St. Luke’s East Hampton Vestry Members

St. Luke’s Vestry Class of 2016

Chris Corwin:
I was brought up in the Episcopal Church. My time at St. Luke’s began 8 years ago when our oldest son Charlie was baptized here. At the time we were living in Manhattan and were weekenders out here. In 2008 my wife Kristin gave birth to our twins (James and Katherine). We continued to live in Manhattan for another year or so but thought that East Hampton offered a great environment for our children to grow up in. St Luke’s was a big part of the reason we moved here. We love being a part of the St Luke’s family. All of our children attend Sunday school here and we feel that the lessons they learn will help them to become better young citizens of our community. St Luke’s gives us so much and I am excited to give back by serving on the Vestry. My faith, compassion and desire to help our community are all part of what I bring to St Luke’s. As a coach of two East Hampton lacrosse teams and a helper on a youth football team I get to see firsthand how the youngsters in our community are doing. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the vestry of our beautiful church. Email contact for Chris is cwcorwin@att.net

Ed Krug:
I started attending St Luke’s in 1997, after moving back to New York from California and becoming a weekender in East Hampton. I had been very inspired by the social and political activism of my former parish in Pasadena, but found a different kind of spiritual home at St. Luke’s – a warm and supportive community of faith. In the 16 years since, St Luke’s has evolved and grown to keep pace with our changing world and the increasingly diverse community in East Hampton. For me, St Luke’s is now not only a place for spiritual nourishment, but an exciting place engaged with the entire community. We provide hope and inspiration to all, affirming that each of us is a child of God and has a home here. After a 25-year corporate career, I am now a partner in small marketing firm, allowing me to spend more of my time in this beautiful town we are all privileged to call home. I am involved at St Luke’s as a lay reader, working with the stewardship campaign, and co-chaired the 2012 summer fair, and am honored to now serve as a member of the Vestry. To contact Ed: ekrug134@gmail.com

Francine Muller:
From the very beginning, St Luke’s has been a cherished and vital part of my life. Baptized, confirmed, and married here, I feel fortunate to have grown up with the church. Literally, St Luke’s is woven into the fabric of my dearest childhood memories. During my Springs School years, I couldn’t wait for Tuesdays to arrive because on those afternoons we got to leave school early to be bussed to St Peter’s Chapel for religious instruction. Happily, I’ve had many years of rewarding service to our parish. I began as an usher years ago at the 8 a.m. service with the late Lewis Bennett, and last year, helped coordinate the food booths at our fair. Still a resident of the Springs, several years ago, I started to attend the Saturday summer worship services offered at St Peter’s Chapel on Old Stone Hwy. Almost immediately, I developed such a deep affection for this dear, little church that was built in 1881 as a mission chapel for St. Luke’s. From a family that settled here many generations ago, I feel a strong connection to the past within its walls which never fails to move me. It’s my hope that our congregation will continue to build and flourish for many years to come. It is my great honor to join the Vestry of St. Luke’s, and to be given another opportunity to serve God, the congregation, and the community. To contact Francine: francine.muller13@gmail.com
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Mary Laughlin:
I have thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in the church. I first helped with the Garden Tour. It showed me the positive impact St. Luke’s makes in our community. My husband, Sandy, then mentioned to someone that I managed events and suddenly I was on the Summer Fair committee with the most fantastic people. Seeing the lawn filled with all members of the community has been so rewarding. Recently we had the pleasure of serving on the “Music at St. Luke’s” committee, which has been a welcome addition to life at the church during the winter months. St. Luke’s has enriched my faith and made me feel safe. I can only hope to extend that to others. Mary’s contact is: mary@hookpond.com

Gail Parker:
An Episcopalian since birth, I joined St. Luke’s in 1968 when I moved to East Hampton. I have been a member of the Altar Guild for over 40 years, served on the Vestry as a Vestry Member and Warden when Father Creamer was rector, and am currently serving on the Vestry. Over the past three years, fellowship has been the focus of my ministry at St. Luke’s. As Co-Chair of the Fellowship Committee I helped develop a Parish Directory, organized and orchestrated a number of cocktail parties, dinners and lunches, and am in the process of collecting data from parishioners to create a parish profile. This coming year, I look forward to publishing a pictorial directory for parishioners’ reference. I have taught locally at the elementary and middle schools and for 15 years served as the East Hampton Middle School Principal. I serve on The Board of the East Hampton Library and The Board of East Hampton Health Care. Contact Gail: gpark86@optonline.net

John Phillips - Treasurer:
I have a strong commitment to St. Luke’s mission and ministries and would welcome the opportunity to serve as a Vestry member and Treasurer. In transition to retirement after a 40 year career in investment management, I began to regularly attend the 8 AM Sunday services, beginning in Lent of 2012. Wendy and I had joined St. Luke’s about 10 years ago; she had attended services with her grandmother on summer vacations while she was growing up. When we lived in Massachusetts years ago, I was a member of the Vestry and Chair of the investment committee at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester, MA. I’m very thankful for all that I’ve learned from Rev. Brunelle and for the warm welcome from the members of St. Luke’s that I’ve come to know. Email John at: johnphillipsjr@gmail.com
Linda Melville:
I was an occasional Presbyterian. When we came to Amagansett in 1984 as weekenders, I felt this strong need to find a church so I "shopped" for one, worshipping at a different denomination each Sunday; all except St. Luke’s. Sitting up on the hill it was actually the last church I visited. When I finally came here, rather than sitting in the back as I had in other churches, I felt drawn to the front, near the altar and I immediately walked down the aisle and sat in the 2nd row, feeling completely at home. I loved the sanctuary, music, and sermons that seemed to speak right to me, and the sense that everyone knew each other; it all felt welcoming and I knew I had found my spiritual home. I soon became involved in the life of St. Luke’s as a Eucharistic Minister and the Vestry, just as the Parish Hall was being developed. I love the energy and the mix of people; those here for generations and those who are new-diverse people bonded by faith and a love of this place. I am glad to be back on the Vestry again and to be a part of this exciting time in St. Luke’s life. Linda is our Stewardship Liaison and is always open to those interested in helping raise the necessary funds to keep St. Luke’s going - if you would like to help here here’s her contact: lsheldonmelville@aol.com

Clif Thorn:
I am honored to be on the vestry of St. Luke! s Church. I can think of no better way to serve the church, our diocese, our community, and God. My current involvement in the life of St. Luke! s is as co-chair of the grounds committee, lay reader, greeter, and vestry clerk. I graduated from the University of Southern California with a B.A. in Theatre and a minor in Business. My professional life has been a mirror of those endeavors having formerly been an actor on Broadway, TV, and film, and for the last 13 years, a real estate broker in Manhattan. Both of these career pursuits require excellent communication skills, marketing expertise, and dogged persistence, all of which can be useful as a member of the vestry. I’m looking forward to doing my part in keeping St. Luke’s the healthy, vibrant community of faith it is known to be. Contact Clif at tctborn@gmail.com

Ruth Ann Wood McSpadden:
Ruth Ann grew up in New Jersey worshipping at Christ Church in Shrewsbury, NJ where her family was active in the church. Her mother revived the choir where they both then sang; her father served on the vestry and all three brothers served as acolytes. Ruth Ann graduated from Skidmore College as a music education major and moved to NYC to pursue a career in fashion merchandising and product development. She met her husband Jack on a business trip to London and they married in 1979. They are fortunate to have 3 wonderful children. Ruth Ann has headed up her own interior design firm for 20 years and has served on the boards of many organizations including the board and execs of the NY Junior League, the Board of Women Managers for Babies Hospital and currently serves on the board of the Eleanor Whitmore Early Childhood Center. She believes that giving time, talent and support to others in need is a fundamental part of her Christian faith and is looking forward to continuing that journey in outreach and programs that expand the ministry at St. Luke’s. Contact Ruth Ann at twmcsppadden57@aol.com
Fran Graham – Clerk of the Vestry

I grew up here in East Hampton and went on to college in West Virginia where I met my husband Steve. Steve and I were married at St. Luke’s Church in 1983. We had three boys who are all grown-up, and I am also a proud grandmother of two. I was the Director of the East Hampton Neighborhood House Early Learning program for 28 years, retiring in 2014. I am on the Board of Directors of the East Hampton Neighborhood House as well as Travis Field Memorial Scholarship Committee, to help raise scholarships for East Hampton High School graduates. I have been employed at Van Dyke & Hand CPA firm for the past 15 years, first as a part-time and now full time. I have over the years taught Sunday school at St. Luke’s when my boys were little. I have since returned to teaching Sunday school for the past 3 years and love being an active member of St. Luke’s Church. I’m looking forward to working on the Vestry to help spread the good work we do here at St. Luke’s and for our community. Contact Fran at fcgraham1960@gmail.com