

Senior Ministries - Diocese of Newark

Presentation of

**THE 25TH ANNUAL
DAVID PAUL HEGG II
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS**

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THE DAVID PAUL HEGG II LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Award recipients are recognized for their many significant contributions of time and talent to church and community.

All who knew him held the Rev. David P. Hegg II in the highest esteem. His commitment to matters of retirement, aging, and the role of seniors in the congregation made him the natural selection in 1991 to revitalize a Diocesan Commission on Aging. These awards are named in memory of the man who led the charge and had the vision that continues to inspire Senior Ministries, Diocese of Newark.



The Reverend David P. Hegg, II was born in Buffalo, New York. In his 34 years as a parish minister, he served in the Dioceses of Rochester, Missouri, and Newark.

Following his rectorship at St. Peter's, Morristown from 1982 – 1996, he worked for the Church Pension Fund in New York City where he was senior vice president and director for Pastoral Care and Education. He traveled throughout the country working with Episcopal clergy on retirement planning.

He died unexpectedly of complications from heart surgery in January 2002 at the age of 64.



Senior Ministries Diocese of Newark

Who we are

We are a ministry of the Diocese of Newark offering programs, resources and recognition for senior members of our diocese, as well as opportunities to celebrate their ministries.

What we do

- Annual David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Awards
- Articles on the diocesan website
- Convention Workshops
- Presentations to districts and congregations
- YouTube presentations available through the diocesan YouTube channel

What presentations can Senior Ministries provide?

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- Dementia
- Final Expenses
- Home Safety
- Hospice
- Legacy Giving
- Medicare
- Transitioning
- Other topics

We are always open to suggestions from people in our diocese.

Please contact us with questions, ideas or concerns.

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Today's Offertory will be divided equally between **Shepherd's Haven**, a ministry of Christ Church Pompton, and **The Senior Resource Center**, a ministry of Church of the Messiah, Chester. These ministries provide caring support and stimulating activities for seniors. Please give generously.

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Dr. Deborah A. Brown - Trinity Church, Allendale

Dr. Debby Brown is a faithful Episcopalian who has dedicated decades of service and ministry to the Church at every level. These have included her service as member of and President of the Trustees of the Diocese, Chairperson of the Clergy Ethics Committee, Presiding Judge of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court, Chairperson of Companion Diocese Relationship between Newark and Hong Kong and Macao, and Chairperson of a Suffragan Bishop search. Having previously served as Warden of the Church of the Epiphany, Dr. Brown currently serves as Warden of Trinity Church and has helped lead us through some of our greatest challenges.

Phil White and Martha H. White - St. Paul's Church, Chatham

Phil White and Martha H. White have been dedicated servants at St. Paul's, Chatham for many years. Both are involved in multiple ministries and truly give from the heart. Phil's many ministry gifts include Vestry member, Stewardship Chair, Capital Campaign Co-Chair, Diocesan Convention Deputy, Lector, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lay Preacher. Martha's many ministry gifts include Sunday School Teacher, Youth leader, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Guild, Outreach, Fundraising. Phil and Martha continue to offer their experience, wisdom and talent to help St. Paul's thrive. We are truly blessed to have them as a part of our parish.

Diane Cardillo - Church of the Messiah, Chester

Diane Cardillo, a long-time member of Messiah as a senior served wonderfully as a Warden twice. Back in 2010 she led the setting up and opening up of our new thrift shop. She has put in countless hours of organizing and reorganizing as needed, removing clothes from one season for another, for example bagging those from the summer to be sent overseas to Senegal or Ghana. Even in covid times the shop was only closed for 4 months. She directs volunteers well too. As Warden in covid times she helped guide us through challenging times together. Diane is worthy of a high award. We thank her!

Linda Ochs - Church of the Messiah, Chester

Linda Ochs has served at several churches as a youth leader before her 12 years at Messiah. Here she has been involved with the Sunday school and now teaches almost every week (in-person again). During 2020/2021 she and one other teacher sent materials out to our families every week. She serves in our thrift shop as assistant manager, usually 8 or more hours a week. She served 2 Vestry terms (6 years) and is on the altar guild. She has been on 4, week-long mission trips (pre-covid) and helped with all our Vacation Bible Camp weeks. Maybe best of all she offers wonderful pastoral support to a very needy parishioner. We thank her!

Danielle (Dani) Pietrowski - Church of the Messiah, Chester

Dani Pietrowski has been a member at Messiah for about 12 years, serving at other churches previously. She immediately volunteered to teach Sunday school. She served on the Vestry and as a warden in pre covid times. Since March 2020 she has been the tech support being here every week with the Music director and rector and has continued her role. In 2020 she put together a wonderful pageant coordinating video clips from families and staged some outside scenes at Messiah. She has directed live pageants every year since joining Messiah. She has helped with Vacation Bible Camps in the 2 years of Covid. Currently she is a wonderful warden. We thank her!

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Elise Adams - Church of the Saviour, Denville

Elise joined the Church of the Saviour in 1985. She has been involved in Sunday School administration, St. Martha's Guild, Family Promise, choir and Vestry. She has helped out with the greeting committee and the church's famous spaghetti dinners. Elise loves philosophy and theology and takes an active part in adult education opportunities. Outside of the church, she works as a software engineer and is an expert on dolls.

Diane McDougall - Church of the Saviour, Denville

Diane has been a lifelong Episcopalian who has always been sustained by practicing her faith. She was baptized at St Paul's at Bergen in Jersey City and was a member of St. Thomas in Lyndhurst for 25 years. While there she was confirmed, attended and taught Sunday school, sang in the youth choir and served on the Vestry. Diane has been a faithful member of Church of the Saviour, Denville for 40 years. While here she taught Sunday school and Journey to Adulthood, served as Secretary for St. Martha's Women's Guild and coordinated and cooked for the World of Women's luncheon for many years. Currently she serves on the Vestry and Rector's Advisory Council, is a 35 year member of the Altar Guild, Lay reader, and tends to the church's courtyard Memorial Garden as a member of the Property Committee.

Kay Hammond - St. Paul's Church, Englewood

Kay Hammond has been a member of St. Paul's Church for over 50 years. Originally from Jamaica, West Indies where she was a teacher, Mrs. Hammond taught Sunday School at St. Paul's. She feels that her biggest contribution to the church has been serving on Altar Guild. For her, this dates back to her growing up in Jamaica where once a girl was confirmed in the Anglican Church, she became a part of what was called "the Daughters of the King" which was another name for the Altar Guild in her church.

Besides Altar Guild and teaching Sunday School, Mrs. Hammond has volunteered for many activities at Saint Paul's and is always willing to get involved as best she can - from helping out in the kitchen to gathering items for the less fortunate. She has done way more than her fair share of serving the parish in many ways with the utmost humility and deserves to be honored with a Hegg Award.

Edith Sims - St. Paul's Church, Englewood

Edith Sims deserves to be an honoree for the Hegg Award because she has served St. Paul's, Englewood steadfastly over her many years as a member of our parish. Mrs. Sims has been a member of Saint Paul's Church since the 1950's and served on the Vestry multiple times.

Originally from New York, Mrs. Sims along with her sister and other family members was confirmed at St. Paul's. She was married at Saint Paul's and in August, she and her husband will be celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary.

In addition to having served on the Vestry in the past, she has volunteered for many activities over the years, from donating food for Hoboken Sunday to helping with the church's Thanksgiving meals during the pandemic. She loves to, as she calls it, "pitch in" wherever and whenever she is able. Outside of the church, she has been a Red Cross volunteer and has been deployed to assist in natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina.

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Jack Brown - St. Peter's Church, Essex Fells

Jack deserves the Hegg Award for his several years of active membership at St. Peter's, Essex Fells. He has done everything from serving on the Vestry, overseeing several parish audits, and helping fix things around the campus.

Mark Livingston - St. Peter's Church, Essex Fells

Mark deserves the Hegg Award for his several years of active membership at St. Peter's, Essex Fells. He has served many terms as warden, and during his tenure, both the membership and finances have thrived.

Marge Vere - St. Peter's Church, Essex Fells

A life-long Episcopalian Marge grew up in Christ Church, Short Hills and has held membership in other Episcopal parishes prior to moving to Caldwell in 2005 and joining St. Peter's.

Between them, she and Jim have two sons and one daughter, their spouses, and four grandchildren.

At St. Peter's, Marge has participated in the St. Peter's Chancel Choir, served two terms on the Vestry, the Street Fair Committee and a recent Search Committee. She will serve on the new 'Welcoming' committee to move St. Peter's forward in a changing environment.

Carolyn Westcott - St. Peter's Church, Essex Fells

Carolyn has been an active member of St. Peter's Church since she joined with her family over 50 years ago. She is in regular attendance at church on Sundays and has helped out with numerous committees throughout the years.

She currently serves on the Altar Guild, works in the Op Shop, does coffee hour, and assists with The Street Fair and other church events. In the past, she has served on the Vestry, several search committees, The David St. George fund, and the Health and Healing Committee. She has been a deputy to convention several times and steps up whenever volunteers are needed. She is always pleasant and welcoming. St. Peter's is grateful to have such a dedicated and devoted parishioner!

Robert Eads Cox - Church of the Good Shepherd, Fort Lee

Robert has been a parishioner for over twenty years. He has served in several capacities. First elected to the Vestry in 2002, he served as the Clerk and then as the Treasurer. In a subsequent term, he served as a member of the Vestry and was then elected as Warden, serving in this last position from 2010 through 2021. In addition to the Vestry, Robert serves on the Pastoral Care Committee and as a Lector and a Sub-deacon.

Elisabeth Inomata - Church of the Good Shepherd, Fort Lee

Bessy has worked very hard for Good Shepherd for many years, always quietly. She takes care of our altar flowers each week and has been our Sunday school teacher for a long time, besides being a full-time public school teacher in Fort Lee. Bessy also is one of our Readers and a member of Good Shepherd's choir. She does all her jobs with humility and never wants any recognition. Our Church wouldn't survive without Bessy. We love her!

2022 Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

Elaine Cunningham - All Saints' Church, Glen Rock

Elaine Cunningham came to All Saint's Church almost 20 years ago, joined the choir and quickly became soloist and guest organist when our organist was on vacation.

When All Saints' needed an organ, Elaine became Chair of the organ committee steering the parish through fundraising, building and completion of the new organ.

But Elaine did not stop there, she organized a concert series which brings many and varied musicians to All Saints' three times a year.

Elaine became a member of the Healing Prayer Ministry team when it was first formed, and was a healing minister during services, as well as leader in the many retreats and Quiet Days that the Healing Prayer Ministry team led.

Elaine was a thoughtful, committed Vestry member for many years and a faithful member of Education for Ministry group.

Elaine was very organized and meticulous, with a wonderful wacky sense of humor and loved by all who knew her. She was also involved in many groups outside of All Saints', which were noted when her husband, Wayne, gave the eulogy at her funeral because, sadly, Elaine died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage in September 2021.

Phyllis Bartkus - St. James' Church, Hackettstown

Phyllis has been involved in many things, she has served on the Vestry for many years, and she takes care of the gardens around the church for a long time. She helps pack grocery bags for our backpack food program and also has been on the monthly rotation for delivering communion to Colonial Manor with her husband Paul.

Janice Cipriani - St. James' Church, Hackettstown

Janice has been on the Vestry for many terms and has been Jr. Warden and Sr. Warden in the past. Also she has been the church Treasurer for approximately 15 years.

David Olesen - St. James' Church, Hackettstown

Dave has served many terms on Vestry, and has served both as Junior Warden and Warden, and is still helping with building maintenance contracting even though he does not hold a Vestry position any longer.

John (Bud) Proctor - All Saints Episcopal Parish, Hoboken

Bud has served faithfully for more than twenty years as a Sunday School teacher, altar guild member, and most recently as Verger and Property Manager. During the transition between rectors, Bud was a stabilizing influence and was brought on staff part-time to assure that liturgies were said, altar guild duties were filled, and property matters were handled. Bud now wants to be a "regular person in the pews" and is retiring from paid employment with All Saints. His service to this parish has been invaluable.

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Bill Smethurst - St. Bartholomew's Church, Ho-Ho-Kus

Bill's keen analytical mind and gracious hospitality have been gifts to our congregation for decades. He served as a member of the Vestry offering his vast knowledge of finances to help in making decisions for our church. He served on our last search committee, and he was always the one that pulled the group back together with a profound statement of what was important and with that the group was able to refocus on their task.

He always works to make people feel welcome with his huge smile and engaging stories. He shows the true love of God to all who come to our church.

Virginia Smith - St. Bartholomew's Church, Ho-Ho-Kus

Virginia has been a member of St. Bartholomew's for over fifty years. When someone new comes to our church she was always there to welcome them. She served on many ministry teams that helped build our church family. She helped to lead the Antique Show, Mother's Advent Tea, and Rummage sales. Virginia was the ultimate hostess, singing, dancing and joke telling at the annual Christmas party. She is the go-to person to learn about our church history.

As the director of the Altar Guild, she taught many of the current members about the ministry. Virginia was a dedicated member of our weekly Bible Study having a passion and love of learning about the Lord.

Toby Winiarski - St. Bartholomew's Church, Ho-Ho-Kus

Toby's passion for our congregation is evidenced by the many ways he has served the Lord at St. Bartholomew's. He is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. He served on the Vestry, he is the leader of the Acolytes, and served as co-leader of our last search committee.

Toby always checks in with people when they have not been in church for awhile and has a quip or joke to help make them smile. Toby is a gentleman amongst gentlemen, one of the most dignified, kind, sweet and smart men that has blessed our congregation. Whenever we close a meeting Toby always says, "be very kind to yourselves and each other."

John and Amy Hovell - Episcopal Church of St. Luke & St. Mary, Hope/Belvidere

John and Amy Hovell have been members of the Episcopal Church of St. Luke and St. Mary since 2001. John, an Art Director, and Amy, a business executive, are lifelong New Jersey residents. John and Amy, along with their three adult daughters, are treasured members of our church community. During their time with our church, both John and Amy have served several terms on the Vestry and as Deputies to the Diocesan Convention. Stewardship, Worship and Outreach ministries have particularly thrived because of their commitment and leadership.

John's professional art and design skills proved invaluable when we renovated the interior of St. Luke's. His digital model of the structure along with various choices of period-correct interior colors were of great help to our congregation's final selection for the National Register of Historic Places facility. When St. Luke's and St. Mary's consolidated, John created graphics to help us design banners and letterhead to depict our celebration and, more recently, to demonstrate our position as it pertains to anti-racism and injustice.

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John and Amy's family, including their wonderful daughters, continues to play vital roles as Acolytes, Readers and Outreach volunteers. John and Amy serve on the Board of Trustees for Haven of Hope for Kids. They have been involved since its founding in 2004.

Amy, a business executive, brings her marketing expertise, her creative vision and energy to our Vestry and to HoHfK. Amy is also a successful producer, director and coach of local amateur dramatics. She has had notable successes with productions of: "A Christmas Carol" and "It's a Wonderful Life", as fundraising activities

Amy and John are true gifts to our Episcopal community and are treasured for all they do for others.

Mike & Deb Roehrer - St. David's Church, Kinnelon

With joy, the people of St. David's Church, Kinnelon lift up and celebrate the ministries of Mike and Deb Roehrer. Through years of service, both have been active leaders at St. David's. Mike served as a Worship Team leader, and as a crucifer. Additionally, he has served on the Vestry and on the Property Committee, chairing it for several years. Deb chaired the Altar Guild and has served as a Coffee Hour host. Together, they coordinated Fall & Spring cleanup days, and coordinated our annual Plant Sale for 11 years – raising thousands of dollars to support parish ministries.

John Sposato - All Saints Church, Leonia

As Warden, John Sposato is kind, loving, and generous, satisfying the needs of ALL of us: in our congregation, our Korean congregation, our Child Care Center, and the Vestry.

As Buildings and Grounds Director, John maintains our buildings every day, and the surrounding grounds, including a Memorial Garden, and a Child Care Center playground, which needs to comply with structural, safety and surface regulations. He was contracted to transform our Meditation Room, shopping for chairs, carpeting, and blinds and making suggestions for practical long-term considerations. John seeks ways to minimize cost while ensuring quality. He reduced our carbon footprint by means of an energy overhaul.

John leads the preparation of our communal meals like Maundy Thursday supper, and our Pasta ThrowDown, setting up tables and heating trays for the events, and staying late to clean up. For our Fair in The Fall, John erects the tent, booths, and signage. He prints the professionally bound ad journal.

John and his wife are the primary pastoral care team at All Saints, delivering Christmas poinsettias to our housebound parishioners, and feeding members of our congregation who are sick or in mourning. A parishioner reports that her Thanksgiving meal arrived hot, before John and Sally had a chance to enjoy their own meal.

All Saints is blessed to have John Sposato as a faithful member, and we are grateful for his sustaining energy which helps to ensure our future.

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Susan D. Leeds - Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Lincoln Park & Montville

Susan Leeds has been a member of St. Andrew's/Good Shepherd since 1971. She has served as a Vestry member for several terms, including the position of Warden. Susan manages St. Andrew's Thrift Store; coordinates worship services (securing clergy and lay leaders); leads morning prayer; organizes church fundraisers including the annual beer/wine tasting event; serves as treasurer on the Board of Directors for Community Partners for Hope, participates in leading/organizing the annual CROP Walk to combat hunger while encouraging the support of GSEC members; and serves as Treasurer/Financial Officer for the church.

Janet Ceriani - St. Agnes' Church, Little Falls

Ms. Janet Ceriani has been a faithful member of St. Agnes' Episcopal Church since she was born. She was baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Agnes', embodying our parish history. All her children were also baptized, confirmed, and married at St. Agnes'. There's no ministry of St. Agnes' Janet has not participated. She continues to serve as a member of our altar guild. Her presence brings so much life to our parish life. One of many fruitful ministries she has planted at St. Agnes' would be that all her children are faithful members of the parish, actively joining our mission.

Barb Montague - Grace Church, Madison

Barb has been a member of Grace for a number of years and has blessed our parish in numerous ways. She has been very active in our Office Angels volunteer group, stuffing bulletins, preparing mailings and assisting with various other office tasks. A talented craftswoman, she has provided Grace with many hand-knit blankets for the baptisms over the years. Just prior to the Covid pandemic, she took on the project of indexing our registers, which had been neglected for a time, and updated them so we would have accurate records to serve the parish. When the pandemic struck, Barb became a conduit to many of our shut ins, sending cards on a regular basis to let them know they had not been forgotten. Barb also took over the task of sending weekly postcards to families as they are prayed for on the Parish Daily Cycle of Prayer, freeing up the staff's time to develop new communications strategies to keep everyone in the parish connected during the shutdown. She continues to send cards on behalf of the parish for varied occasions and remains one of our steadfast volunteers, without whom a parish could not function. She has been an angel to us, and we are honored to nominate her for this year's Hegg Award!

Brian Bamforth - St. George's Church, Maplewood

Brian has been a committed and active member of St. George's for over 40 years. He contributed greatly to our Music Ministry through the choir, as well as supporting the congregation in their faith formation through leading weekly Bible studies for many years.

Richard Berggren - St. George's Church, Maplewood

Richard has been a committed member of St. George's for over 30 years. His ministry in our choir has been instrumental in our worship and expanding our experience of God through music. A fine trumpeter, Richard introduced jazz to our parish, a tradition we continue several times a year.

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Michael Francaviglia - St. George's Church, Maplewood

Michael has been a committed member of St. George's for decades and was one of the first openly gay men who joined the congregation in the 1970s. He and his family opened the doors of St. George's for the LGBTQ community long before it was "cool to do." In addition to his many years of committed service on our Usher ministry, he served faithfully as Director of Administration & Secretary of Convention under Bishops John Shelby Spong, John Palmer Croneberger and Mark M. Beckwith.

Valyrie Laedlein - St. George's Church, Maplewood

Valyrie has been a committed member for decades. Over the years, she has served as Senior Warden, chaired a rector's search committee, leads our Discernment ministry, and serves on our Finance ministry and as a Subdeacon on Sundays. In addition to her roles at St. George's, she currently serves on the Diocesan Anti-Racism Commission.

Nancy Sieffert - St. Stephen's Church, Millburn

Nancy has been a member of St. Stephen's for many years, serving with grace and good humor in various ministries, including Altar Guild, Finance Committee, Family Promise Essex County, Christine's Kitchen, and Drumming Camp. She is humble and always willing to acknowledge publicly the contributions of others, even as she works tirelessly alongside them. We are awarding her with a Hegg award as an expression of our gratitude for her commitment to living her faith in our parish and the world in a way that truly embodies servant leadership.

Tom Jones - St. Paul's Church, Morris Plains

Tom Jones has been a member of St. Paul's, Morris Plains, since 1971, and it has truly been his second home. He taught Sunday school, served as a youth group adviser, was a member of the Vestry and Warden, and was a deputy to the annual Diocesan Convention.

Tom's other contributions to St. Paul's parish range from deliverer of altar flowers to parishioners who are ill or homebound, serving as a lay lector and a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

Tom was also a member of Bishop Rath's Second Seventy Committee, whose members visited every mission and parish in the diocese to discuss the diocesan budget and other topics. He also served as co-chairman of the "Growing Into Our Second Century" capital campaign.

One highlight in Tom's church life was serving as Warden when the Rev. Abigail Painter was ordained to the priesthood on January 5, 1977. Abby was the first woman ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in N.J. after such ordinations were deemed "legal."

Tom is married to Penny Jones, also a recipient of this year's David Hegg award.

Penny Jones - St. Paul's Church, Morris Plains

Penny Jones has been a member of St. Paul's, Morris Plains, since 1971, and it has truly been her second home. Penny has taught Sunday school and served as a youth group adviser, the Vestry, and Warden several times. She has also served as a deputy to the annual Diocesan Convention several times.

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Penny was also frequent deliverer of altar flowers to parishioners who were ill or homebound. Penny began her St. Paul's life as chairperson of the nursery (Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me"). In addition, she has been involved in communications, from submitting St. Paul's news to the media, writing a column titled "Parish Profile" for the parish newsletter focusing on individual parishioners, and being a member of the Voice Board.

A highlight for her during the Voice years was interviewing Judith St. George, wife of the Rector of St. Peter's, Essex Fells, and author of *The Brooklyn Bridge, They Said it Couldn't Be Built*. The engagement resulted in Penny's mom, husband Tom, and their two daughters walking across that bridge on its 100th anniversary in 1983 and visiting the museum in the anchorage on the Brooklyn side - what fun!

One Sunday, when Tom and Penny were leaving a Sunday service at St. James' Episcopal Church in Clinton, NY, Penny said to the Rector, "You remind me of David Hegg, the rector of St. Peter's, Morristown in New Jersey." He told her, "David Hegg is my very best friend!"

Sallie Sullivan - St. Paul's Church, Morris Plains

Sallie Sullivan has been an active member of St. Paul's Church for over 30 years. She sings with the choir, is a lector, has served on the Vestry, Senior and Junior Warden twice, and as Webmaster. Sallie has served on numerous committees, including Personnel (chair), Search (including two for clergy), Caring Christians, Finance, Executive, Nominating (chair), and Welcoming. In addition, she has been active in fundraising, including coordinating several rummage sales, auctions, church fairs, and a Children's Book Drive for Park Elementary School in Newark.

Sallie's second time as Warden was during the pandemic and the retirement of our long-time priest and the search for a new priest. Sallie demonstrated outstanding leadership during that time, which the parish still admires today.

Rob Whitestone - St. Paul's Church, Morris Plains

Having joined St Paul's Church in 1980, Rob has had many opportunities to be involved in the working of the church. He originally joined to have his kids in Sunday School. Living in Randolph they found St Paul's to be welcoming and close by. As time past, he found a chance to serve as Acolyte leader, Vestry person (serving mostly on the finance committee), Treasurer, Junior Warden and Senior Warden. A unique and interesting role for Rob was to serve on the search committee to bring Father Paul to St. Paul's in 2003.

Agnes Clyne - Church of the Redeemer, Morristown

As a retired hospice nurse, Agnes' ministry has focused on all things related to health and caring: she has been the chair of the Pastoral Care Committee, has graciously given of her time helping those with nursing-related issues, is a part of our Serendipity Stitchers group knitting dozens of scarves a year to keep folks in the soup kitchen warm, has served on the Redeemer Forward re-opening committee and serves on the Vestry. In Morristown she is a Court-Appointed Special Advocate, speaking out on behalf of abused and neglected children. When Agnes is involved, a job will be done well!

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Ajorie Henry - Church of the Redeemer, Morristown

Ajorie has been a passionate cheerleader for Redeemer for decades, “showing up” for everything from our garden to the choir, from Vestry to daily evening prayer, from our AIDS ministry at Eric Johnson House to the Community-wide Stations of the Cross. She has marched and protested from the Morristown Green remembering victims of the Pulse Nightclub massacre to Washington, D.C., with the Diocesan March Against Gun Violence. She has been a member of Worship Committee and is known for her yearly reading of the passion on Good Friday. She cares for a large extended family: Redeemer and her beloved Jamaica.

Kathleen (Kathy) Bowen - St. Peter's Church, Morristown

Kathy is a lifelong Episcopalian and baptized at St. Mark's Houston Texas. She was part of the youth choir and youth group and was confirmed by The Most Reverend Bishop John E. Hines. She has been active in several other Episcopal churches in NJ, joining St. Peter's Church in 2008. She immediately began volunteering in many ministries including hospitality committee. Kathy was co-chair of the Outreach Commission, and co-chair of Inreach committee for many years. She has served as Deputy to Diocesan Convention. As co-chair Inreach Committee, she called on parishioners in need of love, concern and hope.

Robert Rosener - St. Peter's Church, Morristown

Bob Rosener and his wife Arline have been members of St. Peter's since 2001. Bob has been one of those people who is always around the church. He is serving as Head Usher, Usher and Greeter for twenty years. He served on Vestry from 2017-2021. He also has been on the Buildings and Grounds Committee and involved in their many projects for over 20 years most recently overseeing the Memorial Walkway bricks. Whether it is Clean up days, Derby Days, Coffee hours, Bob is always ready to lend a helping hand.

Jean Watson - St. Peter's Church, Morristown

Jean Watson has been a faithful member of St. Peter's since November 1977. She has been involved in many ministries, including Choir Mom for the Girls' Choir. As a member of the Altar Guild for over 30 years, she served as wedding coordinator and coordinated funerals. Steadfastly oversaw the Thursday service as well as laundering and ironing the altar linens. Most recently she managed special flower orders. She volunteered at Encore, St. Peter's Thrift Shop. Known for her quick wit and dry sense of humor Jean has been an active participant at St. Peter's Thursday luncheons and parish events.

Don MacGowan and Diane Grabowski - St. Peter's Church, Mountain Lakes

Don MacGowan & Diane Grabowski came to St. Peter's in 2010 when Don joined the choir. Don was soon to take a much larger role. In 2011 he became the Outreach Chair cementing a relationship with the Morris County MHA and initiating the college sponsorship of three Mozambican students and seeing one of them through medical school. Don served as Senior Warden from 2014-2019 helping to shepherd the parish through transition, a new church roof, and the state licensing of our nursery school. Since 2019, Don has returned to his outreach roots and has led us in ministry to the food insecure, homeless, and mentally disabled. Diane is also now a member of our choir and together they have been the leading force in our new ministry of refugee resettlement. Don also serves the diocese on the board of the Ward J. Herbert Fund.

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Judith Ashman-Peterkin - Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark

Judith has been a valued member of Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral since 1977. An active member and leader of the Altar Guild, Judith sees her Altar Guild work as a special ministry and is dedicated to God and her church. With members of the Altar Guild, Judith coordinates and schedules all activities preparing the worship space for Sunday worship service, confirmation, ordination, funeral and special services, cleaning the linens, brass, silver and preparation of vestments as well. Judith also serves as a Lay Reader and Eucharistic Minister, visiting the sick in hospitals and prepares meals for food banks.

Brenda Beavers Simpson - Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark

Joining Trinity & St. Philips Cathedral in 1997 with husband William (Bill) and son, William II, were embraced by the Cathedral family and became actively involved. Brenda served as Guild President, ECW member, received Diocese Stewardship training, and leadership in the Diocese's Prison Ministry Committee. October 2020, Brenda retired from The Salvation Army after 43 years of outstanding service, including as State Director of Social Service Programs. Brenda serves on the Social Justice and Senior Citizen Committees for the Township of Livingston, while maintaining involvement with Newark Americorps, Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent programs, and Newark Boys' Chorus.

Anne M. Calloway - Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark

A life-long Episcopalian, Anne has been a member of TSPC for 54 years! Baptized in the Diocese of Los Angeles in 1936, and confirmed in 1948, Anne joined St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Diocese of NY in 1957, and Church of the Epiphany, Diocese of Newark in 1960. At 85 years young, Anne's past service at TSPC includes President of ECW; St. Anne's Guild; TSPC Choristers; and TSPC Gospel Choir. Presently Anne serves as Licensed Lay-Reader; Historical Researcher; TSPC Ensemble singer; Diocesan Racial History Committee; Co-Convener Regional Ministry Network; and Project Resource for Stewardship Trainee and wherever God sends her!

Dr. Theresa Hooper Marshall Thomas - Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral, Newark

Theresa is a faithful and long-standing member of Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral always making God first. The Cathedral provided an opportunity for her to give of her time and musical talent at the 8 o'clock service. A faithful member of weekly bible study under Dean Sabune, and Bishop Broome, Theresa also served as a trustee of the Board of St. Philip's Academy, a member of the St. Ann's Guild, and an Usher at the National Cathedral. Theresa received the Dialogue on Diversity award in 2003, and was organist for two of the Union of Black Episcopalians annual conventions.

Donna Lynn O'Connor - Grace Church, Nutley

Donna was raised in the Presbyterian tradition. In the late 1990's, she was in New York City and attended a noon day service at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church on 5th Avenue and "never looked back!" The Episcopal service so inspired her that she sought out an Episcopal Church near her home, and found her way to Grace Church in Nutley. She was enthusiastically confirmed by Bishop Carol Joy Gallagher in 2006. It has been her privilege to teach Sunday School for the last 17 years, serve as chair of the Welcoming Committee, the Annual Newcomers' Reception, and she currently serves on the Vestry. As a member of the ECW, she was an Honoree of Episcopal Churchwomen "World of Women" in 2017.

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Don La Cass - St. Alban's Church, Oakland/Franklin Lakes

Donald LaCass lifelong member of St. Alban's and most steadfast member, an integral part of every aspect of our parish life. He has served as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Vestry Member, Warden and Diocesan Convention Officer. Don gives of his time freely caring for and maintaining buildings/grounds, organizing parish activities and communicating with the preschool. Don is the lifeline for outreach organizing food drives and dinners at St. Paul's Men's Shelter. During the pandemic, Don did everything to keep our parish family connected, delivering resource bags, making calls to parishioners, helping restructure online worship. Don LOVES St. Alban's!

Rahul Dass - Church of the Annunciation, Oradell

Rahul Dass has been a pledging member of Church of the Annunciation for 30 years and has been unanimously approved by the congregation to receive this Award. He has been on the Vestry 3 times including being a Warden twice and is engaged in all church activities with a helpful and pleasant nature.

Anna Marino Rodriguez - Church of the Annunciation, Oradell

Anna Marino Rodriguez has been a member of The Church of the Annunciation since 2011. She is currently a member of the Vestry and also serves as Clerk of the Vestry. In 2013, she became an Acolyte and Lay Eucharistic Minister. She is presently Chairperson of The Evangelism Committee and also is a member of the Outreach Committee. She is also active with Annunciation's Bible Study Group. Anna graduated with honors from Montclair State College in 1979 with a BS Degree in Industrial Education and Technology. She then went on to receive her Master's Degree in Supervision in Education. For the next 39 years she went on to teach Industrial Education and Technology.

Yvonne McPherson - Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church, Orange

Yvonne McPherson is a member of Epiphany and Christ Church, Orange. Her hobbies are cooking, traveling, meeting people from different places, dancing and listening to music. She also loves spending quality time with her family. Yvonne was a former Operating Room Technician.

Her spiritual home in America was Christ Church until merging with Church of Epiphany. She's been a member of both churches for over fourteen years. During that time, she has been involved in several committees, such as, Altar Guild, Soup Kitchen, as well as various fundraising committees. She believes in giving a "helping hand" wherever it is needed.

Patricia Roth - St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Phillipsburg

A lifelong member of St. Luke's, Pat has served on Vestry, and as Senior Warden, Worship Leader, ECW leader, and Convention deputy. She is a faithful member of our Altar Guild, Hospitality Committee, and Healing Prayer group. Prior to the pandemic she was active with our Tricky Tray and Candy Fundraisers, and as a pastoral visitor. During the pandemic, Pat learned new technology and continues to help run our online worship. She has taught music for 36 years.

Pat and the love of her life, Glenn, recently celebrated their 52nd Anniversary. They have one daughter and three beautiful grandchildren.

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Peggy Baggaley - Christ Church, Short Hills

Peggy Baggaley joined Christ Church in 1989. She became a Sunday School teacher and was active in the Christ Church Nursery School, serving as chair of both the CCNS Parents Association and the Board of Trustees. Peggy ran the Christ Church Rummage Sale for nine years to raise Outreach funds. After completing the Education for Ministry program, Peggy volunteered with a major outreach program of Christ Church, the Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges, which provides food and supplies for hundreds of families each week. She has been on the Executive Board of IFPO for the past ten years.

Barbara Pepe - Christ Church, Short Hills

Barbara Pepe is retiring after 16 years as Director of Christ Church Nursery School in Short Hills. Barbara has degrees in special education and a preschool teaching certificate. After starting her own school, Barbara became Director of an Episcopal school, tripling their enrollment. Looking for a new challenge, Barbara joined CCNS in 2005 where she enhanced programs and implemented new projects - an outdoor classroom with organic gardens being a favorite. Barbara maintains educational excellence while personally connecting with the children, parents and community. After 35 years working with thousands of families, she can now focus on her new granddaughter!

Philip Coppola - St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange

Philip Coppola (born Copp; name restored 2021) was baptized at the Church of the Holy Communion (now the Church of St. Andrew & Holy Communion), South Orange, in the late 1940's. He joined the choir at 8 years old, in 1956, and progressed from soprano to alto through his school years. During the early 1960's he also joined St. Stephen's Guild, the acolyte corps, and remained both in the choir and served as an acolyte until he graduated from Columbia High School in 1966. After college, and after living in New York City and on Cape Cod, Phil returned to Maplewood/South Orange and got active in the church again.

He accepted the invitation to become a lay reader and was asked to shepherd the acolytes. That was in 1975, and he is still in charge, having been given the title of Acolyte Master in about 2008. Phil headed the Property Commission in the mid-1980's, and also served on the Vestry during that time. Then, in the early 1990's, Phil accepted the invitation to join the Altar Guild, and has since also remained in the Guild, being appointed Co-Chair in early 2022. Phil continues to serve on the regular rotation of readers, continuing to help anyone with anything at anytime.

Kathy Yamaoka - St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange

A lifelong Episcopalian, Kathy moved to South Orange in 1978, and was married to her husband Jon at SAHC in 1980. Their daughter Tara was baptized the following year. In 1985, after the birth of son Jon, she began teaching Sunday School with Mrs. Grey Ellis. Thirty-seven years later, they're still a great team, leading Confirmation Class and Co-Chairing Christian Formation at SAHC!

In 1991, Kathy was recruited to be a mentor in the Confirmation class, which she proclaimed, "the best thing I've ever done!" She served as Director of Christian Formation at SAHC, and a member of the Diocesan Christian Formation Commission, from 1992 until 2005.

Kathy studied EfM – Education for Ministry – for four amazing years. The group continued on an additional four years as HfM, Hungry for More!

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She continues to find joy in teaching and learning, especially when coupled with her love of all things Church. Still teaching Confirmation, she serves on the Fundraising, Welcoming, and Worship Committees. She participates in adult classes including Wednesdays at SAHC and Affirmation of Baptism, facilitates a Small Faith Group and is a member of the Book Club. Her new best thing: spending time with three lovely granddaughters, sharing God's stories, traditions and wonder.

Dick and Brenda Ash - Calvary Church, Summit

Lifelong Episcopalians, Dick and Brenda have been members of Calvary since 2001 and are lynchpins of the church's outreach program. In particular, they have spearheaded support for Apostles' House in Newark, collecting and delivering supplies several times a year. Additionally, Brenda is a long-time member of the pastoral-care team, while Dick was webmaster of the Calvary website for almost a decade.

Allison Davis - St. Mark's Church, Teaneck

Allison Davis has been a member of St. Mark's Church, Teaneck for 37 years. During that time, she has made significant contributions of her time and talents to St. Mark's and to the Diocese in areas of audio-visual communication, youth education, Vestry, and Stewardship.

During the pandemic, Allison has been an integral part of St. Mark's and Diocesan technology teams enabling online services. Allison's contributions include Church School/Youth Leadership, writer/interviewer for the Parish and Diocesan *Voice* Newsletters and coordinating special guest speakers. She has been a member of 20 years of St. Mark's Caribbean Night, a major fundraiser for the parish.

James and Elizabeth Hooper - St. Mark's Church, Teaneck

For 30+ years James and Elizabeth Hooper have been vital to the life, energy, and direction of St. Mark's Church, Teaneck. James has served as an usher welcoming all through our doors; chaired the Buildings & Grounds Committee, shepherding us through many major projects that keep our buildings safe and functioning. Elizabeth serves on the Vestry, Counters Guild, and volunteers in our Math Adventures and Word Play program. Elizabeth was instrumental in forming our Green Team and bringing solar energy to St. Mark's. Creating our joyous biannual Caribbean Night, celebrating the food, music, and color of their heritage has been one of their greatest ministries.

Yanna Huls - St. Mark's Church, Teaneck

Yanna Huls has been a faithful member of St. Mark's Church for over 25 years. She has served as a Vestry member and currently serves as a Warden. She headed up the successful Rector search in 2019 and continues to be a vital and active participant in St. Mark's and Diocesan projects. Yanna is a lector, organizer and leader of the women's small-group faith ministry, lively member of the book group, and proud Education for Ministry (EfM) graduate. A professional singer, she has sung in the choir for many years. Yanna is known for her smile, wise counsel, and generosity!

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Barbara Drake Boehm - St. James Church, Upper Montclair

Dr. Barbara Drake Boehm and her family have been members of Saint James Church for many years. Barbara has filled countless volunteer roles in the Altar Guild, Parish Life, as well as being a Vestry member and a Warden.

Her love of art, history and culture have shaped her professional life as a Metropolitan Museum of Art administrator. As a lay leader she has helped to maintain the church's religious objects and iconography and has been instrumental in the preservation of this historic 133 year old church. Her work with the Episcopal Diocese in Jerusalem supports The Saint George School and the Princess Basma Health Center located in the West Bank of Israel which is committed to the educational, spiritual, and health needs of children in the Mideast with many of these children being Palestinian.

There is also a residential program called The Mother's Empowerment Program focusing on children and families.

In 2016, Barbara and members of Saint James went on a mission trip to Jerusalem and the Princess Basma Center. As a result of that trip, Saint James and our Diocese have become active supporters of this program. providing financial support for both Saint George's and the Basma Center.

Barbara has also supported ministry dedicated to the needs of challenged youth in our own community. The Sky's the Limit Thrift Store was created to provide employment for youth and young adults with learning challenges and disabilities. The Thrift Store has resulted in a thriving center for our customers, church volunteers, challenged adults, and Montclair High School student employees.

The store also established a supportive relationship with the Navagadores Refugee Program in Montclair which engages families from South and Central America seeking political asylum in the United States providing them with clothing, home goods and financial resources. Also proceeds from the store are committed to helping families and children locally and in Afghanistan, Kenya, Haiti, and Ukraine.

All Barbara does with love and generosity for her church and neighbors is why she is awarded the David Hegg Award for 2022.

Margaret and James Ferrel - Church of the Holy Spirit, Verona

Margaret and James Ferrel exemplify service to the Christian Community. Married for 45 years, they raised their children in the Episcopal faith, volunteering wherever there was a need. Members of the parish for over 20 years and active with the Outreach Committee for years, they were at the forefront of projects including the establishment of the Holy Spirit Food Pantry. Jim served several terms on the Vestry as well as in the role of Treasurer. Peggy shared her creativity serving on the Worship and Program Committee and helping redesign the organ chamber. Their generosity is unparalleled, whether driving to bring a young parishioner to services or sheltering someone in need, they are truly signs of God's hands here on earth.

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Ray Sperber - Church of the Good Shepherd, Wantage

Ray has been a faithful servant and tireless volunteer at Good Shepherd since he moved to Sussex County over 10 years ago. He is currently serving his third term on the Vestry and is volunteering at the Church's Food Pantry as a greeter two mornings a week without fail. Ray has a kind word for everyone who enters our church and he thoroughly enjoys his training as a Eucharistic Minister, not only by participating in our services every Sunday, but by taking communion to those who are homebound and in nursing homes. Ray makes coffee, cooks, and cleans up for every church event, whether coffee hour, community dinners or fund raisers. Good Shepherd is blessed to have Ray, a soul who loves helping others and giving himself to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Claire Hillenbrand - St. Michael's Church, Wayne

Claire has been a Coffee Hour Hostess and faithful Greeter at Sunday services, giving all attendees a welcoming smile and keeping contact tracing during the Pandemic.

Claire Kolaritsch - St. Michael's Church, Wayne

Claire has been a Coffee Hour Hostess, Greeter and is serving as an Altar Guild member which she has done for many years.

Philip Abraham - St. Paul's & Resurrection, Wood-Ridge

Philip Abraham (Shaji), a faithful member of St. Paul's & Resurrection since 1985, has multiple talents, which he readily uses to the glory of God. Shaji's musical ability (Choir) and audio-visual expertise prompted him to record Church activities and Choir presentations. Video archives have existed since the inception of this church. Shaji is an active member of the Building & Grounds team. There are countless instances of Shaji jumping into the fray to attend to malfunctioning plumbing, leaking roofs, busted boilers, and more. We are indebted to Shaji for his quick response to emergencies, and his selfless and dedicated service.

Abraham Itty - St. Paul's & Resurrection, Wood-Ridge

Abraham Itty (Eugene), has been with St. Paul's & Resurrection since 1990. Eugene exemplifies the serving spirit extolled by our Lord. Eugene and his wife Leela have instilled these values in their children too who serve as Ushers and Counters at Services - responsibilities they took on while still in School. Eugene is the "Lay Eucharistic Minister" - a role that he fulfills with dedication, punctuality, and cheerful energy. He facilitates a smooth flow during the Service and Communion and has, on occasion, "trained" visiting priests on Altar protocol. We appreciate Eugene's faithfulness and sincere contributions to our Church.



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A user-friendly state resource for finding information on what is available in New Jersey is the **Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)** found at <https://www.adrcnj.org/home>. Their number is 877-222-3737.

Each county has an **Area Agency on Aging (AAA)**. The name of the agency varies by county, but all provide information and access to services for seniors. A directory for the county agencies is found at <https://www.adrcnj.org/contact-area-agencies-on-aging>.