

# Board of Servant Leaders 2021 Candidates

Six members of Good Shepherd are running for four openings on the Board of Servant Leaders. The candidates are Sam Blackburn, Kathy Eickelberg, Allen Hodges, June McGurn, David Nestleroth, and John Stoothoff. Information about the candidates is available below.

BoSL members remaining on the Board are Leta Kent, Ted Lillestolen, and Vicki Peter. We thank Josh Linder, Will Metts, Jim Micsan, and Anne Morgan for their faithful service as they complete their two-year terms on the Board.

Voting will be held online, from Saturday, April 17, through Wednesday, April 21.

If you have questions, contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Leta Kent, Ted Lillestolen, Bob Neil, Vicki Peter, and Pastor Johann.

## **Sam Blackburn**

I have been a member of Good Shepherd since 2009. I am husband to Laura of 25 years and humble hero to 16-year-old twins, David and Audrey. Two years ago, we moved from Fairfax to Middleburg and are still adjusting to country life. I have been ushering for the last couple of years and have participated in multiple Rise Against Hunger events. Being asked to serve on the Board of Servant Leaders was a complete surprise to me, and I would be happy to serve if selected. I was born and raised in Wilmington, North Carolina. I joined the Air Force and was stationed in Germany for three years. After that I began a career in computer programming. I am now focused on creating large-scale computer forensics systems.



## **Kathy Eickelberg**

My name is Kathy Eickelberg. My husband, Henry, and I have been members of Good Shepherd since we moved to Virginia in 1997. Our four kids are all married and living in the area, and we are blessed with five grandchildren thus far. The Lord has tugged at my heart about serving for Good Shepherd. In the midst of the pandemic, I have been thrilled (can we be thrilled during a pandemic???) to see how our virtual services have reached far and wide. I would encourage the Board to look for creative ways to continue the gift of this ministry while working hard to get us all back in church and singing praises to God!



## Allen Hodges

A native Texan, I am a Foreign Service Officer currently working in a domestic assignment at the State Department. I have been married to Jessica for 10 years. We have two children, aged 5 and 2, who do their best to keep us busy.

Our family started coming to Good Shepherd in March of 2018 and we became members in September 2019. We were attracted to Good Shepherd because of its rich usage of liturgy and music following in the footsteps of other Christians who have used these same patterns of worship for hundreds of years. Since joining we have been particularly blessed to see our children grow through the robust children's ministry, Jessica singing in the choir, and all of us through the fellowship of our church.



The mental health ramifications of the pandemic will continue to reverberate long after most people are vaccinated this summer. Like many churches, Good Shepherd faces a tremendous challenge but also a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help isolated believers reengage with their faith and to change the lives of non-believers by sharing God's love. Navigating this reopening process will not be easy, but by the grace of God, we have the opportunity to reshape lives in a more Christlike manner. If chosen, I would be honored to serve the church during this time of transition.

## June McGurn

Hello, my brothers and sisters in Christ! I'm a member of the Sanctuary Choir and lead the Advent Tea. I've participated in Rise Against Hunger and the Adopt a Highway cleanup efforts, and have been seen in the kitchen setting up Sunday morning coffee. I've relished the Women's Retreat and Bible studies. Born and baptized a Catholic in New Jersey, I moved to Reston in 2012 before joining Good Shepherd in September 2018. I'm retired now, but my career included project/program management, managing organizational change, training, and data management as an employee and consultant for large worldwide organizations, nonprofits and family businesses. I've served on other nonprofit boards.



The past year has been difficult for all of us. My husband, Terry, who had a long and distinguished career at CIA, died in August. The love and support I received from Pastor Johann and my brothers and sisters at Good Shepherd were a treasure. I've been a grateful and enthusiastic participant in the drive-in Communion services and have attended abbreviated services in the sanctuary. The online services, Midweek Recharges, and Bible studies were a lifeline for me, and I believe these online gatherings are valuable forms of outreach, inclusion, and evangelism and should continue in some way. Like so many of us, I look forward to the deep joy we will all feel when we can worship as usual in the sanctuary as a congregation, and I pray that day comes soon.

Finding the best approach to any challenge requires asking the right questions, gathering the right data, and praying for wisdom and discernment. I would be honored to bring my passion and experience to the service of Good Shepherd in this way. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). Brave in faith, let us go forward together to meet the challenges of returning to normal and carrying on God's work.

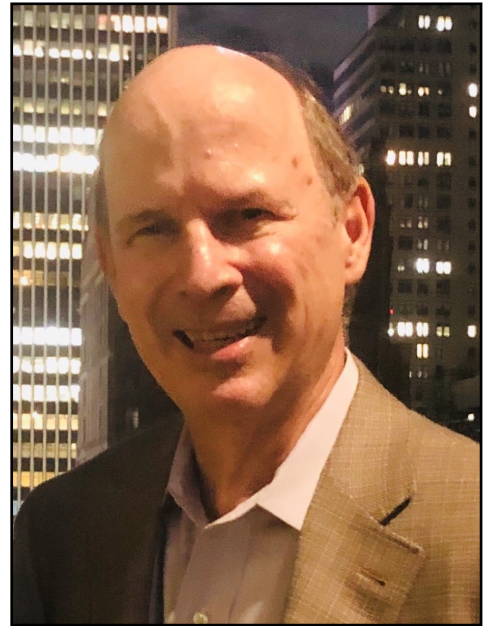


### **David Nestleroth**

GSLC leadership, staff, and volunteers have creatively responded to a year of unanticipated challenges, driving opportunities for worship, service, and growth. I'd be honored to collaboratively help carry forward that spiritual mission.

I was Board Chairman of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield, Virginia. I am a forty-year member of the American Institute of Architects, serving religious, commercial, and government clients. Projects include volunteer design and fundraising for church building programs, three office buildings nearby the White House, and 10 years as a Pentagon Renovation design project manager. I currently oversee Joint Base Andrews facilities modernization.

Born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, I am the Lutheran son of a homemaker and School Board member and an engineering Operations Manager. I reside in Reston and attended Virginia Tech. I joined GSLC in 2017. I am a member of the Sanctuary Choir and provide pictures for our Virtual Service Postlude backgrounds. My daughters are 26 and 28 and reside outside the DMV area.



### **John Stoothoff**

Brothers and sisters and Good Shepherd, my name is John Stoothoff. I am blessed to have been nominated to volunteer on our Board of Servant Leaders. For reasons both purposeful but humorous to me, I have embraced *John 21:21*: "When Peter saw him, he asked, 'Lord, what about him?'"

My wife, Debra, and I have lived in Reston since 2012. We are transplanted New Yorkers. If you *give* me student teaching in 1971, 2021 makes it 50 years in public education.

Member of Prince of Peace as we arrived in Virginia in 2009, we joined Good Shepherd in the winter of 2018. We have two sons, and their vibrant families are why Debra and I strive to be good grandparents to five beautiful children.

"Lucky '21" (had I mentioned *John 21:21*?), a year when we all return from wilderness experiences together, will be one of transition, recommitment, and renewal. Regarding the tasks now before us, fellow congregants, I am all in!

