Anne works for the City of Missoula in the Community Planning, Development and Innovation Department. She is honored to be nominated for the Vestry and looks forward to serving the Holy Spirit community during an exciting time in

the life of the parish.



Mary Beth Jourdonnais

For Mary Beth, the Episcopal Church has been the backdrop of her most meaningful milestones. Raised at St. James in Dillon, she credits the community and her years at Camp Marshall with shaping her faith from a young age. Since moving to Missoula and joining Holy Spirit, she and her husband, Scott, have raised their three children – Nate, Gabe, and Hannah within this church community.

Mary Beth has dedicated 33 years to teaching and most of those years in kindergarten. She is currently teaching at the TEACH Academy, housed at

Franklin Elementary – Missoula County Public School's first public charter school with an emphasis on arts integration.

While serving on the Vestry, she hopes to continue the good work and give back to the church that has given her so much.



Leslie McShane

Leslie was born and educated in New England and worked in music marketing and media for several years. She moved to Los Angeles where she went to law school and met her husband Jim. After practicing commercial finance and bankruptcy law for eight years, Leslie and Jim became parents to daughter Clare, and Leslie retired from her big firm law practice to be a mom.

They bought their home in Missoula in 2010, Clare started college at MSU in 2015, and Missoula became Leslie's full-time home in 2017. She joined the Missoula YWCA's management team as Human Resources Coordinator, then Director, a position she held for over seven years. In addition to staffing, she was responsible for child abuse policy, prevention and training for the Y staff of 300-350, as well as being part of the Y's DEI team. She still does occasional work for the Y, volunteers at the Missoula Food Bank, and joined the MCPS Board of Trustees in July 2025.

Leslie enjoys cooking, baking, hiking and paddleboarding, and is an avid knitter. She accompanies Jim, an enthusiastic traveler and hiker who is working on his third Camino pilgrim walk, as her schedule and knees permit. She attends the 8am Eucharist, serves as a lector and eucharistic minister and looks forward to working with the Holy Spirit community.