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Children

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Occupation

Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Furman University

Christ Church Member

29 years

What do you believe is currently the biggest challenge at Christ Church? Why and how would you address it?

Our greatest opportunity at Christ Church is to continue to grow the engagement of our members within the church and in the community and to grow the membership of the church overall. I have loved seeing the participation over the past few years in new parish events, like the Intergenerational Women's Bible Study and the special parish-wide weekend events we enjoy. New Sunday School classes are meeting needs for specific groups of adults, and we continue to provide meals for Project Host. And so much more.

I'm going to be blunt. Our greatest challenge in achieving all of this is paying for it. Many generous members of this parish support the church and its work. However, giving at Christ Church has been basically flat for a good number of years. We all know that things cost more these days and salaries are increasing. The budget committee and church leadership have had to make difficult decisions to balance the budget, decisions that affect staffing and programming. We need to work even harder to encourage every member to make a pledge to the church, and to inspire those who make pledges to increase them. And, we need to find more ways for lay people to serve in the church, freeing up the staff to do things only staff can do. In my work, I lead a large, volunteer-based organization. I can bring these skills to my work as senior warden. I believe we are up to the challenge.

Christ Church Activities PitStop SS Class; Table Leader for Women's Bible Study; Altar Guild; Ann Giving Cab., Reopening Task Force (COVID response); Regathering Task Force (Chair); Search Comm. Dir. of Youth Ministry; Bicentennial Celebration Subcommittee; Delegate to Diocesan Conv.; Nominations and Elections Committee; Vestry Member ('13-'15, '20-'22); ECW Board (Secretary & President); All Saints Bazaar subcommittee chair; Stewardship.