

2023 VESTRY CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE: MATT HASKIN

How long have you worshipped at Immanuel? Any other family members who worship here?

My wife Kathryn and I have been worshipping at Immanuel since 2011. Our daughter Adeline has been coming to Immanuel since she was born in 2015.

What are some parish activities or ministries that have captured your time and talents?

Our family has attended Shrine Mont every year since we first went in 2016 and we plan to keep the streak going indefinitely. I have been serving on altar guild for the past 4 years, often with the help of Adeline. I have served on lay committees for two seminarians. I was part of the search committee that called both Mother Susan and Father Sam. During October you can often find our entire family helping out in various way around the patch. And I have even assisted with buildings and grounds in various ways, including some minor electrical work.

Please name something you find very valuable/something you love about Immanuel.

I love the community of people at Immanuel and how welcome they make our entire family feel. From the first time we entered the door at Zabriskie, I felt like we belonged. I especially love how Adeline is accepted and encouraged to be involved, even in activities that would normally be off-limits for children, like altar guild.

What gifts, talents, interests and/or goals and objectives do you think you might bring to Vestry service?

In my professional career, I sit on numerous committees and have a lot of experience working with people from various backgrounds to achieve consensus on complex and sometimes contentious topics. At my previous church I served on the church board (the Nazarene equivalent of Vestry) for several years, first as leader of the Youth program and later as leader of the Missions program.

How would you view serving on the Vestry as a ministry, as part of your Christian journey?

I believe that a healthy church requires contributions (time, talent, treasure) from its members. Contributing my time and talents on Vestry is a way in which I can act out my faith, finding ways to serve the Immanuel community and helping to find ways for Immanuel to impact Alexandria and beyond with Christ's love.