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## ***CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION – ANNUAL MEETING 2024***

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### **WARDEN: 1-YEAR TERM**

#### **Jeff Wojcik**

Susan and I moved from Audubon, Pa to Medford NJ back in 2014 to be close to one of our children who recently married and now lives in Medford as well. We first selected Trinity because of the beautiful building but we continue to be here for the ministry & people that are part the community of the church. Both Susan and I like being active and have joined various activities within the Church. Susan sings in the Choir while I have volunteered for various roles during the church services; usher, chalice bearer and doing several outreach programs. I have always felt I wanted to get more involved and to give back on all the good that has come my way.

In May 2019, I was “Received” into the Episcopal church and was later asked to help in the Youth program by being one of the youth leaders. In 2020, I decided to retire from my professional career which was a consulting role for a small firm that helped companies be more efficient and effective in how they run. My organizational and process skills have served me well during my life.

I continued with other volunteer opportunities (Tech Guild, Growing Young Team, Vestry Member) and looked for ways to help Trinity continue to grow as a strong community with God. I was honored to be asked to take on the role of Warden and look forward to supporting Mother Emily and Trinity as it continues to change and grow in these challenging times.

On a personal side, my style is to remain active and work on areas that I now have time to address. I am an avid golfer and pickleball player, anything that keeps me moving, and with six grandchildren that will not be hard to do.

Thank You

### **VESTRY: 3-YEAR TERM**

#### **Julie Bathke**

I’ve been a Trinity “regular” since 2015, although my husband Michael and I have been members of the church since 2000 when a corporate move brought us to Marlton. We’ve moved a lot, from my native Texas to New York, Michigan, North Dakota (really?), and now here. We’ve been active in many churches - - Presbyterian and Episcopalian; large and small, growing, and barely hanging on. It gives you perspective.

In “real life” I was a middle and high school English teacher for forty-five years. My formal educational background is a B.A. in Drama from Trinity University and a M.A. in English from The University of Texas at San Antonio. My real world education was seven years teaching in a barrio school in San Antonio early in my career.

My contributions to Trinity all center around education. I got involved first through the Renewal Works program. That led me to lead a rather intense (I’m told) adult Bible study for three years. I also participated in the Sacred Ground Study. In addition, I serve as a lay reader.

Away from Trinity, I’ve been involved with the Diocese of New Jersey School for Ministry both as a student and an instructor. I also serve on the school’s advisory board.

I’ve never served on a vestry. I have much to learn and I am grateful to the Trinity community for giving me the opportunity.

### **Sandi Rapp**

Sandi Rapp resides in Mount Laurel with her husband Rick, and daughter Madelyne (Maddie). They have been attending Trinity since the Christmas Service of 2017. Sandi was born and baptized into a Catholic family but was seeking a different spiritual journey for her daughter. After researching and visiting several churches, Sandi decided that Trinity “felt right”. Ever since their initial meeting with Mother Emily, they have been active members (other than a COVID-gap) of Trinity. Her daughter was both baptized and received her first communion at Trinity. Prior to settling down in South Jersey, Sandi moved around quite a bit, both as the child of a young career-minded mom and then later for her own career. Sandi graduated from THE Ohio State University and is still an avid Buckeye fan. In her professional life, Sandi is currently the President of PennFleet Corporation. She has spent the past 20 years in executive leadership roles focused on operations management, finance and workplace culture. Sandi is honored to have the opportunity to serve on Trinity’s Vestry.

### **Jen Shappell**

I’m originally from Toms River, NJ and have lived in Moorestown with my husband, Lance, and family since 2014. Before becoming members of Trinity in 2016, we attended St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill (Philadelphia). Our family has enjoyed the warm and welcoming environment of Trinity Church ever since. Our three children; Alexandra (10), Brinley (8), and Andrew (4) enjoy their involvement in church activities such as choir and Sunday school. I hold a bachelor’s degree from Rowan University and a master’s degree from Monmouth University. I’ve worked as a public school elementary teacher for 14 years. Since 2020, I have been a stay at home parent. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, being outdoors, and reading historical fiction. Currently, I am teaching Sunday school to the 2nd and 3rd graders and look forward to serving on Trinity’s Vestry.

## **DIOCESAN DEPUTY – 1-YEAR TERM**

### **Bob Litsinger**

Bob is a graduate of the Swanee Education for Ministry program and has provided leadership in four previous parishes. When Bob and Sandie moved to New Jersey in 2008, they found a church home at Trinity. Sandie and Bob were both very active at Trinity the first few years, but Sandie's health limited and eventually prevent participation. Bob was glad to return to active participation at the end of 2017.

Since returning Bob has been a Diocesan Representative, Sunday School teacher, a Discipleship for Episcopalians group coach, active in the RenewalWorks process, and has filled a short-term vestry role, and serves on the God's Diversity Committee. He served as liaison to the vestry of St. John's Maple Shade on behalf of Trinity and the Diocese, and he has completed study at the New Jersey School for Ministry. He is active in worship serving as a chalice bearer, lay reader and as part of the tech guild. He continues to provide a weekly Evening Prayer service for Trinity plus now does Evening Prayer Zoom services sponsored by the New Jersey School for Ministry.

Prior to his retirement, he worked as a database developer and has prior experience in administration in healthcare and legal firms. Family life, cycling, yoga, weight training, jogging, travel and visiting with friends rounds out current activity..

### **Emily Tinkham Provine**

Emily Tinkham Provine is a cradle Episcopalian who joined Trinity in Fall 2022, after a move to Moorestown. In the past year and a half Emily has spent time exploring which opportunities here at church can be both realistic and enthusiastic commitments for them. They have made breakfast at St. Paul's church in Camden, helped with the Blueberry Festival, Holiday Market, and Christmas caroling events, lectored at the Easter Vigil, and most recently joined the alto section in the Trinity Choir. They have also enjoyed building connections within the church and growing their lifelong relationship with God and faith.

Emily's favorite Eucharistic Prayer is C, and their favorite hymn is LEVAS 111 (Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing). Outside of church, they dabble in several hobbies, including reading, baking, figure skating, violin, and martial arts.

### **Kristina Van Name**

Kristina Van Name has been a member of Trinity for over twenty years. Both her children, Connor and Kaylee, have been an active part of Trinity since their birth. Kristina has served as a deputy for the church three times in the past. She was a faithful member of the Trinity Choir before the pandemic and very much enjoyed singing with them this Christmas Eve. Presently on Sunday mornings, she is facilitating 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

graders in exploring God, Jesus, our church, and their own beliefs. She is also a lay reader. Each week, she looks forward to Monday Basic Bible Study in guiding and learning with the group. This fall, she participated in the book study - "Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church," and is a member of the Trinity Growing Young cohort which hopes to identify and work with our strengths and find and create opportunities to grow. Last year, Kristina led Parish Committee on Ministry for Abigail Merk. The PCOM's role is to walk alongside someone who is journeying toward ordination, and is the Church's presence in listening and defining what that call may be. She also serves as the chair of the Trinity Preschool Board, where both her children attended preschool from the 2.5-year-old program through PreK.

**Alternate Diocesan Deputies – 1 Year Term:**

Bob Winzler

Nancy Matthews