



SPECIAL EDITION

Calvary Life

# Nominations for Vestry Class of 2014

## Skip Barchers

Skip was born in Washington, D.C., grew up in suburban Maryland, and moved to Front Royal in November 1997. He has worked in a variety of positions for government, business, and not-profit organizations. He is, at the present time, retired!

Skip was baptized and raised in the United Methodist Church (where his paternal grandmother became one of the first women ordained in that denomination). As a young adult he went through a period of non-church involvement, before experiencing "the true peace of Christ" at the Metropolitan Community Church of Washington, D.C. He first set foot in Calvary on the evening of September 11, 2011 seeking solace and Christian Companionship following the events of that horrific day; subsequently realizing the need to be a part of a local community of believers. He was confirmed by Bishop Lee at Calvary on May 29, 2005.

Skip is a second year student in the four-year Education for

Ministry program offered through the School of Theology at Sewanee, The University of the South. He has served on the Christian Education Committee and as an adult education facilitator, attends the adult class on Sunday mornings, coordinated parish workdays, and chaired one of our Seminarian Lay Committees.

Skip serves as our Lay Delegate to Annual Council, a lector (on Wednesdays), and is a member of the parish choir. He assists with Tuesday's table and has worked with the rector and staff with information technology issues.

### Skip's Vision for Calvary

*"I have found Calvary to be a very special place where I am learning to live into my baptismal covenant by more fully loving God and neighbor; endeavoring to share this "good news" with others in our community and also believe that growing the congregation is a necessity for improving the financial standing of our parish."*

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## Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, December 4, 2011

*The meeting follows the  
10:30 Worship Service.*

There is no 8:00 a.m. service!



Please join us for a Pot Luck Luncheon following the parish meeting. Beverages will be provided.

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## Brad Pedersen

Brad is a regular attendee of our 10:30 a.m. service. He attended our Lenten Program and parish retreat at Shrine Mont. You may have seen him working in the Memorial Garden this summer — a new volunteer with the Memorial Garden Committee! He supported the Spring Clean-up Day and is active in the Men of Calvary. Brad is one of Tuesday's Tables faithful volunteers, as well.

He is the son of a Baptist minister — and grew up in the Baptist Church and has served on the Board of Deacons (Baptist equivalent to the Vestry). Around 1971 he began attending the Episcopal Church when he married Ann in 1988. When they moved to Front Royal they attended First Baptist until coming to Calvary last winter. He was received into the Episcopal Church when Bishop Shannon visited Calvary on February 20, 2011.

### Brad's Vision for Calvary

*"I would like to see Calvary extending its outreach to our community through many programs such as Tuesday's Table and various youth programs. I would like to see it maintain its welcoming spirit to new attendees and visitors."*

## Todd Landis

Todd grew up at Calvary. He was baptized, confirmed, and married to his wife, Annie, at Calvary! He has recently joined the acolyte team, along with his sons Gage and Griffin, renewing one of the ministries from his youth. Todd graduated from the College of William and Mary and earned a degree in History and Philosophy, looking forward to a career flying.

Today Todd is a pilot with Valley Protein, having flown previously with USAir.

### Todd's Vision for Calvary

*Todd would like to see Calvary continue with its recent trend of increased attendance and continue to strengthen our financial base.*

*Todd hopes to explore ways of addressing the needs of our younger members, along with the unique contributions to the life of our parish community that these members can offer.*

## *Applicable sections of the Diocesan and National Canons regarding the election of Vestry members*

### **Diocesan Canon 11: Sections 4 and 5:**

**Section 4.** Only Lay persons, who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing of the Church, as defined in General Convention Canon I.17., shall be eligible for election as Vestry members of such Church. However, regardless of eligibility of a person for election, no person shall be elected at a duly convened congregational meeting to consecutive full terms on a congregation's Vestry or Vestry Committee.

**Section 5.** All adult communicants in good standing, registered in the particular Church in which they offer to vote, shall be entitled to vote at the election of Vestry members. The voting shall be by ballot in person and, unless otherwise provided by the meeting, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. There shall be no voting by proxy. But no election shall be valid unless the participating qualified votes number at least ten percent of the number of active communicants qualified to vote reported for the previous year.

### **National Canon I.17, Sections 2 (a), and 3:**

**Section 2 (a).** All members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in the Church at least three times during the preceding year are to be considered communicants of this Church. (b). For purposes of statistical consistency throughout the Church, communicants sixteen years of age and over are to be considered adult communicants.

**Section 3.** All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing.