

## Wardens

### Senior Warden: Barbara Parsons, Outreach Chair, ECCT Annual Convention Delegate



I've been a member of this church since 1977. I was brought up very strict Roman Catholic. One day our sign caught my eye. It said "Jesus is Lord. The Bible is preached here as the Word of God." That was the beginning of my journey at C&E.

At this time, I'm a member of the Altar Guild. I'm a part of the Midnight Run Team and organizer of the Good Shepherd Thrift Store. My ministries hopefully help and touch the "least of our Brothers and Sisters."

I have two grown daughters, Elise and Rene and two teenage grandchildren, Cody and Casey, a brother, Jack, and sister-in-law Jan.

I work part-time in the billing department of Quinnipiac Medical of Branford. I love the outdoors and my gardens and spend a lot of time with my family.

### Junior Warden: Janet Cianelli



A lifelong resident of East Haven, I have been involved in many behind the scene fund raising and some very public events like the Penguin Plunge held every December at the town beach for Special Olympics until the town stopped it. I received awards with my daughter Kimberly Coppola for being the highest fundraising team for six years and best costumes!

While my children were in the East Haven School System I worked for the East Haven Board of Education as a long-term substitute and taught ESL (English as a Second Language). I overlapped careers being a real estate agent for over twenty-eight years achieving the status of the Multi-Million Dollar Club for most of those years. As an agent, I organized many fundraising activities with other agents. I raised money and collected for Toys for Tots, Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy, ALS, and the American Cancer Society, plus held food drives for the East Haven Food Pantry. I did this while raising a family, running a business, and being active in East Haven politics! However, I have just retired from my career as real estate agent and am looking forward to serving the church community.

As my three daughters Kimberly, Julie, and Karen were growing up, I served as Girl Scout Leader for over eight years, regularly conducting meetings for a group of young girls at Overbrook School. I served as the first female Commissioner of Annex Little League

Girls Softball as well as one of the first women Commissioners of Sal Tinari Bidy Basketball League where I also coached a girl's basketball team. I was elected as Registrar of Voters and served sixteen years in that position running the elections in town.

Today I use my free time to volunteer at the East Haven Food Pantry (past treasurer) and if you are looking for me around Thanksgiving you can find me helping to fill 240 food baskets. I now serve on the board of the Community Kitchen that serves lunch the first and third Saturdays of the month. I serve on the Tax Assessment Board of Appeals, ADA Commission and also because of my love of animals, I help my daughter Kimberly with animal rescues.

My greatest accomplishment, I would definitely say, is my beautiful family, especially my nine grandchildren! My husband Peter of 45 years and myself have joined the Christ and The Epiphany family after I have been away from it for 45 years and I am very happy to be back where it seems I belong. I welcome the new challenge as Second Warden and hope to serve in this capacity with new enthusiasm as there is much to be done. I am looking forward to working with the Church Community as I try to accomplish some of the goals I hope to achieve here. There is a lot for me to learn and I hope with all God's help and yours I transition into this position with the knowledge I need to do this job!

## Vestry Members

As leaders of the congregation, vestry members bring a broad range of knowledge, skill and experience as they work with people, manage money, care for facilities, plan for the future and handle many of the other aspects of a faith-based community. The individual gifts of vestry members are brought together to further God's mission in the world. The Vestry meets at on the 3rd Sunday of the month after 10:00 a.m. service in the library. Officers (Treasurer and Clerk) and Wardens serve a one-year term, and Members-at-large serve a three-year term.

## Officers

### Treasurer: Susan Shultz



A life-long Episcopalian, I have been coming to Christ and The Epiphany Church since 2009. Following in the “family” business, I have been Treasurer since 2016 (mom is organist and dad is bookkeeper /former treasurer). I love that the family at C &E is so welcoming and inclusive. That is very important to me and something I believe a God of Love calls us to be in the world. I treasure the friendships I have made at C&E. I also participate in the parish by singing, reading lessons, and ushering. I work from home in Clinton, CT as a computer analyst for Tickets.com based out of California. My husband and I have a dear cat “Cosmo” and enjoy camping and spending time with friends. And my mom and I sing in the Greater New Haven Community Chorus.

### Parish Clerk: Kristina Langlan



I came to Christ and The Epiphany Church in 2001 and was married here and became part of the Langlan family in 2003. Steve is my truly incredible husband who has definitely reinforced my belief in unconditional love. I have four beautiful children - Steven, Kyle, Jessica and Charles (Charlie). I am fortunate to have a job that allows me to work from home, giving me the ability to be a full time mom, wife and friend. Steve and I have been Cub Scout Leaders for Charlie and have now moved on to Boy Scouts with him where he is working hard in hopes of reaching Eagle Scout. I am also an avid reader and love animals.

Here at C & E I have served on the Vestry multiple times as Outreach Chairperson. I also enjoy hosting Coffee Hour and participating in the Christmas Fair. I look forward to Sundays when I can share some time with my family and celebrate and thank God for all the love and compassion each and every one of you has given me throughout my years at C & E.

### Vestry-at-large

Sallie Alexander, Vestry Member 2018

Joyce Aurelius, Vestry Member 2016-2018, Pastoral Care Chair, ECCT Annual Convention Alternate Delegate



I grew up in the Church of the Epiphany in Walpole, Mass. From Baptism through Confirmation to my wedding, I went to Sunday school, choir, youth fellowship, etc. Both my parents sang in the choir, and both my brothers were acolytes, so it was a real family foundation. After my husband and I were married, we began a life of moving and travel. John is an engineer, and often the job ends when the project ends. We've moved 12 times, and I can give you a long list of Episcopal churches in six states, most recently Washington State.

We arrived in East Haven in December 2014, and we know the first thing you do in a new town is find the church. C&E made us so welcome, it was as if we had been members for years. Volunteering is second nature to us, so when Carol said help was needed in Altar Guild, I stepped up. What better thing to do than set a Table for Our Lord? Barb Parsons is my Altar Guild partner, so of course I've gotten involved with the Thrift Store and provisioning for Midnight Run. I'm often found in the kitchen, trying to help Carol. As a new Vestry member, I've been given responsibility for "Pastoral Care", in which I hope to reach out to parishioners who need a helping hand,

a friendly shoulder, or a spiritual boost.

John and I are blessed with 2 wonderful adult children, Karen and Eric, 2 wonderful granddaughters, Diane and Jacqueline, and 4 wonderful great-grandsons, Cayden, Cameron, Julion and Jayce. It can get pretty noisy at our house when we're all together, which isn't nearly often enough.

I worked for many years for Virgin Atlantic Airways, which gave us the opportunity to travel a great deal more than we could have afforded without my pass. We still love to travel, although we do less than in past years. John and I have been members since the 1950s of the Trolley Museum here in East Haven. That gives us another volunteer opportunity, and more community involvement.

I thank God and the C&E community for the opportunity to serve.

Wendy Bellmore, Vestry Member 2017-2019

Ron Blevins, Vestry Member 2018-2020

Margaret Lifton, Vestry Member 2017-2019

Astrid Swanson, Vestry Member 2018-2020

I was born a twin to Carol DuBay. Over the years we had so much fun together and later both worked at Yale and took the same train every morning and every night and sometimes we still had something to say in the evening so we had to call one another. We grew up in West Haven and were class officers in our junior and senior years and went to Quinnipiac University and were class officers there as well. In 1961 I married Ron Swanson who was from East Haven. Ron's family were members of C&E for years and served on many committees. There's a wood carving on the left side wall in the church in memory of his parents. We met at the Blades hockey game at the arena as we both liked hockey and attended games every Sunday and Wednesday nights each with a different group of people. My friend Carole knew Ron and introduced us. After marriage we lived in Newington for one year, West Haven for 3 years and then purchased our first home in East Haven in Foxon where we lived for 12 years. In 1977 we purchased a home in Short Beach, Branford which belonged to Ron's aunt where I still reside. We have 4 sons: Kurt, Karl, Kraig and Keith. They all live in Connecticut and have blessed us with 6 grandchildren. Julie our oldest, now resides in Baltimore after college; Jeffrey is a junior at Georgetown, Jake is a junior at American University but is studying in Rome for 5 months; Marisa is a senior in high school; Tanner is a freshman in high school and Colin is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. All of us go to the Jersey Shore in August for one week. It's so much fun. Ron died after a car accident in 2012. In the chapel there's a wood carving of Jesus the Carpenter in memory of Ron. I'm still working at Yale, now 43 years and will retire in 2 years. In my spare time I love to cook, garden, walk my beautiful dog Oslo, and be with my family and friends. I forgot to mention my "jobs" at church:

I'm starting my third time on Vestry (now on the Building/Grounds Committee); I serve on the Altar Guild as well as Counting once a month with Fred Bowden.

I also take care of the large flower pots in front of the church and the side door. I can also be seen during the Christmas Fair at the Religious Table.

**ECCT (Episcopal Church in Connecticut) Annual Convention Delegate:**

**Diane Villano, Communications Chair**



My desire to become part of a worshipping community was prompted by the heartbreaking tragedy of Sandy Hook in Newtown, CT. After many years of not attending any religious services, I began "church shopping" in the Episcopal faith, as it was the denomination closest to the tradition in which I was raised. My first visit to Christ and The Epiphany made it clear I had found my church home. I was welcomed warmly by the clergy and parishioners. In rapid order I became the church photographer and a member of the Communications Commission. I am honored to now serve on the vestry and to chair the Communications Commission.

Away from C&E, I work as a computer programmer at a nearby university. I hold Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Art Education, and I teach polymer clay, jewelry and mixed media

workshops nationally. My art has won numerous international design awards, and has been featured in many publications. I live in East Haven with my extremely supportive husband, and possibly too many cats.