

St. Matthew Biography: Scott Hance
By Kathy Stewart

Almost 13 years ago, Scott walked into St. Matthew Episcopal Church at Browns Point to attend a good friend's wedding. At the time, he was a parishioner at another church in Auburn. Several years later, in 2019, he returned to St. Matthew when he was looking for a new church. Fr. Kendall welcomed him in and they talked for almost two hours. It was then that Scott knew St. Matthew would be his next church home.

Scott grew up in Episcopal and Catholic churches in Chicago. His parents did not attend church, but at age six or seven he participated in the children's program at the neighborhood Episcopal Church. Later, one of his uncles took him to the Catholic Church for a few years. So Scott grew up with an appreciation of the liturgy and Eucharist of the Episcopal and Catholic faiths.

Scott moved from Chicago in 1973 and settled in Lake Stevens, Washington. His career in sales and marketing included working as the Food & Beverage Director at Crystal Mountain Ski Resort, sales and general manager of different hotels for about 20 years, and a property manager for about 15 years. He retired in 2018.

In 1983, Scott married Cindy after meeting her on a blind date. He describes her as his best friend and they have been an inspiration to many other couples that have had challenges in their marriages. Cindy owns her own business creating large greeting cards and small, customized gift cards. Scott's skills and knowledge in marketing and sales has been a big part of Cindy's success in business (www.uniquecustomcards.com). He has two adult children, a 45-year-old son and a 43-year-old daughter. He has five grandchildren, including three girls and two boys.

Since coming to Washington State Scott has been active in Episcopal churches. He was on the Vestry four times at St. John's in Snohomish. He wrote grants and received funding to sustain the "Community Kitchen" project at St. John's. Scott explained this project is still in existence 25 years later. Scott also served as Senior Warden at King of Glory Anglican Church in Auburn. He started attending St. Matthew at Browns Point in late 2019 and is now serving on the Vestry. The Episcopal Church is very important to Scott. He finds the liturgy meaningful and spiritually fulfilling. When asked to describe his vision for St. Matthew, he said, "I hope that we can turn the financial corner so we can support a full-time priest."

And, one more thing . . . Scott would like you to know that he's a big fan of the Chicago Bears and the Cubs. He also loves Chicago hotdogs, but Costco hotdogs will also do. ☺

