

Paula Rees

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Vestry at Christ Church for the last three years. For me these have been years of learning about the many aspects of maintaining an active church community that meets the spiritual needs of all its members. If elected for a second term, I will continue to learn and hopefully make meaningful contributions to the growth and development of our church.

For those who I did not know three years ago, here is my story:

My church journey started as a Lutheran in Baltimore City. I was baptized, confirmed and married at Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church. However, my Mother (who was probably my strongest spiritual role model) believed that faith was first and that it did not always matter which church one attended. So when I married Chuck Rees in 2003, I was happy to become an Episcopalian.

Christ Church has brought many special people into my life and I enjoy feeling like I have a church family that keeps growing and growing! Besides new relationships, Christ Church has provided me the opportunity to give to others by sponsoring a child through Children of Uganda, contributing to the church annual auction and flea market, and teaching Sunday School for two years. I love to cook, so for the last three years I have continued to participate in the inreach ministry by working with a team to provide meals to parishioners who are recovering from an illness or a loss in their lives..

Before I retired in 2007, I had served Baltimore County Public Schools as a teacher, a Title 1 Resource Teacher, an Assistant Principal, and Elementary School Principal. Throughout my career I worked with teachers, parents, children and other administrators. I think the skills that I developed and honed over time have helped me be a productive Vestry member.

Working with Father Manny during his first two years at Christ Church has been a time of growth and discovery for all. I would be very happy to work as a Vestry member along with Father Manny to explore the possibilities of finding a deacon to serve at Christ Church and to continue to explore ways that Christ Church can be seen as a growing community of faith.

Thank you for considering my reelection to the Vestry for the next three years.