

Vestry Slate 2022

Jennie Couture



Jennie has been a member at St. Bede's for 3 years. She spent most of her 40 year career working in various roles in early childhood education with a focus on supporting high quality, inclusive education opportunities for all children. She retired from the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning in 2021. At St. Bede's Jennie is part of the Invite, Welcome, Connect committee and the Pastoral Care Team. Jennie is married to Richard Couture who also attends St. Bede's and together they have five children and four grandchildren. Jennie is excited about supporting St Bede's work in bringing God's love to our community through vestry service.

Fred B. Murphy



My love for St. Bede's began in the 1970's when I began attending Sunday services with my then girlfriend, now wife, Cheryl. Father Milton Murray was the Rector and the campus consisted of several disconnected buildings. Father Murray along with my Uncle, a Methodist Minister officiated our wedding ceremony. I have seen St. Bede's grow from several disconnected buildings to a beautiful nave with a welcoming commons area and classroom building. I have always found St Bede's to be a warm and welcoming congregation. I embrace the order of service, the Liturgy, the openness of the Episcopal Church, the music, the choir and Folk Masses. I believe St. Bede's to be a very special place.

I have previously served as a Vestry member for three years and also on the Facilities, Endowment and Stewardship committees. My time on the Vestry has provided spiritual growth and close friendships and I have enjoyed working with multiple Rectors and other clergy. Along with Cheryl I have taught in the YAC youth Sunday school taking part in their pilgrimage to New York City and to their mission trip to Perlington, Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina. During those trips I witnessed the special bonding and spiritual development that our high school youth enjoyed. Let Love overflow!

Kim Padgett



Kim joined St. Bede's in March of 2020. Her past experiences in church leadership include chairing committees in the areas of Children's Ministry and Worship, Music and Arts at a variety of mainline churches. Kim is a member of the choir at St. Bede's and enjoys sharing her musical gifts and collaborating with other musicians at church. She plays and teaches the violin professionally, and her more than forty years of performing in a diverse array of worship services has fostered a passion for exploring the impactful role of the arts in worship, and in the life of the

Church in general. Kim and her husband, David Padgett, have a son, Ben, who attends college and occasionally sings in the choir. Kim looks forward to deepening her connection to St. Bede's and, by serving on the Vestry, hopes to help keep up the momentum in engaging our community with the challenging, transformative and spiritual adventures at St. Bede's.

Orisha Parsons



Orisha has been a member of St. Bede's for about ten years, first serving with the St. Bede's Usher Guild in 2012, then adding to her service with the church's Flower Guild in 2014. She also serves as a greeter, and as a teacher in St. Bede's ESOL Program. Most recently, Orisha has served on the Gathering Going Forward Group and the Campus Master Planning Group. By trade, Orisha is an architect and has been employed at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta in that capacity since 2000. Orisha has served on the Vestry before and she believes that being a member of St. Bede's Vestry is a great opportunity for her to continue to work for God's church and demonstrate love and compassion for others.