



# SAINT COLUMBA'S CHAPEL

## SEARCH COMMITTEE



### **James Robert Cooper III**

Bob Cooper is currently the stewardship chairman for the parish and serving the first year of his most recently elected term on the vestry. He was treasurer for six years. He's married to Nina Dotterer and they have two grown children.

His mother's grandfather was a Baptist preacher in South Alabama and Mississippi, but as far as he knows his parents didn't attend church. His own association with the church began when he was four, when they sent him and his older sister off to Sunday School each week. He recalls that "I felt very good but awkward about the notion of love and forgiveness, but worried a lot about sin and imperfection and the Devil." Sporadically attending Methodist and Presbyterian services, he went to church camps and conferences during several summers, before graduating from Spring Hill, the great Jesuit college in Mobile.

Bob has worked for Procter and Gamble and run three companies of his own. He now works full-time for a small, publicly traded, technology company. He likes to play golf, sail, fish, read non-fiction, and spend time working with his wife in their home and in her businesses. St. Columba's is a cornerstone of their lives.

### **Liz Drayton**

Liz Drayton is the mother of four children aged 18,20,22, and 24, a dog, a snake, chickens, and a pig. Liz has always been actively involved in her children's lives behind the wheel of the car, on the sidelines, and as the chairperson of their elementary and high school parent-teacher's groups.



"Lead by example" is Liz's motto, and she believes that quality time only emanates from quantity time spent with family and friends. Her focus these days is on restoration of the old Opera House Theater in downtown Newport, and keeping programs funded at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

Liz has worked in the marketing department for WIMCO, a company specializing in private vacation villa rentals in select Caribbean and European destinations, for 25 years. She has been a member of the St. Columba's community for the past 12 years, serving as the chair of the garden party "Treasure Trove" tent, usher, coffee-hour host and search-committee member. Building community and collaboration are Liz's motivations, and she says making it fun for everyone along the way makes it all the better!



### **Katherine A. Field**

"Kate" Field has been a communicant of St. Columba's for over 20 years. During that time she has served as a Sunday school teacher, garden-party chair, head usher, and Eucharistic minister.

Kate runs her own landscape architecture firm, Katherine Field & Associates, and after winning many awards was inducted into the New England Design Hall of Fame in 2010. She has a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from the University of Arizona.

Kate is married to Junior Warden Toby Field, and has two grown children, Alex and Julia. She is honored to have been chosen to serve on the selection committee.

## Roy Lauth

A Sunday regular for about 3 years, Roy Lauth is still a relatively new member of St. Columba's. But his family ties to the parish go as far back as his maternal great-grandparents. Indeed, while researching the church's history for the Parish Profile, Roy discovered that one of his ancestors was among the volunteers who excavated the chapel's foundation.



He was raised in the Roman Catholic faith, but was strongly encouraged to be received into the Episcopal Church prior to marrying his wife Helenmary, a cradle Episcopalian. They have 3 children, ages 27 to 33, all thankfully out on their own. Helenmary is the manager of, and Roy provides graphics for, their clothing store Bailey T's, founded by their beloved dog, Bailey T. Beagle.

Roy serves in many local organizations, including the historic Artillery Company of Newport, Christmas in Newport, the Miantonomy Park Commission, and the Sons of the Revolution. He also enjoys performing an array of musical styles, whether as a percussionist with the Newport Community band at Salve Regina University, a rudimental snare drummer with the Kentish Guard Fife and Drum Corps., or playing Irish Whistle and Bodhran at a local pub on Sunday evenings. He is currently employed by Northrop Grumman Corporation, providing facilities management services to the Naval Undersea Warfare Center.

## Meg Little, chair



Raised in both the Quaker and Congregational churches, Meg Little came to St. Columba's and the Episcopal faith through her English husband, Wayne Lawrence. She has been a member of St. Columba's since 1994, first helping with the Sunday school, then chairing stewardship and the annual garden party, and eventually serving as both junior and senior warden.

A textile artist, she was initially drawn to St. Columba's for the loveliness of its space, but stayed for the community she found. She and Wayne have two grown children, Ian and Georgia Rose, as well as a menagerie that includes a parrot with a British accent.

## Jessica Piazza

Jessica Piazza, 17, is on her high school gymnastics and cheerleading team, and competes in gymnastics for a private gym.

Jessica has been a member of St. Columba's for 11 years, serving as an acolyte for 9 of those years. The second of three children in her family, she is also involved with the Children's Chapel and helps in the nursery, as well as at the annual St. Columba's Garden Party.



## June Terry



June Terry has been involved in church leadership since her teens and has been active at St. Columba's for 13 years. She has represented the parish at three Diocesan Conventions, reads Scripture in services, sings in the choir, and has served as outreach chair.

For ten years before her marriage, June taught in a mission hospital in South Africa, and then returned to the U.S. to graduate from seminary with a master's in New Testament. She enjoyed working in seminary administration, teaching New Testament Greek, and teaching a course in "Personal and Ministry Integration." She also completed clinical pastoral education and was commissioned by St. Columba's to serve as a lay chaplain in nursing homes.

She serves in leadership at Adelynrood, an Episcopal retreat center north of Boston, with a focus on simplicity in the Christian life, the practices of thanksgiving and prayer for others, and the practice of social justice. In January 2012, she will complete a term on the vestry of St. Columba's.



### **Scott Nicholson**

Scott and his wife Robin and have been members at St. Columba's for about 20 years. It was his privilege to serve as Treasurer and Stewardship Chair in recent years. Additionally he has served on the Bishop's Committee on Finance for the Diocese and currently serves as Chairman. He is also on the Programs and Budget Committee for the Diocese.

### **Greg Sabatino**