



Annual Parish Meeting

The 58th Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, January 23 at 10:15 AM in Bagby Parish Hall. The meeting began with an invocation by the Rev. Ken Fields. The Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. then recognized our hard-working Clergy, the Program Staff, and those who have served on our Vestry, with special recognition for those who are retiring this year.

Senior Warden Larry McAfee introduced our Vestry candidates and read the canon governing Parish elections, describing those eligible to vote. The Parish unanimously voted to elect our five nominees to serve for three-year terms on the Vestry: Mr. Bill Chiles, Mrs. Tanya Clarkson, Mr. Gaines Matthews, Mr. Ber Pieper and Mr. Will Williams.

This year, the St. Martin's Star Award was presented to two recipients who have served as exceptional lay leaders through the years. We are grateful for the service of both Candace McCoin (*pictured above and right*) and June Tellepsen (*pictured below*).

Candace McCoin has served as the President of the Episcopal Church Women of St. Martin's (ECW), as well as serving on the ECW Board and chairing numerous ECW events, including the ECW Christmas Coffee. She has been a long-time leader for Christian Life Study (CLS) and worked with Episcopal Youth Community (EYC). As Chair of the *Faith Alive* Food & Decorations Committee, she fed more than 1800 people during the *Faith Alive* weekend held at St. Martin's in 2005. (*Continued on next page.*)





In recent years, Candace has become involved in outreach. In 2007 she founded Rally the Troops, a group which packs and mails boxes to those service men and women on our *Continuing Prayer* lists. She founded College Prayer and Care in 2009, which sends "care packages" to those away at college, and founded our Church Under the Bridge street ministry last year, where we serve a meal, pray and provide praise music. June Tellepsen has been a member of St. Martin's since 1962. Her family and our Parish will forever be intertwined. Her late husband, Howard Sr., and the family's company were involved in the construction of the first sanctuary in 1959. And they were there again to help with the building of the New Church (now renamed The Church), which was completed in 2004. June is an active member of the Seekers Class (Sunday morning Christian Education), and last month celebrated the birth of her 20th great grandchild, Anna Kathleen Cribbs.



Also at the Annual Parish Meeting, the Rev. Dr. Russell J. Levenson, Jr. recognized the Rev. F. Stuart Shelby, who has served as our Associate Rector for Family and Young Adult Ministries (*pictured below, and above right*). Father Shelby, his wife Crissy, and their children Lucy, Sam and Mac have moved to Round Rock, Texas. Father Shelby is the new Rector of St. Richard's Episcopal Church.

