

Get to know our Junior Vestry Jim Heller and his wife Cathy



Cathy and Jim grew up in New Jersey; Jim in Clementon and Cathy in Bound Brook. We met on LBI (schooners wharf) after High School, where we spent our summers playing and working. We dated through college and married in December of Jim's graduating year. Jim was off to the Navy to meet his ship in the Gulf Of Tonkin while Cathy traveled cross-country in a VW Karmann Ghia to settle in Long Beach, California before Jim's ship returned. We spent five years in the active USN and twenty more in the USNR. We relocated to Virginia where Jim worked for the Navy Department and Cathy worked for the State in their Parks division. We both retired in the same year and eventually decided to return to New Jersey to be near LBI (Barnegat Light) and settled in the Sea Oaks community in LEH. We love the island and all things associated with it. Cathy is a member of the Pine Shores Art Community and creates art with colored pencil medium. Jim enjoys tennis, pickleball, and most outdoor activities. We were raised Episcopalian and re-activated while living in Virginia. We have two children and enjoy our times with their families.