

## Nominees for 2025 Vestry

The Vestry Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following candidates to stand for election to the vestry. The vestry election will be held at our Annual Gathering on **Sunday, January 26, 2025**. The election will be to fill three positions for three year terms (2025-2027). In addition, we will elect a member who will complete the one year remaining in Wava Shirbroun's term. Wava is resigning from the vestry because of her move to Coon Rapids. We are grateful to Jacob Nastruz, whose regular term ends in January, for his willingness to serve for another year to complete Wava's term

Any member of St. Timothy's wishing to put themselves forward as a candidate for the January election should secure support for their nomination from at least one other parishioner and contact a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee no later than January 6.

-The Vestry Nominating Committee

*Jacob Nastruz, Maggie McGill, Dale Vande Haar, Rev. Kyle Carswell*

### Class of 2025-2028



#### **Amy Johnson**

##### **How long have you been at St. Timothy's?**

I started attending St. Timothy's in the summer of 2022 and was received into the church in April 2023.

##### **What ministries have you been involved in at St. Timothy's?**

I have been a St. Timothy's Re-entry Team member for two and a half years.

##### **What gifts would you bring to the vestry?**

I work as the Director of Business Operations at Lessing-Flynn Advertising, where my primary responsibilities are human resources and managing our accounting and administrative team members. I earned my human resources certification from the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) in 2023.

After participating in the JustFaith program, I became actively involved in the Center for Social Ministry (CSM) in 2015. CSM's mission was to provide poverty awareness and social justice education programs to faith communities in Central Iowa. As a member of CSM's board of directors, I served as the organization's treasurer for six years. In this capacity, I was responsible for the monthly bookkeeping and payroll. I also served on CSM's promotion and programming committees and participated in CSM's various social justice educational programs over the years.

While volunteering for CSM, I got to know and work with several members of St. Timothy's. Through these connections, I was invited to serve on St. Timothy's Re-entry Team. After getting to know and working closely with the Re-entry team members, I decided to become a member of the congregation in 2022.

I left my family's dairy farm in Northwestern Illinois to come to Des Moines to attend Drake University, where I received my bachelor's and master's degrees. It was at Drake where I met my husband,

Dewayne. We have been married for 28 years and currently live in Norwalk. We have one son, Lucas, who is a software engineer in Peoria, Illinois.

I was a proud "band mom" while Lucas attended Dowling Catholic High School and served in various volunteer roles to support the marching band. In my free time, I enjoy relaxing with a book, cheering on the Chicago Bears and the Drake Bulldogs, and traveling the Kentucky Bourbon Trail with Dewayne.



### **Randy Pettit**

#### **How long have you been at St. Timothy's?**

My wife Lynn and I have been members of St. Timothy's since 2016.

#### **What ministries have you been involved in at St. Timothy's?**

Faith and Hope Gardens – assisted with the taking out the old fence and erecting the new fencing. I offer assistance to planting and harvesting.

Yardbirds – St. Timothy's outdoor grounds team. We have installed water irrigation system in the Memorial Garden, as well as maintaining the drip system that waters plants and shrubs. We keep the landscape plants watered and clean up the grounds for sticks and debris.

Youth Justice Initiative – YJI kitchen preparation team. Providing excellent food for the kids who attend every Thursday night study session.

Offering Counter - Saturday and Sunday tithing collection and entering into bank account.

Fresh Start Program – New program for me. Assisting the team with dinner preparation plans.

#### **What gifts would you bring to the vestry?**

For many years I have been actively serving the following parishes, Holy Trinity, St. Francis and now St. Timothy's. I have experience with planning and erecting a children's playground at Holy Trinity. Building and grounds team member during our time at St. Francis. I bring experience in management skills from my career in telecommunications. I enjoy being a part of St. Timothy's family. Engaging in ministries has allowed Lynn and I to meet new friends. Being a part of this community has been a blessing. I hope that I can offer my experience to the future of St. Timothy.



### **Annie Waskom**

#### **How long have you been at St. Timothy's?**

I have been at St. Timothy's since December, 2005.

#### **What ministries have you been involved in at St. Timothy's?**

Over the years, I have been involved in several different ministries at St. Tim's. These include YJI (kitchen worker), WINGS (the elementary school version of YJI), Bible study, Lenten/Advent programs, Books, Brews and Banter, chalice bearer, lector/litanist, lay eucharistic visitor, altar guild (especially funeral team). Sally Wood and I worked with Suzy Coen and her team on the

renovation of the sacristy. I designed and made altar pieces and priest/deacon stoles to complement the altar frontals and hangings made by Abigail Livingood. I often contribute food and/or clean up service for receptions following funerals. As one of the frequent users of the space that became “the Gathering Center”, I worked with Neil Guy on suggestions for upgrades that he incorporated into that design.

**What gifts would you bring to the vestry?**

I was on the St. Tim’s vestry from 2011-13. I also served on the vestry at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Cary, NC. I am a “cradle Episcopalian” and have belonged to Episcopal churches in Massachusetts, Florida, Maryland, and North Carolina prior to moving to Iowa. In some of those churches, I taught in Sunday school for various ages, or co-leading adult forums. These churches varied from a mission church held in a Grange Hall to long-established congregations. Each church has its own strengths and challenges. I would be honored to serve on St. Tim’s vestry as we continue our service as the hands and feet and voice of Christ in the world.

**To serve through January 2026**



**Jacob Nastruz**

**How long have you been at St. Timothy’s?**

I have been connected to Saint Tims my whole life, so about 33 years.

**What ministries have you been involved in at St. Timothy’s?**

Since moving back to town in 2021, I have been involved in teaching middle school classes, leading Vacation Bible school, the building and grounds committee, vestry, and several diocesan level events.

**What gifts would you bring to the vestry?**

I bring many years of children and youth formation ministry experience to the vestry. I have had the opportunity to lead and grow programs and churches throughout the country. For the past 3 years I have been working at a small local nonprofit which allowed me to make connections to many change makers in the community. I have now transitioned to a national nonprofit with a heavy focus on fundraising and money management. Through both of these positions I have gained valuable knowledge into what makes a nonprofit successful, which when paired with my formation ministry experience puts me in a unique position to bring a fresh and challenging perspective to the vestry to aid St. Tims in being the hands, feet, and voice of Christ.