



## Elders



**Suzi Artzberger** - Suzi has been a member of the Kirk since the mid-'90s. She is currently a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Investment Committee. Previously, she served as the President of the Trustees, a member of the Annual Giving Committee, and the Church Officer Nominating Committee. For the past fifteen years, she has been a director at a local member and volunteer-based non-profit. She believes in learning from others and growing in faith to serve and support the church and community.



**Sarah Cameron** - Sarah has been a member of Kirk in the Hills for sixteen years. She started her service with being a committee member on the Mid-high program and Kirk Couples. She then served as Deacon for the class of 2013 as moderator and served on the Strategic Planning committee from 2013-2016. She has volunteered with Camp Hosanna, supported Accent Pontiac, and Humble Design. She is a thankful member of the Barnabas Small Group. She is looking forward to serving as an Elder and truly believes that "God has a plan for each and every one of us- we just need to listen, pray and accept that he knows best."



**Camille Breen** - Camille is a Diaconite and helps with coffee hour. In the past she was a part of the care giver's group. Organization is Camille's stong suit. "I wish I was artistic... I'm not. I wish I was creative... I'm not. I wish I could sing... I can't. I think I'm best suited for administration."



**Claire Devlin** - Claire has been a member of the Kirk for ten years. She recently started serving on the Outreach and Mission Committee, and she is the coordinator for Outreach and Mission for children's ministry. In the past she has served as a Deacon and an advisor for the high school youth group. Claire is passionate about mission, especially for children and youth. Her career background is in accounting, so she hopes that she can bring some of her financial knowledge to the Kirk.



**Calvin Ford** - Calvin has been a member of the Kirk for one year. His wife, Sarah, has been very involved, and he is looking forward to having an opportunity to serve. Calvin brings a fresh perspective in terms of growing membership and keeping the church lively and healthy. He looks forward to helping ensure the long-term sustainability of the Kirk and helping to make sure that such a wonderful place continues to impact our membership and local communities.



**Sharon Gioia** - Sharon has been a member of the Kirk for eleven years. She is presently serving on the 75th Anniversary Committee and is in a small group. She has participated on committees for Kirk special events and brings thirty years' experience in not-for-profit volunteerism and fundraising to the position of Elder. Her international work experience has given her useful understanding of the value in organizational strategy and mission within a community. Sharon looks forward to bringing her vision and flexibility to the Kirk's evolution, big-picture thinking, and in interpersonal communication. She is also a champion on mental health issues, and its effect on families and community.



**Jack Belcher (Youth Elder)** - Jack has been a member of the Kirk for one year. Jack is an active member of the Kirk Youth community. He was part of the newest membership class of the Kirk just a few short weeks ago. He is in the Intermediate and Senior Boys' and Girls' Choir, and he works to help create the best music possible for the congregation. Jack is a part of the Youth Bible Study every Tuesday. He is excited to participate in community service, and his most recent opportunity was with the youth mission trip to Jonesville, Virginia. Jack's skills are leadership, communication, and teamwork.



## Deacons



**Sally Brown** - Sally has been a member of the Kirk for eight years. She has been involved with serving meals and chauffeuring for South Oakland Shelter and is involved with the Garden Guild. Sally prepared meals for 8 weeks for the Alpha program. Recently she prepared lunches for the 7-week Keyes Lecture Series. She and her husband Buzz have hosted a small group for the past 4 years. A hallmark of her career and throughout her life has been her ability to bring people together. She has found that when people develop a strong sense of community and belonging, they accomplish remarkable things. The confidence in community enables the group to grow, serve and succeed.



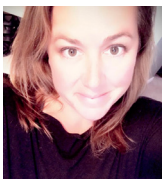
**Claire Carmichael** - Claire has been a member of the Kirk for twenty five years. She was one of the founding members of the Kirk's Stephen Ministry and has served on the Education Committee, Mission Statement Committee and Music Committee. She feels called to minister to others in small groups and one-on-one. God has blessed Claire with an ability to listen compassionately and to travel a spiritual path with another, no matter what that path may be. In addition to training for Stephen Ministry, she has studied to be a Spiritual Director.



**Tara Douglass** - Tara has been a member of the Kirk for eight years. She is involved with the Kirk in many ways: choir, youth group, mission trip support, teaching Sunday school, and now confirmation class with her daughter. Tara brings the gift of spreading the word of God to all those around her.



**Judy Harris** - Judy has been a member of the Kirk for fifty nine years. Her time at the Kirk started two years before she married her husband, Clark, here. Shortly after they were married, they began teaching Sunday school. Judy is also a Senior High Advisor. She has also been involved with Vacation Bible School, Adopt-a-Family, Bible studies, and Kirk Habitat for Humanity. Judy has been an Elder and a Deacon in the past.



**Katherine Herb** - Katherine has been a member of the Kirk for thirty years. She ran the Mom to Mom sale at the Kirk when her son was younger. She has helped with the youth choir program and the donations from her husband's funeral went to the Kirk Choir Program. Last year, Katherine ran in the Green Bucket Run. She has packed boxes of turkey dinners for Pontiac residents and lunches for South Oakland Shelter. Her creativity and involvement in the Kirk community will greatly benefit this office.



**Kristi Jones** - Kristi has been a member of the Kirk for thirteen years. She currently teaches Sunday school. Her career is in finance. Kristi enjoys co-leading two Girl Scout troops and participating in activities with her four daughters.



**Joann Kallio** - Joann has been a member of the Kirk for five years. She has been involved with the Garden Guild both at the Kirk and assisting in the garden at Micah 6. She has volunteered with South Oakland Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and most recently, packing food at Forgotten Harvest. She created artwork for the 2019, "Stations of the Cross", 2021, "In Good Hands" Lenten Art Exhibits, and the "Who Art in Heaven," spring show. She brings her skills as a graphic designer and a passion for sharing art and creative expression with others. She brings a love for serving our community and helping people (and plants) grow and flourish in God's love.



**Gracien Lorincz** - Gracien has been a member of the Kirk for fifteen years. She is currently the mid-high Sunday school teacher, along with being a volunteer in the nursery. She was involved in choir, youth group, and mission trips throughout middle school and high school. To this office, Gracien brings a new perspective as a recent college graduate and a compassionate heart that yearns to serve others.



**Catherine Regan** - Cathy has been a member of the Kirk for thirty seven years. She is an active supporter of the Kirk boys choirs. In the past she has been a Deacon and a president of the Kirk Singles. Cathy brings attention to detail and devotion to her position as a deacon.



**Tammy Schafsnitz** - Tammy has been a member of the Kirk for five years and is a part of the Gardening Guild. Tammy brings a servant heart whose life experiences have allowed her to be sensitive and open to helping others.



**Ralph Winter** - Ralph has been a member of the Kirk for two years. He is currently involved in Men of the Kirk, the Friday Morning Men's Bible Study, and the Webb's small group. In the past he served as a Deacon from 2014-2016 at First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, MI. Ralph was also a coordinator of the veteran's group at First Presbyterian Church.



**Julie Wright** - Julie has been a member of the Kirk for fifty years. For the past ten years she has served in Stephen Ministry as a Stephen Minister and Leader. Julie is a member of the Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study. She looks forward to sharing her love of Christ by serving as a caring deacon for our church family.



**Julia Yousif (Youth Deacon)** - Julia has been a member of the Kirk for fourteen years. She is a part of the choir and confirmation class. She volunteers with Accent Pontiac. She is able to bring new ideas and create creative projects to help other church members.



## Trustees



**Christopher Cameron** - Christopher has been a member of the Kirk for eight years. He is part of the Friday Men's Bible Study group. He brings practical mind and approach to problem solving and has financial services background.



**Jayne Dodge** - Jayne Dodge is filling a one-year position, filling in the final year for Trustee, Kirk Effinger. Jayne is a long-time member, former Kirk employee and has served in many roles over the years.



**Thomas Hector** - Tom has been a member of the Kirk for nineteen years. He previously served a three-year term as a Trustee. During that time and for a number of years thereafter, he was a member of the Facilities Committee. Currently, Tom is a member of Jerry Craig's 'A Team' of sanctuary/garden service ushers as well as a member of Arnie Kummerow's memorial and wedding service usher team. He brings an open, questioning mind seeking fair, reasonable, and equitable solutions to challenging issues facing a dynamic Kirk In The Hills.



**Henry Hoot** - Henry has been a member of the Kirk for thirty one years. He is currently serving on the Adult Ministry Committee and chairs the sub-committee for the Kyes Lecture Series. Henry is also a member of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign Committee. In his work as Vice-President of a large media company, he has extensive experience in personnel management and in management of large commercial office buildings. These gifts will have applications useful to the Board of Trustees.



**Debra Lawson** - Deb has been a member of the Kirk for thirty one years. Deb has a heart for community service & has assisted South Oakland Shelter and Lighthouse, Forgotten Harvest, foster kids and other groups. She served on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee that brought Rev. Lana Russell to the Kirk. She taught Sunday School for fourteen years, was president of Kirk Singles, and initiated & led outreach divorce recovery programs. She served on the St. Andrews worship service committee and was lead usher. She is also a small group leader and on Annual Giving Team. Deb is a forty plus year business manager & owner of multiple businesses including a recruitment/staffing company, affiliated with an international franchise, for more than thirty years.



**Walter Lorang** - Walter has been a member of the Kirk for four years. He has served on the Outreach and Mission Committee and Stewardship Committee. Walter's wife works at the Kirk Preschool, and they are actively involved, hard working, compassionate, loyal, giving, and faithful.



**Keith Peters** - Keith has been a member of the Kirk for ten years. He completed his term as an Elder and is excited about serving as a Trustee of the Kirk. Currently he chairs the Music Committee and Organ Committee as they work towards a re-envisioning of music at the Kirk. Keith is a member of the Chancel Choir and brings a deeper knowledge of music to the Kirk Community.



**Randall Wilds** - Randy has been a member of the Kirk for forty eight years. He has been a member of Trustees previously. Randy looks forward to using his finance background to benefit the Kirk.

## Class of 2022 Church Officer Nominating Committee Members-at-Large



**Susan File** - Susan has been a member of the Kirk for thirty three years. She is currently serving as a teacher for the Parent Confirmation Class and co-leads a Small Group on Tuesday evenings. Susan has previously served as a Deacon and Moderator, Elder for two terms, Sunday School teacher, Mid High and High School Mission trip leader, chaired Children Youth and Family and CONC committees and served on an APNC team. Susan and her husband, Scott, were married, baptized and raised two sons at the Kirk. She hopes to encourage congregants to lift their voices in service to all God's people and take part in the gift we receive in serving our Lord and Savior.



**Jill O'Hara** - Jill has been a member of the Kirk for forty years. During that time, she has been involved at the Kirk in many ways; as a Deacon, Trustee, and through Kirk Tutors. Jill has served on a Pastor Nominating Committee, as a Sunday School Teacher, and as a Small Group Leader. She has a passion for Christ and a "can do" attitude. Jill knows what an impact our Kirk family can make in the local community, as well as the wider world.



**Neal Yousif** - Neal has been a member of the Kirk for twenty five years, and he is an usher. Neal has been involved in multiple small groups and bible studies. He is an ordained ruling Elder and a Stephen Minister. Neal hopes that his interpersonal and organizational skills and strong faith will benefit the Kirk.





## Guidelines for officer nominations:

**Elders** – The Presbyterian Church USA's Book of Order (Part II 2015/2017) cites a Ruling Elder Defined (G-2.0301) as follows: "...persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit...chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life... exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church..."

The Session is the governing body of the congregation and is made up of 18 elders who serve for a three-year term, and two youth elders who serve a one-year term.

**Deacons** – Deacons undertake ministries of care and compassion within and beyond the congregation. The Presbyterian Church USA's Book of Order (Part II 2015/2017) cites a Deacon Defined (G-2.0201) as follows: "The ministry of a deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest reputation, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry."

The Board of Deacons is comprised of 30 members who serve for a three-year term and two youth deacons who serve a one-year term.

**Trustees** – Trustees shall be members of the church who demonstrate qualities of honesty and integrity, energy and business acumen, Christian dedication and responsibility. Under the law of the church and state, they hold and manage properties and, as authorized by the session, conduct business for the Kirk. Their business dealings should exhibit Christian faith and values to those with whom they deal.

Kirk in the Hills has a board of 18 trustees, elected for a three-year term.

**Church Officer Nominating Committee Members-at-Large** – Three individuals elected from church-wide membership to serve on the Church Officer Nominating Committee for a one-year term.

## Members of this year's Church Officer Nominating Committee are:

John Michael Baird	Ann Manning
Sue Heinrich	Julie Webb
Dr. Arnold Kummerow	Linda Weitzel
Dr. Julia Libcke	Marjorie Whittemore
Brian Sliwinski	