

My name is Diane Taylor. My husband, Richard, and I have been attending St. Michael's for about 3 years at the invitation of our good friends Dave and Rhoda Parker. I joined in 2023. I am on the Contemplative Prayer Service Leadership Team, have led 2 advent retreats, and 2 small group book studies since becoming a member. I also served on the Formation Committee. I am a retired spiritual director. As a member of St. Michael's, I feel it is a responsibility to take my turn on the Vestry.

My attraction and love for St. Michael's is the spiritual grounding portion of the church's mission statement. The Thursday morning Contemplative Prayer Service and now the Eucharist service before it helps ground my week. They are like a mid-week refresh from Sunday. My spiritual life was really formed by the Disciple Bible Study in the United Methodist Church and the 30-week Ignatian Retreat at the Mercy Center in Burlingame, California as well as other retreats at Catholic retreat centers

I grew up in the United Methodist Church; went to a former Presbyterian college, Park College (now Park University); and attended McCormick Seminary for 5 quarters. My United Methodist background came back to the forefront when I married Richard, a United Methodist pastor (now retired)

In the wider community, I served for 10 years on the Board of Directors of Friends of Libraries and Literacy, Rio Rancho, a non-profit serving literacy projects in Sandoval County and still volunteer at their bookstore.