



**Joe Bob Lake** has over 40 years of experience as a CEO or COO in both private and public companies. He additionally has 8 years of senior management experience in the nonprofit sector. He currently is a partner with Bill Wood in Corps Consulting, LLC, offering executive retained search services.

He graduated from West Point in 1964 and served as an armored cavalry platoon leader in Vietnam and as a troop commander in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. Joe Bob currently serves as Chairman of Empowering Minds International, a 501c3 nonprofit his wife Nyakio Kaniu-Lake founded that provides social services to the marginalized in Kenya including Agatha Amani House, a shelter for women who are victims of sexual or domestic violence.

Joe Bob currently wears two hats in the K2K outreach ministry serving as Co-Director of K2K along with Pat Parker and also as Co-Team Leader of the K2K Community Team, along with his wife Nyakio. He also served as Chairman of the K2K Steering Committee from 2013 thru 2020. Joe Bob served on the Saint Thomas Vestry shortly after the church was built at 123<sup>rd</sup> Street and Antioch Road. He serves as an usher when called upon.



**Georgina Green** We started coming to St. Thomas on September of 2006 when Zoe was only seven months old, and she turns fifteen next week. At various times over those years I've been in a small group, helped with IHN, and been on a youth mission trip. I attend Sunday school when I can. I have loved every part of having a church family. I went to med school when Zoe started kindergarten and practicing family medicine in Paola. Last year I married my best friend and favorite cook, Rich, and with my step daughter Lexi, we officially became a family. I appreciate the opportunity to be part of the vestry and contribute to the work and love of St. Thomas.



Hello, my name is **Marianne Pena**. My husband Ron and I moved to Kansas over 6 years ago. In searching for our home, a requirement was to find a church first. St Thomas was our first visit and our last. We felt the warmth of the community immediately.

I have been active in various activities, such as Sunday School, Coffee Hour, helping with the Christmas Party for the community; helping set up for IHN and being involved with IWC.

At our church in Delaware, I served on the Vestry twice. In my last position on Vestry, I was responsible for the search of a new rector—do not worry I won't let this happen at St. Thomas. Being a part of St Thomas Vestry, will allow me to expand my giving back.

Marianne



Hi, I'm **Diana Diaz**, better known to many at St. Thomas as "Morgan's mom". Morgan is my 28- year old daughter who participates in Thom's Helpers, a program for young adults with special needs at St. Thomas. Morgan and I have attended for over 10 years. As a member of the outreach committee I've participated in many activities throughout the years including the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Red Cross blood drives, food drives and various feeding ministries. I've also enjoyed serving as a lector and greeter!

I am 58 and married to Eddie Fruehwirth. I grew up in Shawnee, Kansas and attended SM Northwest High School, Johnson County Community College and MidAmerican Nazarene University, graduating with a BA in Management and Organizational Development. I have lived in Olathe for over 32 years. In addition to Morgan, I also have two older stepsons, two daughter-in-laws and two

grandchildren.

I work as the communication, education and outreach manager for the United States Courts located in downtown KCMO and I have been there over 30 years. I am involved in numerous projects that engage employees through education, this includes judicial officers and staff across the country. In addition, connecting new US citizens, members of the public, and school age students in unique ways to develop an understanding of the importance of the third branch of the federal government, the Judiciary, is one of my favorite activities.

As the parent of an Olathe Trailblazers Special Olympics athlete, I have had the pleasure of coaching several sports over the past 20 years. I am also a board member of a parent and supporters non-profit benefitting the athletes. As a parent to all my children, I was involved in numerous school level and district level committees, along with many sports related groups. My favorite things to do are to travel, gather with friends and family and read. (well, I guess that list has dwindled over the year!) I look forward to serving St. Thomas the Apostle as a member of the Vestry and pray for guidance as we lead the church in this unprecedented time.



**Mike Pickett** – Mike and family have been active members of St Thomas since 2009. Mike and his wife Linda, daughter Maddie and son Lucas have called Overland Park home since 2007 after several relocations including Idaho, California, Iowa and Nebraska. Highlights of the St Thomas experience thus far include being baptized, small group dinners, Maddie singing Christmas solos and serving as a Summer intern, Lucas serving as an acolyte and building a children's library for his Eagle project and of course, socializing with so many quality people.

Mike has been employed with Farmers Insurance Group for 37 years in various capacities and is currently the Sales Manager for Missouri (all except the KC Metro). Current primary responsibilities include managing the contracts and sales practices/ results of 5 district leaders and 260 agency owners. A graduate of the

University of Idaho in Business Management, Mike also holds several industry designations from The American College in Insurance and Financial Planning.

The youth programs that St Thomas provides is what initially made St Thomas home. We have enjoyed so many positive experiences from being a part of this church family and Mike wants to be a part of the continued growth and outreach being performed .