

Candidates for election to office at
Annual Meeting of St. John's UU Church
12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 31, 2026



Alanna Oakwood - Vice President (3-year commitment includes next year as President-and 3rd year as Immediate Past President):

My name is Alanna Oakwood and I have been a member of St. John's for about four years now. I am originally from Rochester, NY and have been living in the Cincinnati area for the last eight years. I am married to my wonderful husband, Joey, and we have a wonderful dog at home, Indiana. I have worked as a professional Sign Language interpreter for the last 14 years and in my off time, enjoy playing pickleball, horseback riding, hiking and spending time

with my family and friends.

At St. John's, I worked into getting involved a bit slowly after first joining. I have been a part of the greeting team for a couple of years now and have helped support Found House when we hosted families at the Church. Most recently, I was also the chair for the search team for our new developmental minister. I have loved all of the experiences I have had at St. John's and am eager to continue to support our church and congregation. I am running this year for the Vice President position because I feel that my experience being part of the Search Team has given me an excitement to get more involved in the inner workings of the church. I have been developing my personal skills in leadership and organization-oriented thinking and collaboration over the last couple of years and feel that this position is a great fit for my skill set. I adore this congregation and hope to be a part of continuing to help us thrive!



Jessica Meeker - Secretary (2026-2029):

I have been coming to St. John's since 2022 when I discovered Unitarian Universalism, and have been a member since early 2025. I have lived in Northern Kentucky for most of my life, with a brief stint in Louisville. Many may recognize me by the very shy, often fabulous little girl usually attached to me. I have tried to be as involved with St John's as much as time permitted, including Found House, social events, RE during church, and more recently Sunday plate collection counting team. As Hazel is

getting older and not requiring as much of my attention, I am starting to get more time and energy I hope to commit to the congregation.

I am a data analyst. I work from home analyzing quality data for Home Health and Hospice patients. In my role at work (and as a mom) I am good at organizing, multitasking and switching gears. I love a good list. I am well versed in Excel, but also know my way around Google Sheets, Word, and Google Docs. I am usually a quick study for new systems and technologies so I feel confident I will be able to pick up any that are needed for the Secretary role.



Meredith Green - Finance Director (2026-2027):

I am asking for your vote to serve a one-year term as the Finance Director on the board of trustees of St. John's UU Church. Having been elected in 2024 to fill the remainder of an open term, now I would like to complete a three-year cycle in this role. It has been an honor to provide service in this role to SJ's and I have a bit more to give if permitted.

This additional year would be useful in a few ways:

- This year will help maintain the momentum regarding updating office and banking processes that are being set up at this time.
- This one-year term would provide the Leadership Team with a more staggered schedule in filling board roles. Currently there are four board roles to fill for '26-'27, including this one. By changing the three-year cycle for the finance director role, the leadership team would have a smaller recruitment goal each year going forward.

My background

- Member of SJ's 1998-2002; during that time served as a fund trustee and co-leader of a shared-ministry team.
- Returning member 2023
- Professionally, I have worked in the financial services industry and am now retired.

I would be glad to serve in the Finance Director role for an additional year if elected. Thank you.



Beth Molinario- Member at Large (2026-2029):

All Souls UU in Kansas City, Missouri, was my first UU home starting in 1993 where I served on the Committee on Ministry and was a YRUU advisor.

My family started attending St. John's in 2009. I served on the R.E. Committee and have volunteered with OWL and the partner church dinner.

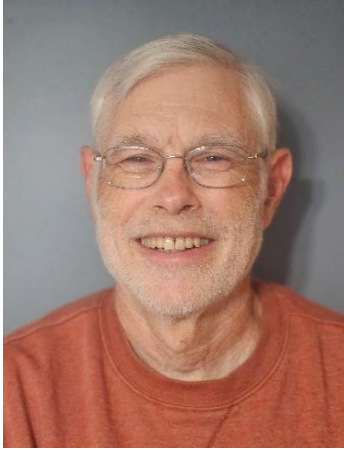
My work has included being a care manager for a woman with dementia; homeschooling our 2 kids; and being a paralegal with Legal Aid.

In my free time, I volunteer with Fundamaya to help indigenous Guatemalans; provide support to immigrants in Cincinnati; and enjoy playing board games and walking.



Nancy Johnson - Fund Trustee (2026-2028):

My husband Bill Gordon and I have been members of St. John's for more than twenty years. I have sung in the choir and served on the Board and on various committees, including being a Fund Trustee. I grew up in a household that lived paycheck to paycheck, so investing and finance were not part of my background. But I have learned more about investing through my work as a tax preparer for H&R Block and through conversations with our son, David Gordon-Johnson, who works as an associate wealth management advisor for Northwestern Mutual when he isn't on stage or baking bread. I would be glad to have the opportunity to serve St. John's as a Fund Trustee for another two years (after which I am termed out). My goal for the coming year is to finally get a web page and other resources set up to encourage contributions to St. John's Legacy Funds, especially the Miller-Lorentz (Property) Fund and the Legacy Fund.



Rich Overturf - Leadership Committee (2026-2027):

I am a retired registered nurse. I moved to Cincinnati in 1973 to go to UC and have been here ever since. My biggest interests are music, baseball, hiking, birdwatching and reading. I was introduced to Unitarianism in 2000 when I was married here at St. John's to long time member Ann Schuur. I am thankful for the warm, welcoming community I have found here at John's and want to help it grow and thrive.

I have been active at St. John's for a number of years. I am in charge of recruiting volunteers to help with Coffee Hour. I help with putting on our Soup and Bread Lunchs. I enjoy working in the kitchen. I sing in our choir. I am thankful for the warm welcoming community I have found here at John's, I want to help it grow and thrive.



Bill Luerssen - Leadership Committee (2026-2029):

I have been a member of St. John's for over 57 years. This church is extremely important in my life, and I have wanted to keep it strong for me and others through my efforts. That has taken many forms like singing in the choir, doing repair and improvement projects on our building, and serving in roles in the institutional life of the church. It has included serving on the Board of Trustees multiple times and holding most of the elected positions in the church at least once.

I am hoping that those past experiences can help me be of some value to the Leadership Committee as we work to recruit the new leaders for our future.



Sharon Loeb - Leadership Committee (2026-2028):

I've been a UU for the last 28 years. I've been at St. John's for about 20 of those years where I've served on the Caring Circle, the Board, the Nominating Committee, as a Chalice Group facilitator, and as a teacher in RE, among other roles.

I'm married to long-time member St. John's member, Stan Loeb and have two grown children. I love to spend time with family and friends, cook, read and surprise myself creating art.