

From Dave Teves, Senior Warden..

Hello St. Barnabas! For those of you who may not know me, my name is Dave Teves and I have the honor of serving as your senior warden this year on the vestry. I have previously served as the vestry liaison to the stewardship committee and I am also involved with our Sacred Ground curriculum.

My family (my wife Karena, son Kawika (9) and daughter Kala (almost 7)) have been living on Bainbridge for almost 4 years and in Washington State for almost 9.

I grew up in Hawaii and have lived in Southern and Northern California, New England, North Carolina and the Virginia/Maryland/DC areas. The PNW reminds me of pieces of all of those places.

Karena and I fell in love with Bainbridge when we first visited her mother, who moved to WA about two years before we did in 2010. I love our wooded spaces, our connection to the water and the sense of community that comes from living on an island. Karena and I really enjoy cooking so we deeply appreciate Central Market and Town & Country. We have enough cookbooks that it probably borders on "problem" territory but I love the art of cooking and studying food as a form of cultural expression.

This year of pandemic and isolation has brought into clear focus how incredibly grateful I am for our community. Grateful for our Rector and staff who were able to pivot to virtual worship without skipping a beat. Grateful for our Island community that has taken so many measures to keep everyone safe and the pandemic at bay. And grateful for our faith community that has navigated a year of existential dread on multiple fronts, moving forward with grace, hope and love.