



CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION FOR THE VESTRY

Three Year Term Beginning January 29, 2023 | To be presented for election in the 2023 Annual Meeting



**JIM
BERTLES**

James (Jim) Bertles, a member of Bethesda since 1986, grew up in Greenwich, CT and moved to Palm Beach with his wife, Lisa, as a young practicing lawyer on New Year's Day 1986. Both Jim and Lisa have been actively involved with Bethesda in many ways throughout the years, with Jim having previously served on the Vestry for nearly 20 years and as Senior Warden for three Rectors (Hap Warren, Perry Fuller and James Harlan), Junior Warden for one year, and Chancellor for many of his terms.

Jim is a graduate of the Choate School, Amherst College and Fordham University Law School. He became an Episcopalian when he and Lisa were married in 1981, and they very proudly have three grown, married children, Kate (39), Preston (35) and Alex (32), all of whom grew up in Palm Beach and actively attended Bethesda before moving north and west.



**BETH
COLE**

Beth Cole received her degree in Mechanical Engineering from Princeton University and her MBA from University of Chicago, and had a career in engineering, marketing, sales and account management in the semiconductor manufacturing equipment industry in Texas and Silicon Valley, California. She became an Episcopalian when she married her husband Peyton 36 years ago and joined Bethesda 26 years ago when they moved back to Palm Beach (Peyton's home town) to raise their children Laura and Peyton, Jr. here and be closer to Peyton's parents. Beth has been active at Bethesda ever since, in both hands-on and leadership roles, including Sunday School teacher, usher, Boar's Head committee member, co-chair of Invite/Welcome/Connect committee and Vestry member. She is deeply grateful for the foundation Bethesda has been for the Cole family for several generations, and is committed to working for the preservation, growth and vitality of our treasured faith community.



**MATT
LORENTZEN**

Matt Lorentzen is a graduate of Wesleyan University (BA) and Harvard Business School (MBA). Matt has served as a BBTS Vestry member from 2009-2012 (also Chair of the Investment Committee) and 2014-2017 (also Chair of the Finance Committee) and Treasurer from 2019 to present. Matt has also served as an Usher at the 9:00 a.m. service since at least 2007.

Matt and his wife Helene were married at Bethesda in 1996 and have been full-time members of the Bethesda congregation since they moved here from Boston in 2003. Helene has served on the Flower Guild for many years and served on the 2011 Rector Search Committee. Matt and Helene's three sons, Nicholas (21), Charlie (19) and Finn (16) have all been baptized and confirmed at Bethesda. The entire family have participated in many Christmas Pageants and Boar's Head celebrations, where Matt has most recently been a Beefeater. He is honored to serve the Church in a leadership capacity.



**PAM
MILLER**

Pamela (Pam) Miller originally from St. Louis, MO. moved to Palm Beach in 1996. She earned her degree in Interior Design from Iowa State and held numerous leadership positions including President of a leading design firm.

Pam joined Bethesda in 2005. Her husband's family were members since 1980. Pam's previous involvement with the church has been as a Vestry member, Usher, an Ambassador, Empty Bowls Founding Committee and Cajun Grace Dinner Event, Women at the Well and Stewardship Committee. Pam's personal community involvement extends to past Chairman for the Center for Creative Education and leadership in the 2022 launching of The Foundations School.

Pam has a passion for her church involvement and looks forward to bringing her professional and personal skills to the church.

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TO SERVE AS DELEGATES TO THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

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Donna Arietta

Jacquie Bernard

Diane Gravitt

Bill Scarlett (Alternate)