

**YOUR
2021
VESTRY
CANDIDATES**

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HAL LAWRENCE:

I was a practicing physician for over 40 years, first in private practice in Asheville, NC and then as staff and ultimately CEO of the national medical society for my specialty, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

I've had a home in Northern Michigan on Burt Lake since 1984. In January 2019 I fully retired and relocated here full time. My spouse Betsy and I were married in July 2018 in the chapel at Emmanuel. Between us we have 4 adult children with spouses and 5 school age grandchildren.

We had been attending services when we visited our home for several years. We felt immediately and warmly welcomed by all parishioners and knew this would be our spiritual home.

Raised a Methodist in Muncie IN, I attended Methodist churches until 2007 when I moved to DC and attended Western Presbyterian Church, eventually serving on the session (similar to a vestry in the Episcopal Church.) I am honored and humbled to be asked to serve on the Vestry for Emmanuel.



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JAMIE MacKENZIE:

Jamie and his family moved from Saginaw to Harbor Springs in 1965. After his mother, Barbara MacKenzie, married Mike Stroup at Emmanuel in 1973, he attended Petoskey High School. He has attended Emmanuel as an occasional visitor ever since—and not just for weddings and funerals. He graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in Government in 1982.



Jamie worked for fifteen years as a professional actor and singer in Boston and New York. He performed on Broadway in *My Fair Lady* with Richard Chamberlain. In 1998, he left the theater to become a communication-skills consultant, working with investment bankers, lawyers, and other professionals to improve their public speaking, interpersonal, sales, and business-writing skills. He and a Dartmouth classmate founded their own firm, MacKenzie Brown LLC, in 2005.

Jamie became an unofficial clergy spouse in 2000 after meeting Barrie Bates. They made it official in Toronto in 2005. As Barrie pursued his graduate studies and worked in various parishes over the years, Jamie has seen a staggeringly wide variety of worship styles and parish personalities. You would be amazed. He has also volunteered in a large number of roles. Now that Barrie and Jamie have moved full-time to Council Tree Cottage near Cross Village, they are both delighted to find such a welcoming church family at Emmanuel parish in Petoskey. They look forward to returning to worship again in person soon.

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MARY STREET:

Hi! I am Mary Street. I was born and raised in Muskegon, MI. While in high school I met my future husband – Gary. We have been married 58 years – a very long time! We have two daughters who married great guys and gave us four awesome grandchildren.

I attended Central Michigan University where I received an MA in history. My teaching career lasted over 25 years primarily in Midland at the high school. While living “downstate”, we were members of St. John’s Episcopal Church where we helped in some small capacities with the nursery and every member canvass.

We built a small cottage on Burt Lake in 1976. We would occasionally attend church (lake activities often interfered) at Emmanuel. That changed when we rebuilt and established deeper roots in the community. Emmanuel became our church family! In fact, our younger daughter was married here in 1997.

In 2001 we sold our Midland home and became permanent Up North residents. I substituted teaching for volunteer activities. Until circumstances of the past year I have helped with Manna, hospice, Great Lakes Center for the Arts, Top of Michigan Trail Council and church. I have served twice on the vestry at Emmanuel and was part of the search committee that called Greg Brown. More recently I have co-chaired the Garden Committee which should again be able to operate this year.

I strongly believe in Emmanuel – as a church home and as place of peace for all. I am willing to serve in any capacity that I can.

