

A million thanks to retiring Grace leaders and staff

Brian Forbush (Vestry: At-Large)

Brian was a key organizer in the first planning meetings and the subsequent structure and development of the Grace Strategic Plan. His quiet, insightful presence on the vestry, along with keen business skills, enriched our deliberations. We miss him greatly.

Deborah Schenk (Vestry: Trustee for Finance/Treasurer)

Following a role as an At-Large member of the Vestry, Deborah has served two terms, and an interim non-voting role, as our Treasurer. From the first, she applied her analytic skills and facility with all things financial to keep Grace resources secure. She has consistently provided clear reports to the parish, giving additional information where needed. Deborah has communicated clearly with leadership and staff and has provided Budget orientation to new leaders. In her work, she collaborates with the Grace Budget and Finance Committee, where recommendations to the Vestry originate. It's hard to fully express all Deborah has done for Grace, and all she has given us, through her generous spirit.

Mairead Shutt & Amanda Grossman (PMC: Membership)

Mairead and Amanda have posted-up at the Grace door with bright and welcome smiles from the start of their tenure. They greeted newcomers and known faces alike, providing information about how to get connected. Their crowning achievement is most likely the Welcome Dinners, several of which they held before the pandemic effectively "closed down" their program area. These dinner get-togethers provided a warm and welcoming (not to mention sumptuous) way for current members to introduce themselves to those who were exploring faith traditions. In the "church closed" period, these leaders continued to reach out to new attendees via email. Amanda and Mairead also continued to support the PMC at monthly meetings. We're so grateful.

Jane Crane & Judy Cozine (PMC: Tribes)

Jane Crane, having just completed a term as Warden, raised her hand again and volunteered to lead the Tribes ministry. Judy Cozine, who has served Grace as a vestry member in the past, along with many other posts, joined Jane. Together, they were the "Tribe Hosts for the Tribe Hosts," providing get-togethers and trainings for all Tribes leaders. In addition to scheduling and providing administrative support to each tribe weekly, Jane and Judy frequently jumped into action to make coffee, place goodies on plates, find volunteer helpers and generally "pitch in" with the Sunday routine. Of course, the pandemic slowed things down, but Jane and Judy then assisted leaders in scheduling Sunday readers, helped with the Christmas Eve carol singing and participated in important PMC work. Grateful, grateful, grateful for J & J.

Diane McGrew (Parish Administrator)

Diane retired from a professional career for a short time before she agreed to become our Office Administrator. She filled the post for two years, balancing efficiency with a warm and welcoming presence at the front desk. In addition to her "real work" in the office, Diane lent her considerable music skills to the Music Circle, writing and performing original songs, along with familiar hymns. Diane's low-key manner, along with her intelligence and solid business/technical skills, have served Grace well. We hope she's loving retirement.

Eric Matthews (Diocesan Delegation Coordinator)

Eric is still an active staff member, but is retiring from his role as the lead for our Diocesan Convention team. For over a decade, Eric has reached out to parishioners and added scores of Gracies to the Diocesan delegate rolls. He also organized, oriented new members and generally made sure Grace was well represented at the diocesan level. Many Thanks, Eric.

Gratitude to current leaders and candidates

Vestry

Wardens: Luke Yoder Daphne Davies
Trustee for Development: Ann New
Trustee for Leadership: Krista Webb
Trustee for Human Resources: Judith McKenzie
Trustee for Place for Grace: Mike Leamon
Trustee At-Large: Kelly Hume
Clerk: Lynette Baisch
❖ Candidates:
Trustee for Finance/Treasurer: Terry Jones
Trustee At-Large: Carol Nahkuda

Program Ministry Council

Pastoral Care: Florrie Munat
Outreach: Heather Paar & Cindy Logan
Parish Life: Pegge Ashcroft & Harry Carder
Clerk: Rachel Brandt
❖ Candidates:
Tribes: Greg Abell, Jeff Bassette

And our gratitude to Grace Staff & those who work with us

Clergy: Wren Blessing, Rector & Stephen Crippen, Curate

Associate Clergy: Jim Phinney, Bill Maxwell, & Kate Kinney

Parish Administrator: Cindy Vandersluis

Minister for Faith Formation: Kim Cockcroft

Music Director: Martin Cockcroft with Ann Strickland

Youth Program: Faith Dougherty

Building & Property Manager: Eric Matthews

Our essential contractors: Communications: Lindsay Masters

Bookkeeper: Alane Basco-Yu