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## **Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 27**

Members of the parish will gather to hear reports from officers of the parish and elect new members of the Vestry this Sunday, January 27. The meeting will follow the ten o'clock celebration of the Eucharist.

The nominating committee (Anne Buchanan, Ruth Itamura, Ray Meyer) will present a slate of four names, Carl Abegg, Peggy Allen, Kerri England and Joanna Tonetti (Ben Bush has withdrawn because of pending medical procedures). The meeting will elect three to full three year terms on the Vestry and one to complete the last two years of a current term (Peggy Balensuela has resigned because of ongoing medical care).

Treasurer Fred Berry will present the Vestry's budget for 2008 and report that despite a deficit budget, the parish ended 2007 well in the black.

Senior Warden Ray Meyer and other parish leaders will present reports on the activities of the Vestry and other programs and activities.

Following the parish meeting the new Vestry will convene for its organizational meeting and elect its Junior Warden, Clerk and parish Treasurer.

## Candidates for Vestry

**Carl Abegg**—In 1984, I joined Rose-Hulman as a Professor of Chemical Engineering and Joan and I and our two sons, John and David, moved from Worthington, Ohio to Terre Haute. I retired from Rose in 2001. Joan, to whom I have been married for 43 years, has been an elementary teacher with Vigo County Schools for 22 years, and is a second grade teacher at Meadows Elementary. John and David, now grown, live in Virginia and Florida. Having attended Saint Stephens for two years, Joan and I officially became Episcopalians last April. However, for several years prior, I was fortunate to be able to regularly attend the Thursday noon Eucharist. Being retired, I am also able to participate on a regular basis in Morning Prayer. I am now in the second year of the four-year course, Education for Ministry.

**Peggy Allen**—Active member of St Stephen's since 1995. Currently Lector, Chalice, Usher, Kitchen Committee, Washington High School Outreach Committee Chair & 2nd year EFM student. Former Sunday School Teacher, Evangelism Committee Chair, Vestry Member & Senior Warden. Other interests - very active with Girl Scouts of Central Indiana & novice crocheter. Family - husband Bill & daughter Megan of Columbia SC. Work - Office Manager for Steve Burriss State Farm Insurance.

**Kerri England**—I've lived in Terre Haute for almost nine years. I'm originally from western Illinois and spent 13 years in Virginia. I have a B.A. in Government from The College of William & Mary & the MLS & MIS (Masters of Library Science & Masters of Information Science, respectively) from Indiana University-Bloomington. I currently work as the Systems Librarian for the Vigo County Public Library. I have been married for almost seven years to Meric England (Gene and Rosemary England's oldest son.) I like to read and I like to stay informed of what's going on in the country & the world. I'm a computer geek and like to study/examine/discuss how information gets expressed and distributed across the Internet. Education is important to me, which is why the Back to School outreach that St. Stephens participates in with the Salvation Army is the program I support the most in the course of the church year. I have also served as chair/organizer of the Mabley Garden.

**Joanna Tonetti** has been a member of St. Stephens for seven years and has been chair of our Parish Life committee for three. Most recently, she spearheaded the

reception for our Advent Lessons and Carols and has put together the upcoming Family Game night. She and husband Artie are parents of Jacob, age seven.

**Altar Flowers**—You will have noticed the beautiful flower arrangements gracing the altar here at St. Stephen's the past few weeks. This has been the result of the inspired ministry of Jane Mangrum. Margaret Stockwell and Margaret Bruning have joined Jane for a fun, creative couple of hours working on the altar flowers for several weeks now. Please join us! Men and women with all levels of experience are needed. Whether you are a total novice, already a master, or anywhere in between, your interest and participation is requested. We'll be meeting on Fridays, in the kitchen, at 12:00 noon. You can get in through the kitchen door, from the alley behind the church. The Masonic Temple parking lot (just east of the church) has some spaces we can use during this time. If you should happen to have a pair of clippers to bring along, that would be good, too. If you have questions, please call Jane at 217-946-4111.

**Game Night—Friday, February 1, 6:00 p.m.**—bring games, whatever you want to play or do. Parish Life Committee will provide drinks. Bring a snack if desired. Crafts are always good— the more the merrier! For more information, call Joanna Tonetti, 812-299-7659.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 5**—The Vestry will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. February 5. Tickets are available today and next Sunday, or at the door. A Volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Great Hall for those who would like to help the Vestry setup, flip pancakes, serve, or clean up.

**Ash Wednesday ashes** are made from last year's Palm Sunday palms. If you have saved your palm fronds from last year, please place them in the box near the table inside the garden door by Sunday, February 3. Sacristans will burn the fronds before Ash Wednesday, February 6. ***Ash Wednesday Services will be at 7:30a.m., 12 Noon, and 7:30 p.m. All three services will be in the Chapel.***

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