

# The Titusian

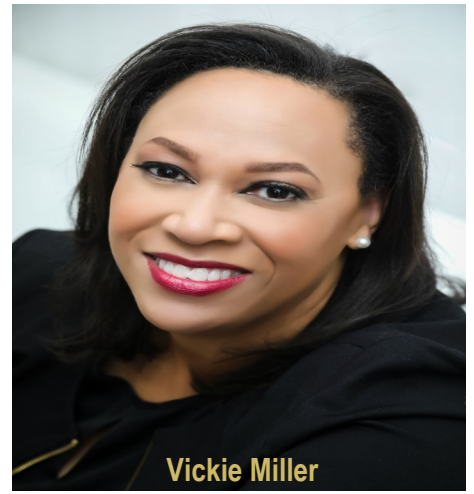
## New Vestry Members



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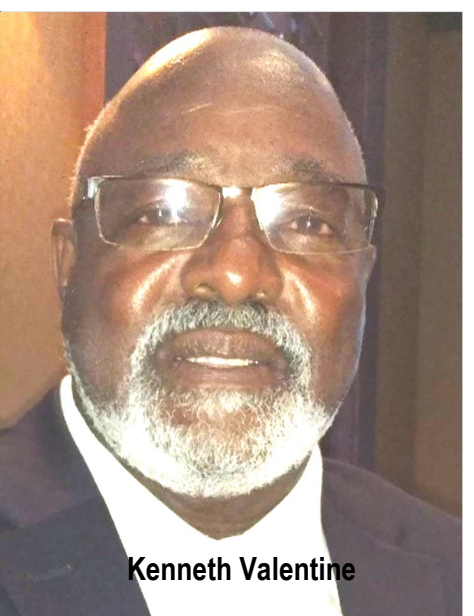
Vickie Miller



Lionell Parker



Cheryl Myers



Kenneth Valentine

Vestry members are legal representatives and agents of a parish, charged with specific responsibilities by the canons of The Episcopal Church. They share leadership responsibilities with the rector. As legal representative and agent, the vestry functions much like the board of any nonprofit, with responsibility for finances and management of property and human resources. Many aspects of the vestry's role are defined by entities beyond the congregation—local, state, and federal laws, and diocesan and Episcopal Church canons—as well as by the church's own constitution and bylaws.

St. Titus' is a diverse and growing community committed to walking with Christ by serving others, pursuing justice and welcoming all.

# A bit about our new Vestry Members



**Paula Drew-Estes.** I was a member of St. Titus' Church from 1973-1985 and was an active member of the Altar Guild (having received instruction from Murray Marvin),

the Episcopal Church Women and the Cousins Club. I have participated in and assisted with our pancake suppers, the Fall Crafts Fair and Spaghetti Supper and the various activities for our youth that included car washes and Easter egg hunts. In 1985 I moved to Maryland and became a member of St. Katherine's Anglican Church and later at St. James Episcopal Church, serving on the Altar Guild, parent advisory for the Youth Group and the Episcopal Church Women. In 2008, I returned to Durham, and St. Titus' Church. My past experience with St. Titus' Church includes serving out a one-year term on the Vestry for a church member who left the Vestry in 2015. I have seen this parish full of families and activities for all ages. It is my desire to help St. Titus' flourish again as an active and vital part of this community and a welcoming parish for all people.



**Robyn Furges.** I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Vestry. I have been a member of St Titus Episcopal church for twenty years. Over the years my primary goal was to have a personal relationship with God and to make sure my children had a strong Christian foundation. In working towards both goals; I have been active in several ministries in the church. Episcopal Church Woman – Secretary St. Titus', current- Durham Convocation Chair, Youth Coordinator- 2004 to 2020 St. David's Usher Guild, St. Titus' Altar Guild, St. Titus' Benevolent Committee, Vestry clerk, Eucharistic Minister, Lector Reader Rector Search Committee Chair – current. My love for St Titus' comes from watching the work of the many Saints past and present who worked tirelessly to keep the doors of this church open for 100 + years.

**Vickie Miller** has been a member of St. Titus' Episcopal Church since early 2000,s shortly after marrying her husband, Paul Miller. Vickie has been involved with the ECW and serves as a Co-Chair. She also helped out with St. Titus' Music Ministry for a short period. In her professional career, Vickie is the Learning and Development Director with the NC League of Municipalities. She holds a BA and M.Ed. in Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Vickie and Paul live in Durham and have one daughter, Sky, a junior at Northwestern University.



## Cheryl Myers

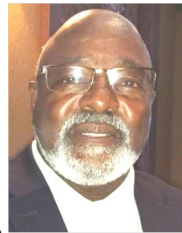
There is nothing special to say: I have been a member of St. Titus' since 1978. I have served on the vestry twice before and I am a member of the Altar Guild, a reader and help with all ECW and church activities. I am originally from Raleigh and my children grew up at St. Titus'



## Lionel Parker

My desire to serve as a vestry member is to assist a cadre of vestry lay leaders to help nurture the development of Christian leadership in St. Titus', which will bring about a transformation, renewal and revival to our church. I want to be a part of the continued Transformation, and to help call forth creative new ministries to serve our local community. I want to help to shape our future in accordance with God's dream. I have extensive experience in Community, Business and Educational Leadership. I live in our community and have worked in our community in many capacities.

I was confirmed in St. Titus' Episcopal Church, An experienced servant leader willing to share lessons learned along the way of my Christian Journey: **St. Titus' Episcopal Church-** Vestry 2003-2006; Vestry 2018 -2020; Licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister, Finance Committee Chair; Diocesan Convention Delegate; Lay Reader; Episcopal Youth Leader; Christian Formation Committee; Kanuga Conference Center- Board of Visitors; Brotherhood-Fish Fry. **At St Mark's Episcopal Church, Roxboro, NC;** Treasurer; Licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister, Catechist; Vestry; Discernment committees



## Kenneth Valentine

St. Titus has been a constant inspiration of God's love in my life. I remain hopeful and optimistic for the future of this church and look forward to another opportunity to serve. Served three different terms as vestry member under Rev. Calvin Griffin, Rev. Monroe Freeman, and Rev. William Maddox; Served two terms as Junior Warden, Lay Eucharistic Minister;

Lector; Stewardship co-chair; Served on two Rector search committees; (for candidates Rev. Freeman and Rev. Maddox); St. David's Usher Guild; Offering Counter; Acolyte advisor and trainer; Continuing service to set-up and breakdown folding tables and chairs, sanctuary chairs, kneelers, removal and replacement of hymnals etc., for services, meetings and special events upon request.



**Meetings** are held monthly on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1-pm via Zoom. **Meetings are open to all parishioners.** The Link to the meeting is published in the St. Titus' Weekly News.



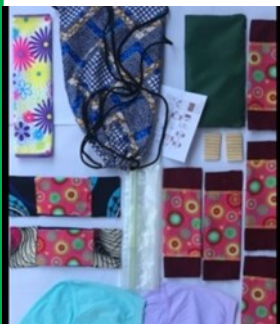


## Lew Myers Invites Your Support of This Special Outreach Program



“Proper menstrual health management is a universal human right, a critical component of gender equity and vital to women and girls reaching their full potential.” *Days for Girls International*

I am a member of Sister Cities Durham-Arusha Committee. We have partnered with Days for Girls Durham East NC to provide 50 menstrual kits to Maasai students in Arusha, Tanzania. Unlike girls and women in the United States, these girls do not have access to the same menstrual cycle resources (disposable pads and tampons). These kits include supplies that allow these girls to have a "reusable menstrual kit" with them that they are able to use for sanitary needs for approximately 3 years. The cost of a kit from start to finish per individual is approximately \$17. You can see a picture and description of the kit below..



Our goal for 2023 is to raise \$2500 for 150 kits. I am asking you to give if you are able. ***We would like to collect all funds no later than March 31, 2023 as we will gather to assemble kits on April 15, 2023.*** If you would like to give, please make your check to St. Titus' Church (memo line: Days for Girls) or you may donate online at the url below. Thank you for your consideration.

*Days for Girls International is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization and your donation is tax-deductible within the guidelines of U.S. law. To claim a donation as a deduction on your U.S. taxes, please keep your email donation receipt as your official record. We'll send it to you upon successful completion of your donation.*

In 2022 our Durham East NC Team were able to [assemble menstrual kits](#), we made and delivered them to the Maasai students of [Lamenyata Secondary School](#) students of Arusha, Tanzania.

For 2023 our goal is to raise \$2500 we are looking for the

- \$700 for 50 kits made by the Durham East NC Chapter
- \$300 to ship from US to TZ
- \$1300 for 100 kits made by the Mto wa Mbu Enterprise in Arusha
- \$200 for an instructor and nurse to provide Feminine Hygiene and Menstruation training (cost includes lunch and bus fare)

**Visit the DfG Durham East NC Team donation page:**

<https://donate.daysforgirls.org/fundraiser/2725937>

Women and girls deserve a fair shot to stay in school, chase their wildest dreams and show the world what they're made of, without menstruation getting in the way.

You can make this happen with a gift of dignity, freedom, and equal opportunity - **now that is truly priceless.**



**Your funds support the efforts of our local team in many ways:**

- Provide supplies for kits**
- Offer sewing workshops**
- Involve other community groups**
- Cover shipping cost of kits to schools**



## The Absalom Jones Fund for Episcopal HBCUs

Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites people of all backgrounds and faiths to support the hope-filled, life-impacting work of two historically Black institutions of higher education through donations and dedicated offerings on the Feast of Absalom Jones—the first Black priest ordained by the church—observed Feb. 13.

Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Voorhees University in Denmark, South Carolina, were founded after the Civil War to create educational opportunities for formerly enslaved people. They provide a liberal arts education to thousands of students, as well as offer robust campus ministries to help form young adults as followers of Jesus and his way of love.



“Historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) are essential engines of justice, equity, and social mobility,” Curry said. “They provide high-quality education to students whose backgrounds and experiences may not have prepared them well for college success. They nurture talent that may have otherwise been discouraged by obstacles.”

Donations to the HBCUs (divided equally between the two) help support scholarships and financial aid for students in need as well as funding for quality facilities, faculty recruitment and retention, and the development of religious life on campus. Voorhees and Saint Augustine's are seeking to build strong programs in STEM fields and the health sciences as they overcome the financial pressures created by COVID-19.

Supporting HBCUs is an investment in the ministry of reconciliation and building a better future for all, Curry said. “As much as we give to these institutions, they give back to our world many times over,” he said.

**To give:** Make a donation online at <https://iam.ec/ajf>, scan the QR code, or text GIVEHBCU to 41444. If you would like to celebrate Blessed Absalom Jones in your parish or diocese through a “love offering” or wish to give through stocks or securities, please contact T.J. Houlihan at [thoulihan@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:thoulihan@episcopalchurch.org) or (800) 334-7626 x6271.



# CREATION CARE



*Titusians At Work*

In Jesus, God so loved the whole world. We follow Jesus, so we love the world God loves. Concerned for the global climate emergency, drawing on diverse approaches for our diverse contexts, we commit to form and restore loving, liberating, life-giving relationships with all of Creation.

The Episcopal Church's Covenant for the Care of Creation is a commitment to practice loving formation, liberating advocacy and life-giving conservation as individuals, congregations, ministries and dioceses. adopt the Covenant in your community.



## Good News Gardens

We believe that one thing that love could do right now is call a community of people with the ability to plant gardens of all sizes and kinds together – from small pots of herbs to hundreds of acres of corn – in order to share the love of Christ through word and action, food and labor.





# SAVE THE DATE



**St. Titus' Episcopal Church**

*in partnership with the*

**Vestry and the Episcopal Church Women are hosting**

**Virtual Pancake Dinner**

**Shrove Tuesday February 21, 2023**

**6:00 pm to 7:15 pm**

**Stay Tuned for More Details**



It was the last chance for a spot of indulgence before 40 days of fasting, and also an opportunity to use up food that couldn't be eaten during Lent. This included eggs, fat and milk, which were made into pancakes and eaten on that day.





## ***Lent for all of us***

Self-denial is a slippery discipline, especially at Lent, when Christians traditionally give up something they like to eat.

Ages ago when believers gave up meat, eggs, and milk, they were suffering genuine hardship because they didn't have many other options in their diet.

Today, giving up a certain food is easy—there is always more to replace it. No meat, no problem. We've got fish and soy products, blender drinks, and protein bars. In addition, there is always the thought lurking in the back of my mind that if I cut back on food a bit I might lose a few pounds.

There are other options for self-denial as we commemorate our Lord's 40 days in the desert as He began His earthly ministry. To add to your commemoration of Lent, or to begin now or anytime, consider these disciplines that may not be as obvious as food, but can be quite difficult:

*We can give up our time.* We can give up our free time and spend more time with Jesus, in His word, or serving others. This can be a genuine sacrifice, because for many today there is little free time.

*We can give up control of our words to Jesus.* This is hard for us because we want to speak first, to give our opinion. For Lent we can give up our words so we can listen carefully to others.

*We can give up feelings of resentment.* Living the Christian life is hard and few appreciate how hard we try but no matter how difficult our day, remember Jesus sees your efforts and loves you.

Spend time alone with Jesus, as He did with His Father in the desert. Ask Him what He wants you to give up. Obey Him faithfully, in secret, and your Easter reward won't only be a few lost pounds, but a closer walk with your Savior.

## ***Lenten Series at St. Titus' Church***

***(exact dates and times will be announced)***

A Curriculum for Episcopalians Based in the Life and Legacy of the Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray in Four Parts:

1. Gifts of the Holy Spirit
2. Historic Ordination
3. Eucharistic Celebration
4. Interconnectedness Integrated Body, Mind and Spirit

This series will be led by Callie Swaim-Fox, *Pauli Murray Center Fellow for Archives and Faith Programming* at the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice.. It will also be shared with friends of the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice.

Pauli Murray was an American civil rights activist who became a lawyer, gender equality advocate, Episcopal priest, and author. Drawn to the ministry, in 1977 she became one of the first women—and the first African-American woman—to be Ordained as an Episcopal priest. She worshipped at St. Titus' as a young girl.

Deacon Sarah Woodard



# Easter Flowers

Many people have one or more days in the year which they commemorate. Flowers for the church can fittingly mark the anniversary of a Birth, Confirmation, Wedding or Death, or may be used as an expression of joy and thanksgiving at any time. Easter can be more festive with your lily gifts.

If you would like to give flowers for the Church, please complete the form in the narthex or provide the information: **1. Your name; 2. Number of lilies @ \$15.00 each; 3. Given in Memory of ?**

Place your check and Easter Lily order in the Alms Bason along with your check made to St. Titus' Church earmarked "Easter Lilies" **Each plant costs \$15.00.** If you desire to have your name/gifts appear in the service bulletin for Easter your check and form must be turned in by March 30, 2023. Information must be submitted in writing to reduce errors in names, dates, etc

## NEXT Steps Seeking a New Rector

The Search Committee will write the Office of Transition Ministry Profile (OTM Profile) and it will be entered into the Episcopal Church's OTM Profile Database for all potential candidates to view.

The Search Committee will select and interview candidates from among the applicants.

The Bishop will interview the top 3 candidates.

**The Search Committee then decides on ONE candidate and gives that ONE name to the Vestry:**  
"You asked us to find a priest like this.... We give you the Rev... because...."

The Vestry will call the Rector with the approval of Bishop Rodman

The Bishop will install the Rector.

Birthdays		Anniversary	
07 Alexandria Horne	19 Ann Edmonds	29 Darryl	
08 Stephanie Exum	20 J. Michael Woodard	and Robyn Farges	
10 Cheryl Myers	21 Kehlo Chavis		
11 Marlynn Jones	22 Ray Lipscomb, IV		
12 David West	22 Spike Yancy		
14 Ken Valentine, II	23 Luis Horne		
15 Trevor Miller	24 Khristy Horne		
19 Annette Bailey	24 Mary Hawkins		

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