



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

## Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here, and hope that you'll feel right at home.

### **Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.**

Face Masks for are optional for all activities on our campus, and are available upon request.

Friendship Pew Pads can be found at the end of each pew.

Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in attending.

Visual Worship Schedules are available upon request.

If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.

If a Fidget Toy Would Be Helpful For You, they are available at the Narthex entrance.

An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.

An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents of little ones is located in the Narthex.

Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Gluten Free Cookies will now be available during coffee hour.

The tray will be marked – please save them for those with specific dietary restrictions.

WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.

Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with any questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.

### **Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!**

#### **Sunday, September 10**

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Rally Day Celebration

#### **Monday, September 11**

10:00 am- Staff Meeting

10:00 am- Adult Bible Class

7:30 pm- WPC Connections

#### **Tuesday, September 12**

11:00 am- PrimeTime Luncheon

7:30 pm- Worship Council

#### **Wednesday, September 13**

9:00 am- Breakfast Group - Court Diner

10:00 am- Fellowship of Friends

#### **Wednesday, September 13 (cont.)**

3:00 pm- Private Brass Lessons

7:00pm- Valley Voices

7:00pm- WOW

#### **Thursday, September 14**

7:30 pm- Chancel Choir

7:30 pm- BSA 277/2019

#### **Friday, September 15**

#### **Saturday, September 16**

#### **Sunday, September 17**

9:30 am- Chancel Choir

10:00 am- Worship

11:00 am- Coffee Hour

***A community where all who seek God are Welcome...***



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.” — John Calvin

### GATHERING

WELCOME, RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP - Statement of Faith (*by Ann Weems in Reaching for Rainbows*)

We believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in you and me.

**ALL: We believe the Holy Spirit has freed us to worship as a community.**

We believe the Holy Spirit works through

**ELDERS, DEACONS and TRUSTEES: Balloons and ministers... daisies and wiggly children**

Clanging cymbals and silence... drama and the unexpected

**CHOIR: Choirs and banners... touching and praying**

Spontaneity and planning... faith and doubt

**ALL: Tears and laughter... leading and supporting**

Hugging and kneeling... dancing and stillness

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Applauding and giving... creativity and plodding**

Words and listening... holding and letting go

**MINISTERS: Thank you and help me... Scripture and alleluias**

Agonizing and celebrating... accepting and caring

**STEPHEN MINISTERS: Through you and through me... through love.**

We believe God's Holy Spirit lives in this community of dancing, hand-holding people where lines of age and politics and lifestyles are crossed.

**ALL: We believe in praising God for Life.**

We believe in responding to God's grace and love and justice for all people.

**ALL: We believe in the poetry within each of us.**

We believe in dreams and visions.

**ALL: We believe in old people running and children leading.**

We believe in the Kingdom of God within us.

**ALL: We believe in Love.**

\*OPENING HYMN 388

HYMN 657

HYMN 399

Come All You People  
Sing to God, With Joy and Gladness  
God Welcomes All

UYAI MOSE  
GLENDON  
THEMBA AMEN

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany their younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front pews. Children are invited to Sunday School classes (ages 18 months –11 years) or to stay with us in worship. There will be Bibles for all ages available for free downstairs when you pick them up.*

***Parents, if you didn't fill out the Sunday School registration form, please do so upon picking up your child after the service.***

MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

Brian George Jr, Nathan Gibson, Tyler Gibson, David Haury

arr. Tom Trenny

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

RESPONSE 469

Lord, Listen to your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Prayer for Illumination

**Awaken our hearts and minds to your Word, O God. Give us understanding so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we are able to do all that you command for love's sake. Gathered in Christ's name, gathered around the Word, we pray. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16

NRSV NT 45

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

My Lord What a Morning  
Sharon Babcock

arr. H.T. Burleigh

SERMON

### **MISSION AND MINISTRY**

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*When someone is baptized, they are asked to reject evil and to profess faith in Jesus Christ. How can we more fully live into these commitments, not only for ourselves but also to help others live in that same way? Jesus asks, "Are you willing to confront wrongdoing when you see it? Will you walk alongside those who travel a path that leads to death in order to help them find and choose life? We don't promise easy answers or simple platitudes, but we invite you to join us as we seek to follow Jesus as best we can. There is room for you here with us to seek, to serve, to ponder and to share the Good News.*

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Worship Council

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY

We Are Trav'lers on a Journey  
Lise Meloy, flute

C. Courtney



If you wish to give electronically from your smartphone or tablet, please scan the box at the left, to go to the website where you can give to WPC via credit card, or give via the Church Center app.

\*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

**Ever-present God, just as Jesus promised to be among us when two or three gather in his name, be among us now that these offerings may become instruments of your love and justice. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

CALL FOR THE MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

\*CLOSING PRAYER

**SENDING**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE 582      Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me      GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)  
***Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen (x3)***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

*(Please exchange with one another, by words and gestures, signs of peace and reconciliation.)*

***\*Those who are able, please stand.***

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*Thank you to Charlotte Jordan, Juliette Coker, Lauren Montague,  
and all who assisted with the worship service this morning.*

*This week's flowers were given to the Glory of God by Ken Ezzell  
in honor of Ken and Polly's 25th anniversary*

## Come All You People

*Uyai mose*

*Leader*

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na -  
Come all you peo - ple, come and

U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your

Ahom Ahom

ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
praise your Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Mwa - ri; u - ya - i mo - se,  
Mak - er; come all you peo - ple,

Ahom

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u -  
come and praise your Mak - er; come

ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri; u - ya - i  
come and praise your Mak - er; come all you

Ahom Ahom

This short gathering song (based on a text adapted from Psalm 95:6) is a great favorite among children in Zimbabwe, and it is frequently used as a processional song for worship. The choir enters singing, the congregation picks up their excitement, and soon all are singing.

GATHERING

*ya - i mo - se,* *ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
 all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

*mo - se,* *ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
 peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

Ahom

*u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. Ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri, no.*  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord. Come and praise your Mak - er, Lord.

*u - ya - i mo - se zvi - no. no.*  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord. Lord.

Ahom

Ahom

Ahom

Ahom

THANKSGIVING

# 657 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

(Psalm 147)

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D)  
 Refrain F Dm Gm7 C F

Sing to God, with joy and glad - ness, hymns and

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (Bm) (Em7)  
 Dm Gm7 F Dm Gm7

psalms of grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise

(A) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (D)  
 C F Dm Gm7 F *Fine*

dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is good.

(Bm) (Em7) (A) (F#) (G)  
 Dm Gm7 C A Bb

1 God u - nites the scat - tered peo - ple, gath - ers  
 2 Such is God's great power and wis - dom, none can  
 3 God with clouds the sky has cur - tained, thus en -  
 4 God's dis - cern - ment nev - er fa - vors strength or

(Em) (F#) (F#7) (Bm) (Em7) (A)  
 Gm A A7 Dm Gm7 C

those who wan - dered far, heals the hurt and bro - ken  
 cal - cu - late or tell; keen is God to ground the  
 sur - ing rain shall fall; earth, re - spond - ing, grows to  
 speed to lift or move; God de - lights in those who

The five songs of praise that conclude the biblical psalter (Psalms 146–150) all begin and end with “Hallelujah!” That ecstatic Hebrew word is expanded here into the refrain that opens and closes this paraphrase of Psalm 147, an appropriate frame for its theme of thanksgiving.



THANKSGIVING

to Refrain

(D) (G) (Em7) (A) (D)

F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C F

spir - its, wick - ed, or - der, wor - ship, tend - ing and with food for trust - ing, ev - every hum - ble crea - tures in God's, wound and folk to great and stead - fast, and to dwell. small. love.

# God Welcomes All

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God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

4.4.9

**Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16**

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

# Women of Wallingford

The Women of Wallingford (WOW) has been meeting in one form or another for literally generations. We come together once a month to enjoy each other's company and to do a Bible study of some kind that is fleshed out in various ways in order to bring the Bible and the saints that have their stories there in focus and how it relates to this moment in our lives and the world.

We pray for one another and share the burdens that we all carry. We have been involved in many different missions. We celebrate Christmas with a dinner at Cyndi's house, we gather for a one day retreat at the IHM Conference Center in Bryn Mar and we celebrate Spring with a picnic in the yard as we watch spring burst before our very eyes.

This year we are studying the Gospel of John as Jesus was making his way through the towns and villages preaching His Truth. During this time Jesus made seven statements that just drove the Pharisees over the edge. The seven "I AM" statements about himself. No one but God ever used I AM. The Great I AM. But Jesus does now with tremendous metaphors which express His saving relationships toward the world.

They are:

I AM the Bread of Life

I Am the Light of the World

I AM the Door of the Gate Knock

I AM the Good Shepherd

I AM the Resurrection and the Life

I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life

I AM the True Vine

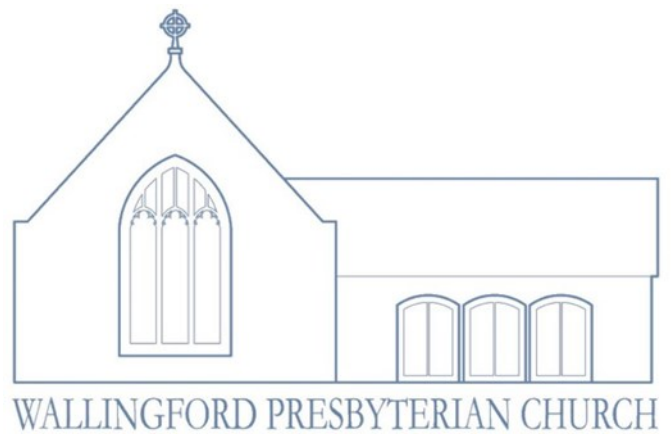
Please come on the second Wednesday of every month to share your time with each other. (**That would be Wednesday, September 13**). Come at 7pm and we will visit, eat a light snack and have something to drink. We wrap up at 830pm. If you need a ride someone will be happy to pick you up.

We all have so much to give to one another. Please join us.



# WPC Officer Bios

## Class of 2026



### Session

#### Three-Year Terms

##### Jenny Miller

While my mother and her family are good Presbyterians, my father kept us very busy on weekends and we only went to church sporadically when I was growing up. When our three children were very young, Rick and I wanted to find a church family in which to raise our children. We tried out Wallingford Presbyterian because my mother told me that her Aunt had been a member. At the time, Suzan Hawkinson was the pastor and she very kindly and patiently helped me learn about the church, services and Presbyterians without making me feel like an ignorant outsider. We joined as members on the same day that all three of our children were baptized (during which my two boys decided to fence with the wooden cross and painted seashells in front of the entire congregation).

Since that time, I have served the church in so many ways. Our family changed the hymn numbers every week for many years. I have served on Session; the Worship, Personnel, Nominating and Memorial committees and a number of special committees (including to redecorate the education hall downstairs and the Reception Room). I have prepared and served communion, organized the serving of communion, acted as liturgist, decorated the church for holidays and lately Rick and I have begun ushering. We volunteered for Sprouts, youth group, Vacation Bible Camp and Summer Sunday School when our kids were young. Our whole family has volunteered for the Strawberry Festival in various capacities over the years. My children enjoyed their youth at the church under Pastor Rob and know the "Superman Grace Song" well.

For me, WPC provides a strong feeling of community and peace. Words that come to my mind about my fellow journeymen in faith at WPC include: acceptance, patience, kindness, collaboration, fun, thought-provoking, musical, understanding, helpful, inclusive, caring, engaged. I am looking forward to diving in with Session again!

##### Ver Picher

Helen and I joined the church in 1996, when our children started asking questions about God. It was clear some structured religious guidance was needed. Around that same time, Frank Noyes invited us to attend Rally Day. We felt immediately at home at the church: Our son's cub scout leader and den mother were both members and along with Frank we knew many other people from around the Wallingford community. More importantly, I could feel God moving through the church.

I taught Sunday school at the church for many years, following my children as they grew from second grade up to fifth. After that I served as a Deacon and then as a Trustee. I have served on the Nominating Committee, the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee during the search that brought Rob Ross to us, the Stewardship Committee and the Vision 250 Campaign Committee. I currently serve on the Legacy Fund and Electronic Sign committees.

I grew up in Denver, Colorado and was raised Unitarian. The Unitarian Church was a strong and supportive community, but I don't remember much religious instruction in my Sunday school classes. My first big exposure to spirituality was when my family moved to Mexico for a few months. I was much taken by the deep faith of the Mexican people and the art and architecture of the churches we visited.

In high school, a friend introduced me to Christ, taking time to explain the passages in Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus and what it meant to be born again. In that moment, I became a Christian. Not being brought up in the Christian church, there are still things about its religious practices that mystify me, but I can speak to the power of God in my life. I am still learning.

### John Stauffer

I first attended WPC with my family in the early 1950s, when Sunday school classes were held in Fellowship Hall. I formally become a member in 1958. (I married WPC member Darleen Brooks here, in 1978; and our two children attended SS.) I became fully engaged with the church after I finished college and returned from teaching in Africa with the Peace Corps in 1968.

Since then I have served as a Sunday School teacher, Trustee, Deacon, and Elder; have done various projects, ranging from managing resurfacing the upper parking lot to making the colorful stepstools for the basement drinking fountains and creating the oak frame for the antique stained glass in the narthex; and (with Darleen) adding spacers to ALL of the hymnal racks to accommodate new, thicker books.

Since 2003, much of my time is devoted to assisting Eritrean refugees worldwide (a Peace Corps legacy program) through my non-profit charity, which I am pleased to be designated a mission of WPC.

### Earl Varney

A descendant of Roger Conant (first Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony – 1626), I hail from the Boston area where I was confirmed in the Union Congregational Church (UCC). Upon marriage to the former Mina Hale of Rose Valley, I joined WPC and became a Presbyterian in 1985.

I have served the Church as a Trustee, usher, Deacon Helper, Chancel Choir member and instrumentalist in Wallingford Winds. I helped lead the 2001 Capital Campaign and purchase of the Brookhaven Manse (now a rental property) as well as sitting on the Financial Oversight Committee.

Mina and I raised two children at WPC – Roger (now 36) and Hilary (33). I retired from Vanguard in 2017 after a 40-year career in banking/mutual funds/insurance – fortuitous timing since I soon thereafter became my wife’s primary caregiver. Sadly, after a four-plus year battle with ovarian cancer, Mina lost her battle in 2022.

On a personal level, musical endeavors have been a lifelong passion. As a trombonist, I have performed with 22 Park Avenue Swing Band, Swing Kings, Vanguard Mutual Fun Band, Swarthmore’s Silver Dollar Band and others. As a chorister, I have performed with WPC Choir and Valley Voices. When not making music, I am active in both the Rose Valley and Swarthmore communities where I am a close friend to both mayors.

As a final note, WPC has long been an important part of my extended family – and even more so as I navigated the sickness and loss of Mina. I look forward to helping guide the Church over the next three years.

## Deacons

### Three-Year Terms

#### Gail Clark

I was raised in the Presbyterian Church, as were our three children. My first involvement with WPC was when I was confirmed the year that I lived in Wallingford as a teen. When Bruce and I decided to transfer our membership here in 2021, it felt like coming home!

Outside of church, I worked as a physical therapist for 45 years, retiring in 2017, and more recently as a mental health advocate.

At WPC, I have volunteered with the Strawberry Festival and have been active with W.O.W., as well as with the prep for the Easter Egg-stravaganza. I look forward to serving as a deacon and becoming more involved in the mission of the church while working alongside the warm and dedicated people we have met at WPC.

#### Donna Falconieri

I joined WPC in 2011 when I was pregnant with my first child. My husband, Lee, and I were searching for a family-friendly church where our children could attend Sunday School and WPC was perfect. Lee and all three of our children Tommy (11), Ashlyn (9) and Abby (4) were baptized at the church. I have taught Sunday School for a few years. I’m honored to have been chosen to be a Deacon and am looking forward to the journey that lies ahead.

#### Chris Jacobsen

I grew up in WPC but took a long hiatus from attending any church through college and beyond. I was married in this church and became a member in 1980 prior to the birth of my first child; it was important to me that my three children be baptized and raised in the church. I have served as a Deacon for five years (my three-year term and the remaining two years for a Deacon who moved out of the area) and been an Elder and Laity speaker. I have also participated in numerous Bible studies and served as co-leader or leader of a number of adult spiritual growth groups; *Disciple* and *Space For God* were two favorites.

Eventually, I took another hiatus from attending church although I continued to nourish my spiritual journey through readings and groups. What I have missed the most during my absence from attending worship has been feeling a part of a community. I look forward to reconnecting with congregants I know and becoming acquainted with those I don't. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve WPC in its important mission of outreach through the position of Deacon.

### **Don Killian**

I was raised in Lancaster in a family of three children who were taught that every Sunday was a day of worship with family and friends. We always attended church service, then Sunday school, then had lunch and packed in the car for a trip to Grandpa and Grandma's house in New Holland. On the way, we played a game called "horse" or "cow" – whenever you saw either animal you said their name and whoever accumulated the most won the game upon reaching the destination. What fun we had.

After growing up and attending West Chester State College in the 70s for music, I decided to call the Philadelphia area my home. On a visit to my parent's house, I met my now Presbyterian partner, Walter Dunham. After years of spending our lives together, we were able to get married in a Lutheran church in Havertown in 2016.

A friend who was director of music and organist at St. John's Lutheran Church in Center Square asked if I could help him as a singer in his choir and for 26 years I became a Lutheran. When COVID hit, gas prices went sky high and my partner's health was declining so I needed to find a church nearer to home. Since I was already acquainted with WPC by singing in concerts when Liz Barden was director, WPC was a good choice. I transferred my letter and was accepted as a member. I joined the choir and the bell choir and enjoyed working the Strawberry Festival. I was off and running.

Thank you very much for inviting me to be a Deacon at WPC. The community of Christian fellowship at WPC is wonderful and I look forward to working with everyone to further my Christian life.

### **Dottie Celebre (partial term)**

Jeff and I joined WPC in 1980, where we raised our two sons, Ben and Peter. In that time, I have served as a Sunday School teacher, Stephen Minister, Deacon, Strawberry Festival Plant Sale Chair and Naomi Circle leader. Since 1971 I have been a speech pathologist, with a private practice in Media.

I have enjoyed my experience in the past as a Deacon and look forward to extending my service for another year. Each time I have served I have personally benefited from the opportunity to get to know Christian friends in a small group experience and have observed firsthand that Deacons are making an impact and contributing to the growth of our church.

I would like to see our church nurture members of all age groups. Since Covid, there is an ongoing need to support our aging population and help them to still feel connected in person and online. I would love to see younger families with children find a spiritual home in our church community and we need to find creative ways to encourage them to become future Deacons. I would like to participate in the Abilities Initiative because there is a great need to support people with special needs. There may be ways that Deacons can support that need, too.

## Trustees

### Three-Year Terms

#### **Bud Fury**

I was raised in Southwest Philadelphia and attended the Woodland Baptist Church. I'm married to Edna and we have three children – Linda, Lorraine and Russell. We moved to Ridley Township in 1964 and became members of Holmes Presbyterian Church in 1969. While at Holmes Church I served as an Elder, Trustee, Scoutmaster of Troop 355 and Charter Representative of Troop 355 and Cub Pack 355.

I retired from PECO with 38 years of service. We have been attending services at WPC since 2020 and became members in the spring of 2023.

#### **Cary McHugh**

My wife Sarah and I have been married and living in Wallingford for 22 years. I was actively raised Catholic but had grown distant from my religion/faith having lived in several states before finding my home here in Pennsylvania. Wallingford Presbyterian actively became a part of my life 18 years ago when Hurricane Katrina steered me into the congregation. The kindness of the church to accept me in at the time and the genuine friendships that followed have led to many years of growth with WPC.

I have spent most of my working career in Corporate Management and Training but have taken the most pride in building up small business. After several years of corporate life and long commutes, my working career suddenly changed. WPC gave me an opportunity to serve as the Sexton for a time to help me reset and focus on my young family. So, for the second time, WPC was there for the support my family and I needed. I am now a small business owner who enjoys having the flexibility to focus on my life and family as a priority.

In short, WPC has been a blessing for me. Since those first mission trips, Sarah and I now have three beautiful children (Camryn, Chelsey and Paisley) who the church has readily welcomed. I can honestly say that I am grateful for the congregation and friends who have been there for my family and me over the years. I look forward to expanding on my experience and role with WPC.



### **Roger Freidinger (partial term)**

Carol and I moved to Rose Valley in 2017 and began attending WPC. We joined in 2018. Prior to this move, we were active members of Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Hatfield, PA for 40 years. I was an ordained Elder and Deacon, served terms on Consistory (church board) and was president. I chaired two Pastoral Search Committees and the Stewardship Committee. Carol and I participated in several disaster recovery mission trips.

At WPC, I am enjoying Fellowship of Friends and Bible study and mission opportunities such as Red Wagon and Rise Against Hunger and have served as an usher. As a Trustee for the past three years, I have enjoyed learning more about the church property and how I can best contribute to its management. I have been impressed with the dedication of the Trustees to the mission of WPC, and I look forward to serving with them for another year.

### **Jean Stromberg (partial term)**

I grew up on my father's wheat farm in the middle of Kansas, spending long summer days during high school and college driving a tractor for my dad. To keep from getting too bored, I would memorize the verses to hymns and sing along with the tractor noise.

I have a BA from Wheaton College and an MA from the University of Minnesota in English literature. I taught several years at the Jr high, HS and Jr college levels; my last teaching position was in Switzerland.

I switched gears to join the staff of the World Council of Churches (WCC) in Geneva as the managing editor of the International Review of Mission; I then became the Executive in charge of planning the WCC Central and Executive committee meetings in various parts of the world, including the 8th Assembly of the WCC in Harare, Zimbabwe in 1998, and concluded my work as the director of the US Office in New York.

I have two children – my son Paul works for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and has spoken at WPC about his experiences. I am living in retirement in Media with my daughter Kristen and Tom, James and Tim Childers. I have been delighted to become part of the WPC community where I have served as an Elder on the Steering Committee and as a Trustee.

**WELCOME MEGHAN!** Meghan Cakalli, our new Soprano Section Leader, is a classically trained soprano. She earned a Bachelor's degree in classical voice from Temple University and Master's Degree in Opera from Binghamton University.

She has performed coloratura soprano roles with several opera companies and is an accomplished sacred music singer, holding the position of section leader at churches in Philadelphia and Endicott, New York.

Meghan works as a paralegal at a local law firm. Born and raised in the Philadelphia area, she, her husband Tani and their two children, Alexander and Elizabeth, recently moved to Delaware County.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** The group will begin the season, **10 a.m., Monday, September 11**, with a study of First, Second and Third John. All are welcome – no Bible knowledge required. Meets weekly.

**PRIME TIME** Start the season, **noon, Tuesday, September 12**, with WPC member Tom Erickson, proprietor of the railroad consulting firm Rail Cents Enterprises, Inc., talking about the impact of short line railroads on transportation in the US. Bring lunch and a friend – we will provide beverages and dessert. **Lunch starts at noon; the talk, 12:30 p.m.**

**FELLOWSHIP OF FRIENDS** Discuss a variety of topics, some political, in a non-threatening atmosphere, beginning **10 a.m., Wednesday, September 13**. Meets weekly.

**W.O.W. (WOMEN OF WALLINGFORD)** Meet, greet and eat, **7 p.m., Wednesday, September 13**. All women of our community of faith are welcome to participate in this ministry – we all have something to contribute to this amazing gathering.

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE** Did you know Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing neurological disorder and will soon surpass Alzheimer's disease in prevalence? WPC member Gwyn M. Vernon, MSN, RN, CRNP, a co-founder of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Center at the University of Pennsylvania, will describe Parkinson's disease (PD) and briefly address treatments, **11:30 p.m., Sunday, September 17**. Her talk will highlight how we as a community can help those in our church and neighborhoods who suffer with PD. **Presented as part of WPC's Abilities Initiative.**

**BOOKLOOK** Join the discussion, **7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 20**, about "The Soul of America" by Jon Meacham. The #1 New York Times bestseller helps readers understand the present moment in American politics and life by looking back at critical times in our history when hope overcame division and fear. **Contact Walt Kaminski to order – the cost is \$6.**

**BELL CHOIR** Join the ringers, **6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 21**, for the first rehearsal of the season. No experience necessary.

**YOUTH GROUP URBAN AIR** YGs – meet **4:30 p.m., Sunday, September 24**, at Urban Air Adventure Park (1260 East Woodland Avenue, Springfield) to kick off the season. Open to youth grades 6-12.

**“WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?”** The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee will open its fall series, **6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 27**, with “Who is our Neighbor,” an open discussion with Pastor François regarding his September 24 sermon of the same title. Begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program at 7:15 p.m.



**SUPPORT PDA'S RESPONSE TO HAWAI'I WILDFIRES** The magnitude of the event will require developing long-term projects and assistance. As people of God, we are called to stand with our siblings in the “GAP” – Give, Act and Pray. Use the QR code for various ways to give.

**RED WAGON** WPC supports three food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks and Media Food Bank.

Media Food Bank is requesting:

- Canned corned beef, Spam
- Canned salmon, sardines
- Dry beans (red kidney, pinto, black-eyed)
- Bagged rice (white, brown, jasmine – no packets)
- Canned Vegetables (mixed, lima beans, black-eye peas, beets, mushrooms, collard/mixed greens)
- Canned Fruit
- Hot Cereals (oatmeal [canisters and packets], Cream of Wheat or Rice, grits)
- Condiments (ketchup, mayo, BBQ sauce)
- Vinegar (white, apple cider)
- Ramen noodles (beef, chicken, spicy)
- Beef chili/Dinty Moore beef stew
- Pasta sauce (meat, alfredo)
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate packets
- Milk (evaporated, condensed, dry powdered, shelf stable – cow, almond, oat)