



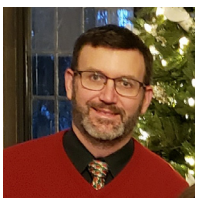
## Elders



**Andrew Clopton** - Andrew has been a member for five years. He served on the Board of Trustees for three years, including as President in 2021. In that capacity, Andrew has served on a variety of committees, including the Facilities Committee and the Personnel Committee. Andrew also serves as an Usher and a Sunday School Teacher. Andrew and his wife, Lauren, and their children, Grace and William, love the Kirk's community and fellowship. Andrew hopes to bring diligence, intensity, enthusiasm, and teamwork to the table.



**Nancy Lau** - Nancy is serving on the Kirk's Stephen Ministry leadership team and with the Kirk members who volunteer monthly at *Forgotten Harvest*. Along with Rick Llope, she co-chairs the Covenant Team, the committee responsible for fulfilling the vision of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign. Nancy's had the privilege of serving alongside many wonderful people as a Sunday School teacher, Kirk Tutor, Deacon, Trustee, and Elder. Nancy wants to bring hope to her position. Nancy believes that "God has been so faithful in how He has nurtured and blessed this congregation. As long as we proclaim Christ and focus on loving God and loving one another, then we have every reason to be hopeful about the future of this congregation." She also looks to bring thanksgiving - she is so deeply thankful for our faith-filled and generous Kirk family who have gone before us, for those who are currently doing the Lord's work - both volunteers and staff, for our community friends, and for our youth who inspire us.



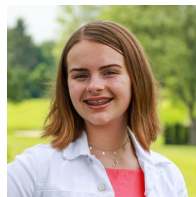
**Ryan True** - Ryan serves on the Children's Ministry Committee and helps teach 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School. He has been involved in Sunday School off and on since his confirmation in 1990. He has served on the Parish Council and an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. He brings a friendly and loving presence to all he does, as a husband, father, or friend. I view this as obeying Jesus's commandment of "loving thy neighbor as thyself". As a father and Sunday School teacher, he has a connection to the future of our church. His professional career in program management and engineering has given him experience in problem solving and working with diverse teams.



**Julie Webb** - Julie has been a member of the Kirk for 12 years. She and her husband, Ryan, are currently leading a small group that has been meeting for seven years. She enjoys teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class. Julie has served as a Deacon in the past. She is hopeful that she can support the Kirk with wisdom and grace. She will take time to listen to the Holy Spirit and hear how he is guiding our church family.



**Ed Yousif** - Ed has been involved at the Kirk in several ways over his 36 years of membership. He is a current member of the Adult Formation Committee and also teaches various adult Bible studies. He taught the 2021-2022 confirmation class. He loves the Kirk because it is a home for both us and Christ. It is a warm, friendly place for him and his family. He looks forward to continuing to use his gift for teaching to impact the Kirk and its programs.



**Joslyn Phillips** - Joslyn is currently in the Senior Youth Choir and also served as an acolyte in the past. She completed confirmation this past spring and is now a member of the Kirk. She will bring youthful energy and a different perspective to this office. She will strive to bring her open mind, leadership skills, and ability to collaborate to the table in order to help the Kirk achieve its visions for the future.

## Deacons



**Leif Anderson** - Leif is an usher and regular attendee of the Men's Bible Study. God has given Leif the gift of perspective. It's easier for him to be tolerant and understanding when he realizes that the faults he see in others are the same aspects of his character that he finds hard to bear. The hardships of his past are a great comfort to him now that things are going well. He hopes to be a lifelong witness of the power of God's grace.



**Marta Buttorf Steffes**- Marta has been a member for 27 years and has been a Stephen Minister since 2008. She worked at the Vacation Bible School for three summers and briefly volunteered as a Kirk Tutor. She hopes she can use her wide range of life experiences to benefit this office. Her experiences have deepened her faith and reliance on trusting God's plan. The Kirk has nurtured her faith. She is appreciative of that and looks forward to giving back.



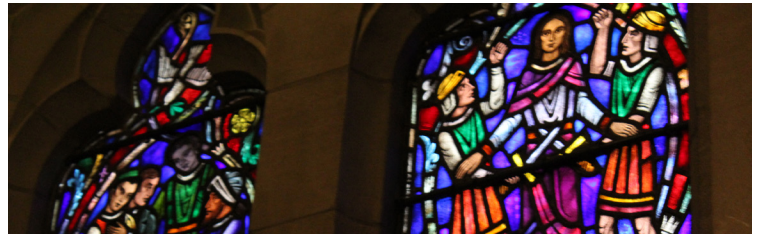
**Teresa Fredericks** - Terry has been involved as a Kirk Tutor, a member of the Wednesday Spiritual Studies Book Group, a former Kirk Trustee, and a member of the small group led by Bob Heuer and hosted by Sydrena and Irwin Epstein. Terry brings her love for the Kirk and the wonderful feeling of community it fosters among members to her position. She has experienced the kindness and generosity of spirit of so many Kirk members, and she tries to extend that spirit to others in the congregation. She makes it a point to greet anyone who seems to be a newcomer or visitor and tries to make everyone feel welcome and appreciated. She tries to introduce people so more will feel a part of our church community and experience God's love and kindness.



**Samantha Klein** - Samantha has been a member of the Kirk for 29 years. She was a leader for the senior high Youth Group and went on four mission trips to Belize. She is still active with the young adults and has been on mission trips to Houston and Traverse City. She is well connected with the youth and young adults and hopes to provide that she can provide valuable perspective.



**Will Myers** - Will grew up at the Kirk. He was baptized at the Kirk and has attended with his family since 1999. He has previously attended the Kirk's Youth Group. He also attended four mission trips to Belize. He has been a member for seven years now. Will brings a passion to serve and help our community. He hopes to be a welcoming face to all at the Kirk. He will try to be an example for those younger than himself and help guide them in their religious journey.



**Sue Owen** - Sue has been a member for 34 years. She is currently involved with Caring Friends. In the past, she was a Sunday School teacher and served on the Youth Committee. Sue has been involved in Ministry With Pontiac, Accent Pontiac, Adult Ministry Committee, Garden Club, and helping with teas/luncheons for funerals. Sue hopes her caring heart can help the Kirk impact people in need. She is very knowledgeable on community resources and assisting those with various needs, including substance abuse, mental health, housing problems, and more. She is trained to lead individuals in prayer.



**Judy Pardonnet** - Judy has been a Kirk member for 19 years. She has participated in the Open Door program, helped with the coffee hour, and she is currently working with those that prepare the Kirk Senior Newsletter for mailing. She hopes to serve the congregation and to aid in reaching out beyond the Kirk to other areas of service. She is committed to that purpose and hopes to be a positive and willing addition to the Deacon committee.



**Minnie Washington** - Minnie is volunteering in the city of Pontiac community events and has facilitated the Good News and Daily News class. She was once a member of Ministry With Pontiac and Foster Children Committee. Minnie has also assisted with Royal Oak Shelter by washing dishes and providing companionship to homeless women. She has gathered outside gifts for children during the holiday season. She hopes that she can impact the Kirk by being a good neighbor, sharing the Good News, and having positive energy. She will share that God's love is real. She hopes to continue to serve the church.



**Sally Eckstrom** - Sally has been a Kirk member for 30 years. She worships at the Kirk regularly and is a member of Bob Heuer's small group. She is excited to get started and is willing to do anything she can to help the Kirk in its mission. She has strong faith and love for our church. Sally is filling a two year position.

**Ellie Faglie** - Ellie has been a member since she was confirmed at the Kirk in the spring. She is involved in the Kirk Youth and is excited to serve our church as a Youth Deacon.



## Trustees



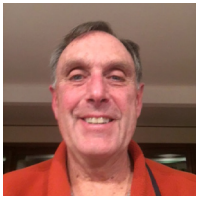
**Jeff Beggs** - Jeff has been attending the Kirk for 15 years. Jeff enjoys participating in many of the Kirk's programs. This is his first opportunity to serve as an officer. He brings an ability to solve problems through collaboration and bridge-building with a healthy sense of humor and a positive outlook on life.



**Jerry Craig** - Jerry has been a member for 44 years. He has been an usher since he joined and an usher captain for 20 years. He regularly volunteers at the Welcome Center. He has a deep commitment to the Kirk as a member. His children and grandchildren were baptized at the Kirk. Three of his children were married in the Kirk. His father is interred here. He has a strong desire to see the Kirk succeed.



**Jayne Dodge** - Jayne has been a member of the Kirk for 36 years. Last year she was elected to fill a one-year vacancy. During that time, she co-chaired the Facilities Committee. She is nominated for her 3-year term and plans to continue working with the Facilities Committee. In the past, she served as a Deacon, Kirk Treasurer, and was a member of staff. She will bring organization and positivity to her role. She is excited to see projects through from beginning to end.



**Ian Dittus** - Ian has been a member for 30 years. He was an Elder from January 2010 through January 2013. He has been involved with Men of the Kirk and the Usher Corps. He is also passionate about outreach and mission. This past spring, he participated in the field day at Walt Whitman Elementary. Late this summer, he led a team to build a shed for the community garden in Pontiac. His inquisitive mind and finance experience will help him in this new role. Ian is filling a two year position.



**Richard Duffy** - Rich has been a member for 15 years and has previously served as a trustee at the Kirk. Rich currently serves as a member of the Usher Corps. He's had the privilege of serving in a variety of leadership positions throughout his professional career. His skill set includes technical problem-solving, strategic planning, and people development.



**Sharon Chope** - Sharon has been a member of the Kirk for 30 years. She has previously served as a Deacon and a Trustee. She has participated in several group activities such as Small Groups, Women of the Kirk retreats, the CROP Hunger Walk, Advent Christmas, SOS, Habitat for Humanity, and Kirk Singles. Sharon looks forward to serving in this capacity because of the love she has for the Kirk. During this transition period, she hopes to bring her faith, energy, and knowledge to help make wise and thoughtful decisions that will impact the future of the Kirk.



**David Gates** - David has served for 31 years as an usher and is currently an Usher Co-Captain. He served as an Elder and two terms as a Deacon. In the past, he has been on the Communication Committee, CONC, and Communion Committee. David's broad knowledge of many areas within the Kirk will be a benefit to his position. He is very interested in the Kirk building and facilities, maintaining and enhancing them for future generations.

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



**Bobi Tallinger** - Bobi has been a member of the Kirk for 28 years. Over that time, she has served for eight years as a Deacon and three years as an Elder. Bobi has been involved with Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Together, CROP Walk, Westminster Thanksgiving, Communion Chair, and Small Groups. Her love of the Kirk, its traditions, and its promise for the future are her calling to serve. Bobi thinks we are a remarkable church family.



**Ron Gardhouse** - Ron has been a Kirk Member for 34 years. In previous years, he served as a Trustee. Recently, he served as a member of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Ron regularly attends the Men of the Kirk events. He is excited to use his financial background to benefit the Kirk.



**Allison Murphy** - Alison has been a member for 31 years and has served as Deacon, Moderator of Deacons, Resident Search Committee Member, and a member of the Church Officer Nominating Committee at the Kirk. She has enjoyed being part of Books & Bibles, Kirk Tutors, and the Senior High Youth Group. Alison brings knowledge, experience, and understanding of what is needed to be a Church Officer at the Kirk. She believes in putting the best candidates in place to advance the Kirk's vision.





## Guidelines for officer nominations:

**Elders** – The Presbyterian Church USA's Book of Order (Part II 2019/2023) cites a Ruling Elder Defined (G-2.0301) as follows: "... of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, 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. It consists of 15 Ruling Elders who serve for a three-year term and one Youth Ruling Elders who serves 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 2019/2023) cites a Deacon Defined (G-2.0201) as follows: "The ministry of deacon as set forth in Scripture e 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 repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry"

The Board of Deacons comprises 24 members who serve for a three-year term and two Youth Deacons who serve a one-year term.

**Trustees** – Trustees have major responsibilities in the areas of budget and finance, endowments and investments, property maintenance and insurance, personnel and legal affairs. Trustees shall be members of the church who demonstrate qualities of honesty and integrity, energy and business acumen, incorporating both Christian dedication and responsibility. The Presbyterian Church USA's Book of Order (Part II 2019/2023) cites a Deacon Defined (G-4.101) as follows: "The corporation so formed, or the individual trustees, shall have the following powers: to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the congregation, provided that in buying, selling, and mortgaging real property, the trustees shall act only after the approval of the congregation, granted in a duly constituted meeting; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation, all subject to the authority of the session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The powers and duties of the trustees shall not infringe upon the powers and duties of the session or the board of deacons."

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. The Church Officer Nominating Committee may receive more suggestions than there are available positions. It is the Committee's hope that the congregation will submit names for consideration. Members should understand that, inevitably, many fine suggestions may not lead to nomination or appointment.

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

Julia Libcke, Chair	Neal Yousif
Jim Devlin, Co-chair	Chris Graff
Suan File	Leslie Schneider
Jill O'Hara	Hugh "Sandy" McLeod
Jan Thompson	