

Vestry Candidate List and Biographies for AGM 2017  
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**John Adam**



My name is John Adam. I was born on March 6, 1978 in Hofheim, Germany. I became a member of St. Augustine's in 2006/2007. Since then I have served the congregation in a number of ways, for example by singing in the choir and as a member of the vestry for a couple of years. Recently I resumed my service at the Altar as a chalice bearer. I studied theology at Mainz University. Right now I am the person in charge of advertising/marketing for Globus Wiesbaden-Nordenstadt, a local big store/department store. My hobbies include reading, swimming, history, movies and watching TV.

I was baptized in the 'Evangelische Kirche in Hessen and Nassau' (Protestant Church of Hesse and Nassau) and confirmed by our Bishop +Pierre in 2008. My theological background is United/Lutheran with a love for High Church liturgy.

I was elected to the Vestry in 2015 and am standing for a second two-year term.

**Deborah Cole**



My name is Deborah Cole and I've been attending St. Augustine's church for over 10 years now and it feels like family. I come from a congregational church background (Methodist/United Church of Christ/Presbyterian), and so I was a little apprehensive at first in attending an Episcopal Church. However, YOU, the congregation, and the Rector made me feel so at home here that I jumped in with both feet and never looked back. Since then I have been involved in many activities at the Church, for example; the choir, the Chalice bearers, the Fine Arts Committee, the Outreach Committee (now co-chair with

Fleur Donecker) and various youth groups (I was Leader of the Senior and Jr. Youth groups and 20 plus).

I am a singer as well as a voice teacher and feel God working through me every day, but the moments I feel the Holy Spirit, working through me the strongest are at or through the Church and that is why I feel I'm being called to take the next step and join the Vestry. I want to help the church and all people grow through the word of Jesus Christ.

**Juliana Fiedler**



My name is Juliana Fiedler originally from Kenya now a 'Wiesbadener' since 2002.

Being a baptised Anglican and a patron of St Philips parish in Chumani Kenya, I feel very blessed to have been able to reconnect with my "home" church, which is just walking distance from my apartment.

St. Augustine as a church and a community feeds my soul richly and that is why I feel I should give back to this congregation by serving you through the Vestry. I have been serving as the head of the flower guild since January of 2016 a duty I thoroughly enjoy but I feel I can do more through the grace of God, who has showed me numerous times that indeed his Grace is sufficient.

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**Andy Pickersgill**



I have been an active Church member since 1992. I have served as Senior Warden twice during Father Bell and Mother Martha's ministries and served about 4 times on previous Vestries. I was adopted to the Commission of the Ministry of the Baptised (COMB) during Bishop Rowthorne's term. My children, Daniel and Joanne were both Confirmed at St Augustines and were active members of the Junior Youth group along with Julia and Cameron Nelson and Lawrence and Leona Richards. I am married to Lisa who came to St Augustine as a lapsed Catholic and has found a wonderful home where we have both grown our Christian faith together. I am a member of the Choir and serving as Chair of our Capital Campaign and am currently on year two a four year Theological study program, Education for Ministry. I look forward to serving you, the members of St Augustine, over the next two years with as much energy as I am given.

**Audrey Shankles**



I have been a member at St. Augustine's since shortly after I moved here (early 2015) and I was a visitor on a vacation during Christmas of 2014. I have been a life-long Episcopalian and a member of various churches in Boise, Idaho and the Washington DC area. I consider Washington my home back in the USA.

I have always been active in church life; as an acolyte, member of youth group, bible school teacher, choir, etc. And I have always enjoyed the positions that required teaching or leading a group of learners. I enjoy being part of committees for various events or long term projects both at church and in my personal life. I also like participating in all the different social activities my various home churches have offered as well, whether at the church or in community outreach missions.

At St. Augustine's, I have so far participated in the gardening and grounds committee projects, the Time and Talent Auction, Women of the Church and most recently I was part of the editorial team for the newsletter. I enjoy the special events we host, such as Burns' Night, and I occasionally like to bring my baking talents to coffee hour and Kaffeeklatsch.

When I'm not at church, I can be found exploring various cities in Europe, eating at all the cafes in Wiesbaden, and trying my best to take in as much of European culture as I can while I'm here.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the vestry and bring with me my penchant for team work and ideas for member growth and community involvement.



**Tod Tyler**

Mid-40's. Other half of Heather. Circus manager and bank machine for Jonah (15) and Ben (13).

We Tylers are a US Army civilian family who have happily settled into Wiesbaden life over the past couple of years. We consider ourselves to be extremely lucky to be able to experience this country and culture and to be welcomed so good-naturedly by our German neighbors. (Even when we haven't necessarily deserved their grace, humor, and kindness!) Our lives have been immeasurably enriched by this experience.

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Heather and I were raised in the Roman Catholic tradition and spent a portion of our early adult years together striving to find a spiritual home. We eventually found the right combination of liturgical worship and open-minded welcome at Mount Calvary Episcopal church in Camp Hill, PA (which also happened to have an unparalleled music ministry). This started our journey within the Anglican faith.

I believe in the power of words. I believe in the power of good and the beauty of all humanity. I believe in seeing, sharing, and accepting universal love -- the love that was created by and comes from God for all people. I believe that tiny acts of kindness can be foundational moments that lead to lifelong transformation. I believe St. Augustine's, by fulfilling its mission, can expand love, model kindness, and achieve positive change in our church, our community, and our world.

The love that St. Augustine's has shared with my family has helped me to decide that the time is right to offer my time and talents back to our church. Among my hopes in this role is that I can help ensure that anyone searching for a faith home -- or, actually, anyone searching at all - - will be able to find the same opportunity that my family found when we were strangers here.