

View from the Vestry – Kirk Eichenberger, April 2021

Hi all,

Your vestry members are putting little notes in the newsletter so the congregation can get to know them a bit better, and it's my turn.

My wife Peggy and I joined St Barnabas in 2016 when we moved to Bainbridge Island from Harbor Springs, Michigan. We moved here to be closer to our children (and grandchildren) who had relocated to the Seattle area. I am now retired, having previously worked as a forester for the US Forest Service. I like playing with our grandchildren, hiking in the mountains and travel. Since travel and playing with the grandkids have been seriously limited this year, I decided to concentrate on knitting, specializing in a watch cap pattern from Churchmouse; I've found plenty of time to make hats for everyone in the family.

In my career we moved around the country quite a bit, living in the Midwest, the South and on the West Coast. Wherever we went we'd find an Episcopal Church to become actively involved with, sometimes a few blocks away and sometimes as far as 25 miles. We've been in a small mission church in the Sierra Nevada mountains (boasting 35 members, including children) and in at least two very large urban churches in Marietta, Georgia and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I've now been an Episcopalian for over 40 years.

Prior to Covid, Peggy and I were singing in the St Barnabas choir and helping with the altar guild. During this last year we have enjoyed leading online Compline and being part of a Sacred Ground group. I serve on the finance committee and, this year, will be the vestry liaison to the Worship Commission.

Hope you all had the chance to enjoy the Holy Week and Easter services St Barnabas provided online. I know we did. Many, many thanks to Rev Karen, Jim, Paul and everyone else who helped put those together. As I write this,

the sun is shining!
almost everyone I meet has been fully vaccinated!
and I am full of hope that we will all be back together again soon!