

# **Tom Sramek**

## **Religious Journey**

**I went with my family to the Presbyterian Church until my second year at Penn State. Sue and I had been in love since our junior year of high school, and since Sue was at University of Michigan and was a lifetime Episcopalian, I decided that I should join the Episcopal Church to increase my chances of marrying her!!**

**After our marriage we went to Rapid City, SD for the summer at the invitation of The Reverend David Reed, where we ran the Sioux Indian youth group and helped with parish events. Two years later we, with The Reverend Kieth Brown, took 40 teenagers to a work camp on the Navajo Reservation. We joined the local Episcopal Church near Pittsburgh, where Sue became Director of Religious Education. We were both very involved in Sunday school and leading the youth groups. We also ran the church retreat for many years. I have been very involved at St. Paul's: helping run the Parish Retreats for six years, singing in the Choir, leading the Gentlemen of Noble Poverty and supervising the remodeling of the Ormond Center.**

## **What I can contribute to the Vestry and St. Paul's.**

**I graduated from Penn State with a degree in Chemistry and did graduate studies in Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh before moving to California. I worked in several companies doing research in weathering of galvanized products, corrosion of steel structures, adhesive research and development of electrical controls for heating devices. Subsequently I started my own construction company, Dream Home Builders, as a General and Electrical Contractor which I owned for twenty years, building and remodeling homes. We then moved to Wilmington in 2014. I believe I can make a significant contribution to the major projects coming up in the near future for St. Pauls as well as ongoing maintenance projects.**