



MEMBER RECOGNITION

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MAY 2023



Celebrating PCOL's longtime members ...



We Are Your People

*We are your people; Lord, by your grace,
You dare to make us Christ to our neighbors of every nation and race,*

*Called to portray you, help us to live
Closer than neighbors, open to strangers, able to clash and forgive.*

*Glad of tradition, help us to see
In all life's changing where you are leading, where our best efforts should be.*

*Joined in community, breaking your bread,
May we discover gifts in each other, willing to lead and be led.*

*Lord, as we minister in different ways,
May all we're doing show that you're living, meeting your love with our praise.*

- Brian Wren, 1973 Hymn 436, The Presbyterian Hymnal

Member Recognition

May 2023

For the ninth consecutive year, the Deacons have compiled “introductions” of longtime PCOL members for the benefit of other members. We hope you’ll read each member’s story and hold onto the booklet for future reference. As opportunities arise, we also hope you’ll make an effort to introduce yourself to these friends. Knowing each other is an important part of being in a community of faith.

Like before, we reached out to members for whom 2023 marks a significant anniversary of membership (10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or 60 years), but we are also eager to include other members whom we haven’t featured previously. (If you’d like to be included next year, please let us know.)

We appreciate all the cooperation we have received from the members being recognized. They appear in **boldface** on the following list of 10-or-more-year members on the church’s active roll.

Your Deacon “reporters” this year included *Sherri Ahlers, Kyle Anderson, Cheryl Cavanaugh, Lori Citrone, Katie Flowers, Pam Ford, Tracey Gates, Karen Hall, Julia Hardt, Pam Hughes, Cynthia Korkuch, Jim Kroll, Avagail Morgan, Richard Palleschi, Nancy Richardson, Colleen Sarthou, Ted Simpson, Anne-Marie Tustin Perrone, Allen Whipple, and Joni Whipple.*

60+ YEARS

Bill Coleman 1932
Ken Snedeker 1947
Betty Lou Allen 1949
Charles Vanderbilt 1952
Grace Hedden 1954

50+ YEARS

Jim Campbell, III 1964
Sallie Campbell 1964
Joseph Huber, Jr. 1964
Gary Hullfish 1964
Rick Aicher 1965
Diane Armington 1965
Kay Danbury 1965
Jane Ensminger 1965
Edith Pike 1965
Ann Wiley 1966
Nancy Jusick 1967
Steve Jusick 1967

40+ YEARS

Pat Grannatt 1974
Milt Grannatt 1974
Gail Hardesty 1974
Dawn Monsport 1974
Bill Wilmot 1974
Phyllis Wilmot 1974
James Fearon 1976
Carol Koch 1976
Leonard Koch 1976
Craig Pasko 1976
Liz Pasko 1976
Diane Wilfrid 1976
Tom Wilfrid 1976
Eliz Williams 1976

Ray Allen 1956
Dick Hocking 1958
Virginia Stoops 1960
Lyn Ubry 1960
Ruth Barringer 1961
Vivian Huber 1961

Deborah Aicher 1968
Ida Marie Chiaradia 1968
Rocco Chiaradia 1968
Joan Schwartz 1968
Nancy Richardson 1969
Bill Schroeder 1969
Mary Schroeder 1969
Linda Dlabik 1970
Holly Hafner 1970
Sharon McClellan 1970
Dorothy Martin 1972

Diane Reinhart 1972
Jeanne Aicher 1977
Bill Bowers 1977
Marilyn Bowers 1977
Nancy Grieco 1977
Suzy Williamson 1977
Robert Williamson, Jr. 1977
Lorna Ballard 1978
Denise O’Sullivan 1978
William O’Sullivan 1979
Jim Stocking 1979
Nancy Stocking 1979
Holly Tkacs 1979
Bob Applegate 1980
Linda Applegate 1980
Tom Driver 1980
Diane Ferrari 1980

Barbara Hallows 1962
Lee Hendrickson 1962
Penny Hendrickson 1962
Barbara Ford 1963
Ruth Predhome 1963
Peg Waldron 1963

Kathy Edwards 1973
Wayne Edwards 1973
Mary Ferguson 1973
Ralph Ferguson, Jr. 1973
Bart Luedeke 1973
Linda Luedeke 1973
Jane Mansmann 1973
Art Schonheiter 1973
Pina Schonheiter 1973
Timothy Souders 1973

Judith Hocking 1980
Lew Thurston 1980
June Claburn 1981
Mike McNelly 1981
Elise Wilmot 1981
Sandra Connor 1982
Sandra Stein 1982
Dawn van den Heuvel 1982
Rick van den Heuvel 1982
Jill Cifelli 1983
Kathie Meeker-Cohen 1983
Julie Hardt 1983
William Hardt, III 1983
John Scott 1983
Mary Scott 1983

30+ YEARS

Kathie Baldassari 1984
Roy Baldassari 1984
Karen Clarke 1984
Karen Ellis 1984
Robert Ellis 1984
Meg Lloyd 1984
Lynn Shields 1984
Bobbie Allegra 1985
Ruth Conover 1985
Karen Dorsey 1985
Lynn Dorsey 1985
Larry Goebel 1985
Sue Goebel 1985
Kirk Huckel 1985
Pamela Hughes 1985
Sandra Lewis 1985
Rick Steen 1985
Sue Steen 1985
Gooitzen van der Wal 1985
Carol Wygal 1985
Don Wygal 1985
Ann Garwig 1986
Roberta Gernhardt 1986
Paul Koch 1986
Brandt McCabe 1986
Marilyn McCabe 1986
Dorothy French 1987
Karen Hall 1987

20+ YEARS

Dora Bowers 1994
Steve Bowers 1994
Lisa Folmer 1994
Tom Gates 1994
Tracey Gates 1994
Carol Petrone 1994
Chris Sullivan 1994
Vicki Joy Sullivan 1994
Suzanne Fobare 1995
John Gregg 1995
Beverly MacDonald 1995
John MacDonald 1995
Alicia Morrison 1995
James Petrone 1995
Jean Yepes 1995
Vickie Baranowski 1996
Kristin Burke 1996
Beth Dumont 1996
John Dumont 1996
Pam Ford 1996
Tom Ford, Jr. 1996
Jennifer Leahy 1996
Michael Leahy 1996
Christina Shu 1996
Lori Citrone 1997
Neil Citrone 1997
Martha Davidson 1997
Phil Duran 1997

Dale Haller 1987
Jeanne Haller 1987
Jill Hendershott 1987
John Wood 1987
Kate Wood 1987
Buz Donnelly 1988
Marge Dwyer 1988
Richard Ferrari 1988
Melissa Harbaugh 1988
David Hoeffel 1988
Donna Hoeffel 1988
John Huchler 1988
Lorraine Huchler 1988
Janet Madison 1988
Lyn Pope 1988
Ferdie Reeves, Jr. 1988
Karen Reeves 1988
Art Shearer 1988
David Sung 1988
Linda Sung 1988
Sue Brown 1989
Marianne Calvo 1989
Roque Calvo 1989
Mike Kazin 1989
Chris Petruzzelli 1989
Andrea Rabitz 1989
Denise Shungu 1989
Rebecca Sisk 1989
Gary Smith 1989

Nancy Icenhower 1997
Charlie Peterson 1997
Dana Thompson 1997
Greg Thompson 1997
James Blair 1998
Susan Blair 1998
Robert Grannatt 1998
Ivy Johnson 1998
John Yeager 1998
Carolyn Sanderson 1998
George Sanderson 1998
Bruce Strasser 1998
Colby Whipple 1998
Jim Curtin 1999
Dawn D'Orlando 1999
Brett Danko 1999
Leslie Gagliano 1999
Julia Kazan 1999
Kate Pollack 1999
Ted Simpson 1999
Wendy Simpson 1999
Melissa Speidel 1999
Lorraine Starr-Curtin 1999
Connie Weck 1999
Tom Weck 1999
Maia Hughes 2000
Jonathan McCabe 2000
Judith McCann 2000
Carol Sanford 2000
David Sanford 2000

Felice Tunison 1989
Jill van den Heuvel 1989
Cheryl Cavanaugh 1990
John Emery 1990
Lee Garwig 1990
Cynthia Korkuch 1990
Janet Reiche 1990
Karen Shade 1990
Tom Shade 1990
Marianne Meyers 1991
Allen Whipple 1991
Joni Whipple 1991
Laurie Wilson 1991
Scott Wilson 1991
David Buxton 1992
Kristine Deni 1992
Margie Gibson 1992
Peter Gibson 1992
Katie Poole 1992
Ward Tomlinson 1992
Ruth Schmid 1992
Claire Stuebben 1992
Janice Everett 1993
Jennifer Logue 1993
Cindy Pearce 1993
Tom Pearce 1993
Barbara Sandler 1993
Mary Snedeker 1993
Craig Wright 1993
Lois Wright 1993

Trevor Cavanaugh 2001
Chris Dumont 2001
Deborah Dumont 2001
Duane Harbaugh 2001
Carolyn Kozlowski 2001
Teresa Lourenco 2001
Ralph Lutz 2001
Jonathan Merendino 2001
Wendy Merendino 2001
Alexander Pron 2001
Robert Sargent 2001
Lawrence Shu 2001
Cheryl Tarby 2001
Laura Caiola 2002
Stephanie Dalle Pазze 2002
Keith Dewey 2002
Debbie Fish 2002
Ken Fish 2002
Christie Leahy 2002
Michael McClellan 2002
Elizabeth Schulman 2002
Molly Shaw 2002
Anne-Marie Tustin Perrone 2002
Peter Billings 2003
Sarah Jane Kennedy 2003
Matthew Pron 2003
Alex Strasser 2003
Caleb Whipple 2003

10+ YEARS

Colleen Exter-Huckel 2004
Michael Leahy, Jr. 2004
Christine Madzy 2004
Mark Madzy 2004
Brad Moulder 2004
Kim Moulder 2004
Mike Strasser 2004
Evan Baranowski 2005
Christopher Cooper 2005
Nicola Cooper 2005
Rachel Hendershott 2005
Barrie Kale 2005
Matt Kazin 2005
Tina Koch 2005
Amy Maurer 2005
Christopher Maurer 2005
Ben Petrick 2005
Kristin Petrick 2005
Jennifer Sung 2005
Catherine Thomas 2005
Collin Wilson 2005
Aaron Wright 2005
Dale Davis 2006
Gabrielle Deen 2006
Morgan Folmer 2006
Rebecca Gilliland 2006
William Haines 2006
Victoria Harrelson 2006
Claire Hoeffel 2006
Jane MacDonald Caputo 2006
Gayle Matthei-Meredith 2006
Lori Pressler 2006
Nikita Schulman 2006
Clarissa Thurston 2006
Chris Ahlers 2007
Sherri Ahlers 2007
Axel Miranda 2008
Jamie Strasser 2008
Heather D'Alessandro 2007
David D'Alessandro 2007
Thomas Emerick 2007
Jill Foret 2007
Adam Heide 2007

Alissa Heide 2007
Brian Moog 2007
Jennifer Moog 2007
Richard Palleschi 2007
Heather Steinmeier 2007
Richard Steinmeier 2007
Erin Toto 2007
Sydney Citrone 2008
Brent Ferguson 2008
Elizabeth Ferguson 2008
Chris Golaz 2008
Ni Golaz 2008
Carrie Hotchkiss 2008
Michael Hotchkiss 2008
Billie Hullfish 2008
Matthew Hullfish 2008
Richard Levandowski 2008
Harrison Logue 2008
Rossy Matos-Miranda 2008
Nancy Tanchak 2008
Morgan Baker 2009
Loretta Chipin 2009
Ken Cody 2009
Nicole Cody 2009
Thalia Dunn 2009
Cynthia Hoenes-Saindon 2009
Vanessa Melendez 2009
James Morley 2009
Erik Reitz 2009
Kathleen Reitz 2009
Kimberly Robbins 2009
Mark Saindon 2009
James Sanderson 2009
Laura Winroth 2009
William Burke 2010
Jessica Cincotta 2010
Keith Cincotta 2010
Ann Hoffmann 2010
Donald Little 2010
Polly Little 2010
Joey Quagliero 2010
Pam Quagliero 2010
Kathryn Radice 2010
Max Reitz 2010

Tom Roper 2010
SaraBeth Sullivan 2010
Andy Terry 2010
Megan Weck 2010
Bryan Wilson 2010
Logan Campbell 2011
Graham Cole 2011
Erin Cook 2011
Madelyn Curtin 2011
Sandra Dennis 2011
Willard Dennis 2011
Jacqueline Earle 2011
Joseph Earle 2011
Catherine Eldridge 2011
Elaine Fehr 2011
Madison Folmer 2011
Jim Kroll 2011
Brianna Logue 2011
Michael McGeehan 2011
Linda Peterson 2011
Paul Probasco 2011
Ann Walker 2011
Bill Walker 2011
Karen Buda 2012
Paul Buda 2012
Patricia DeLorenzo 2012
Susana Gervasoni 2012
Matthew Kauffman 2012
David Letcher 2012
Eleanor Letcher 2012
Ann-Marie McHugh 2012
Richard McLaughlin 2012
Jennifer Rager 2012
Katherine Sanderson 2012
Peter Sanderson 2012
Alyssa Sanford 2012
Lindsey Sanford 2012
Timothy Stanek 2012
Robert Blazer, 2013
Jane Borns, 2013
Bill Cleave, 2013
Nicole Gray, 2013
Dick Knight, 2013
Eric Rager, 2013

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;

Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,

And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

Peter Billings – member since 2003



Peter Billings has enjoyed being a member of the PCOL congregation from a very early age. He was baptized and confirmed by former pastor Dr. Dana Fearon. Peter's mother, Lorna Ballard, (who, coincidentally, was also baptized and confirmed by Dana) would probably argue that she initiated Peter's involvement at PCOL by bringing him as a baby to Deacons' meetings, but Peter credits an invitation by Mac Schafer to join the Youth Group as the starting point for his official tenure at PCOL. At Youth Group, Peter felt welcomed, included, and valued, and learned "what being a Christian meant and what church can be." He says, "PCOL is my family!"

After becoming a member of the church, Peter served as Volunteer Youth Leader for both the Junior High and Senior High youth groups, a member of the committee that selected Pastor Jeff Vamos, and held the positions of Deacon, Ruling Elder, and Vice President of the Lawrenceville Job Training Program Board (now the WorkWell Board). He also was hired by PCOL as Interim Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

Peter especially treasures two PCOL activities: his time and work on the mission trips to Haiti from 2010-2016 and Jeff's "Great Day of Ideas," when the congregation gathered in the fellowship hall to share ideas for the future ministry of the church. Mission and outreach are central to Peter's faith, so he was thrilled to hear ideas from members and participate in discussions that eventually led to the creation of the Community Well.

Peter and his wife Emily (a pastor at McConnellsburg United Presbyterian Church) welcomed their daughter Rosemary into the world in August 2022. And the good news doesn't stop there: Peter has recently answered the call as pastor at two United Church of Christ churches in McConnellsburg, PA. FUN FACT: Shortly after moving to McConnellsburg, Peter picked up the hobby of blacksmithing. He forged his own cross necklace to place around his neck during his ordination on April 23, 2023.

Bob and Betty Blazer – members since 2013



Before joining PCOL ten years ago, Bob and Betty Blazer were members of the Ewing Presbyterian Church for 45 years. With their bright and outgoing personalities, they both made friends at Lawrenceville quickly and easily.

Unfortunately, Betty recently passed away. Bob is extremely grateful for all the support and friendship he received from family and friends at PCOL at this most difficult time.

Bob and Betty were married for an impressive 67 years. They raised two daughters, Cheryl Cvetan (husband Rich) of New Hope, PA., and Karen West (husband Brit) of Pennington, NJ. While blessed by a large group of lifelong friends, they cherished their four grandchildren and were very happy to spoil each of them. Betty worked for many years at Gillespie Advertising and championed women in

the workplace. She loved to cook, travel, and spend time with family, friends, and neighbors.

Bob worked in marketing, retiring after 52 years. At PCOL, he served as Trustee for three years and chaired the Annual Pledge Drive for three years. Before Covid, Bob and Betty would take an annual trip to Orlando, Florida where Bob could usually be found on the tennis courts. Bob is an avid outdoorsman. In addition to tennis, Bob enjoys gardening. He is looking forward to starting a flower bed this Spring.

Jane Borns – member since 2013



Jane lives in Princeton NJ with her husband, a research scientist in atmospheric and ocean sciences. Her son is an undergraduate at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Her family origins hail from the high plains and front range of the Rockies (Fort McMurray, Alberta to Roswell, New Mexico). Jane's immediate family (mother and father) headed east to pursue their professional education and careers in New York City and Philadelphia and now they are the "eastern outpost."

Over the years, Jane has served PCOL as a Confirmation mentor, Sunday School

Teacher, member of the Preschool Board, Elder, and President of the Board of Trustees. Jane shares that she loves the thought-provoking sermons provided by our outstanding pastors. “They leave me chewing on spiritual ideas and hungry for more.”

As of May 2023, Jane will be making a transition in her career, from a lead in Full Development Statistics in pharmaceutical development to a world traveler. She can’t wait! She looks forward to seeing the world while she still has spunk.

Jane says: “As I head into ‘retirement’ (a misnomer for me), I want to travel extensively to distant corners of the world, Namibia, Patagonia, Uzbekistan (Silk Road) and Tasmania are top destinations. Such travel wasn’t feasible while I was working in very demanding positions. There is a huge pile of partially read books begging for my attention. And a long list of friends, colleagues, and family here and abroad I need to connect with as well.”

Jill Cifelli – member since 1983



For her whole life, PCOL has been Jill’s church home. She remembers being a young child sitting in the Amen pew with her head in her grandmother’s lap while listening to her parents sing in the choir (member Kathy Edwards is her mom) and hearing the children’s messages from Rev. Dana Fearon. As a teen, Jill became a member when she was confirmed and has fond memories of youth group and retreats and of singing in a girls’ ensemble directed by her Aunt Gail (the choir director). As a young adult, she navigated that two-aisle situation as a bride.

Jill’s lifelong connection to PCOL was cemented when she joined the staff as the Associate for Pastoral Care Ministries, a position she held for 12 years. Jill spent those years listening and learning more about and caring for church members. She is so grateful for the new and longtime friendships cultivated with the church family during that time. Jill deeply appreciates the grace, love, and acceptance she feels here as she navigates what “member” looks like now. She continues to feel a deep connection with the spirit of “come as you are and bring your whole self.”

When Jill departed as a staff member at PCOL, she began a new career as a digital court reporter. Jill captures stories of people involved in the judicial system and transcribes the official record of legal proceedings. She finds this new career very interesting.

When not working, Jill enjoys reading a good historical fiction novel (especially one with a strong female protagonist: she loved *The Marriage Portrait*) or a book that really gets her thinking. (Currently, it’s *The Persuaders*.) She loves knitting, spending time with her husband, Tom, visiting son Tommy (24) in NYC where he lives and works as a securities analyst, or visiting son Joey (21) who graduates from Trinity College this May with a degree in English and is looking to work in publishing. Or sometimes it’s just enjoying a steamy mug of tea and watching a Carolina Wren hop around the suet on the lilac bush.

Bill Cleave – member since 2013



Bill Cleave has been a member of PCOL since 2013. He has been married to his wife, Cindi, for 25 years and they have a son, Miller. Bill and Cindi were members of Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton but were looking for a more intimate church, which they found from the balcony of PCOL after scouting it out for many months. They met several friendly people (including Jeff Vamos, Louise Johnson and Brent and Elizabeth Ferguson) and realized that they had found the church they’d been looking for at PCOL.

Bill grew up in Central Illinois (Decatur) and was taught the value of hard work and being of service to others by both parents. He graduated from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois and then joined the Peace Corps, completing his service in Barbados. Bill then traveled the world for 9-10 months because he wanted to experience life in other countries and to meet people whose lives presented different challenges from his. He then started looking for a job and eventually started his own insurance and reinsurance brokerage company called Flagship. Bill has been running it for the past 16 years. In addition to working at his

business, Bill is the Chairman of the Salvation Army Board of Trenton, is on the Foundation Board for the Rotary, and is the Vice Chair of the Military Action Committee. No doubt his parents would be proud of their son!

If you ask Bill what his dreams are for the future, he'd tell you about possibly owning a second house, working less, playing tennis more, traveling more, getting into better shape, learning to meditate, and watching the Minnesota Vikings play better football.

Kathy Edwards – member since 1973



Kathy has been a devoted member of PCOL for about 42 years. Even before joining the church, she and her late husband sang in the choir for special events not related to the church. After becoming a member, she was a Deacon, an Elder, and continued to sing in the choir, sometimes performing as a soloist. She oversaw the Bazaar, a fundraising event sponsored by the Woman's Association of the church, was a member of the Mission Committee and Loaves and Fishes ministry. Kathy helped create the Child Protection Policy which is still in place today. She has also cooked many meals for the church.

The longevity of the church and its history here in Lawrenceville have been a source of meaning for Kathy. She has always been drawn to the liturgical traditions of our Presbyterian worship and considers them significant to our identity as a church. One tradition Kathy found meaningful was carrying the Bible into the meetinghouse in a procession at the start of worship, signifying the Word of God being brought to the gathered congregation, a central tenet of Presbyterian worship. At the end of the worship service, the Bible was then processed out of the meetinghouse, signifying the taking of the Word of God out into the world, the call to all Presbyterians.

Kathy is passionate about family. She loves family history and is the family genealogist. She is also very proud to be the mother of Jill Cifelli, the former Associate for Pastoral Care Ministry. Getting family together for holidays and parties, cooking, and sewing are additional interests. She had a cake business for several years and loves to spend time at her house on the lake in Cooperstown, NY.

Being a slight problem for her children in the future would be fun for her!

Wayne Edwards – member since 1973



Wayne and his late wife, Gail, married in 1959 and moved to Lawrenceville in 1970. Music brought them together and has been an important theme in his life. Wayne joined PCOL in 1973, coming from First Presbyterian Church in Trenton 10 years after Gail became the organist at PCOL. Gail then became the PCOL choir director in 1975.

Singing tenor in choral ensembles, including the church choir, has been an important part of Wayne's life over the years. He recalls that under Gail's leadership, the church choir sang the Brahms' *Requiem* twice, once in German. He also recalls a talent show fundraiser at church and his performance in a barbershop quartet.

Gail passed away in 2015. Wayne has two sons: Paul, who owns his own dental lab, and David, who is a worship leader at Trinity Church in Greenwich, CT. He has 3 grandchildren: Zoe, Ryan and Jack. Wayne is a longtime sports enthusiast, cheering most loudly for the Philadelphia Phillies and Eagles. He also enjoys reading two daily newspapers from cover to cover, watching a good movie, gatherings of his church fellowship group, and concert performances of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Janice Everett – member since 1993



Jan Everett has been a member of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville for 30 years. Sadly, her husband, Marty, recently passed away. She lived with him in Whiting, NJ, an hour's drive from the church. It was Marty who introduced her to PCOL. Jan's continuing involvement in PCOL is a testament to her faith and dedication.

Prior to moving to Whiting, Jan lived in Philadelphia, Morrisville, and Princeton. Her church affiliations have included the Salvation Army (where she played E-flat horn in the Salvation Army band), and membership in the Methodist Church.

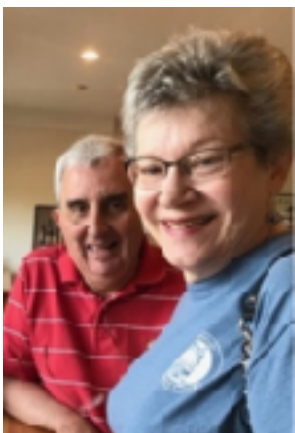
During her 30 years as a member, Jan has been involved in many activities. She continues to be a member of the choir, something she particularly enjoys. She has been a member of Session, served as a Deacon twice, and is a longtime member of the Mission Committee. Jan represented PCOL at the Presbytery of

New Brunswick (now Presbytery of the Coastlands) and served on its Mission and Social Justice Committee.

In the past, Jan has joined members of PCOL in preparing weekly lunches at Home Front's Family Campus/Preservation Center and has assisted with the Red Cross blood drive held at the church. For several years, she facilitated the Good Friday lunch that followed the service.

Jan's quick response to the question, "What do you value most about PCOL?" was, "The people." Then she quickly added, "It's really hard to say what I value most. I value so many things about PCOL, particularly the outreach not only to people in our own community, but also to people in need in the greater community."

Ralph and Mary Ferguson – members since 1973



Music has been a main theme of Mary's and Ralph's lives. It's how they met and what led them to the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville. Initially, they joined the Concertsingers under the direction of Jim Lauffer and organist Gail Edwards. They later also joined the Sunday choir and have participated in both to this day.

They raised three girls in the church, all of whom were baptized and confirmed here, and who sang in various church ensembles over the years. Laura is now the associate pastor at Newtown Presbyterian Church in PA; she was ordained to that position here at PCOL. Sara works in finance in Denver, Colorado, and her twin, Barbara, is raising daughter, Brooke, with husband, Bob, in Pennsylvania. Each sings in her church choir. Mary and Ralph have met some of their closest friends through choir and their fellowship group, which still meets regularly.

Ralph has been an Elder twice, serving as Session and trust funds treasurer, a Trustee twice and a Deacon once. Mary was also a Deacon. A special memory for Ralph was when his Session term straddled the years of the confirmations of their daughters, and the girls shared their statements of faith at a Session meeting.

Among Mary's and Ralph's fondest PCOL memories are (1) a service one summer when Ralph preached and Mary sang, (2) Mary singing in worship at the monthly nursing home service with her daughters as a backup group, (3) lighting the Advent wreath while singing a prayer with the girls, (4) attending the Good Friday services and listening to Sara fill the sanctuary with beautiful singing, once with her sisters, (5) being present at Barbara's wedding, and (6) seeing Laura ordained as a pastor, which occurred on the same day that their granddaughter was baptized. Reflecting on their time as PCOL members they say, "Many of our most memorable family happenings occurred at PCOL."

Barbara Ford – member since 1963



Barbara Ford was born in 1935 and was raised in Lawrence Township, New Jersey where she has lived her entire life. Her grandmother and mother were members of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville. Barbara was baptized as a baby here at the church and continued to attend church with her grandmother and mother. Barbara was a member at PCOL until she married Tom Ford. She joined him at his church, Ewing Presbyterian Church, for a few years, but later Tom and Barbara realized that they wanted to come back to PCOL to be with family members and to rejoin their PCOL church family.

Unfortunately, Tom passed away in 2018, leaving Barbara and their three children: Wendy Ford of Lawrenceville; Tom Ford and his wife, Pam, of Lawrenceville; and Mark Ford and his wife, Carmen, of Denville, New Jersey. Barbara has four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, who have given her much joy.

For many years, Tom and Barbara traveled with their children cross country, camping in tents with other families and their children. They did not have fancy accommodations, but they had a lot of fun. Once the bonfires started, so did the storytelling! Barbara says they had some wonderful times that she remembers fondly. After their children were grown, Tom and Barbara traveled to Europe a few times.

Tom was active as a Deacon and Elder at PCOL. When her children were young, Barbara served as PCOL Choir Mother along with two other mothers, whose responsibilities included overseeing approximately 20 children, helping them with dressing into their choir robes and making sure their bows were tied properly.

Barbara has enjoyed living in the Lawrenceville area with her family and friends and considers it a joy and an honor that she can come to church every Sunday.

Nicole Gray – member since 2013



Nicole has been a member of PCOL since 2013. In that time, she was active in LOGOS as a parent helper in the kitchen and as a Trustee, also serving as President of the Trustees. She has resided in Lawrenceville since 1999 with her husband Scott, their 16-year-old son, Nate, and cat, Nalah. Nicole and Scott are happily celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this May.

For the last 15 years, Nicole has worked at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch where she was recently promoted to SVP, Strategic Marketing Executive. In addition, she is active in her work-sponsored Women's Leadership Employee Network, having run the mentoring program and leading the local chapter. When she is not busy supporting Nate in his theatrical pursuits at LHS and his college search for engineering schools, she enjoys yoga, walking and biking along the local trails and parks.

Bill and Julia Hardt – members since 1983



Bill and Julia were married in the Princeton University Chapel in 1970 and moved to Lawrenceville in 1971. While living on the corner of Titus Ave. and Main St., Bill recalls that the church was a “fixture” in the community and after the loss of their parents and the birth of their children, they decided it was time to return to the church.

Both Bill and Julia were quite fond of Rev. Dr. Dana Fearon—the previous pastor at PCOL—and immediately found the church to be accessible and welcoming. Julia remembers being “recruited” to teach Sunday School by Judy Neale, a task she felt less than adequate to do. Nevertheless, she accepted. During her time teaching Sunday School, Julia recalls taking her class across the street to the Lawrenceville Bakery for treats. During their time as members, Julia has served both as a Trustee and a Deacon twice and

Bill has been a part of PCOL's Planned Giving Committee, including helping establish the Maidenhead Society.

For nearly 20 years, Julia and her sisters managed Fulper Glazes, Inc. They manufactured high-end architectural tiles glazed in Fulper Pottery's original Vasekraft glazes, a recipe they inherited from their grandfather, William Hill Fulper, II. While their tiles attracted lots of high-end clients such as Martha Stewart, they ultimately decided to close their business in 2001 because, as Julia says, it brought them "lots of fame, but no fortune." Julia went on to work for 21 years as a real estate agent and has recently retired. Bill has worked 40+ years in Alumni Giving and Fundraising at Princeton University. Bill and Julia have 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

Sarah Jane Kennedy – member since 2003



Sarah Jane moved to the Yardley area 34 years ago and joined the Morrisville Presbyterian Church. As she still does today at Lawrenceville, she sang in the choir. Fortunately for PCOL, she met Lee Garwig when they were both singing in an opera chorus. He suggested that she visit PCOL. She remembers feeling very welcomed here and she also enjoyed the ministry of Dana Fearon.

Sarah Jane has been singing in a choir since third grade. During her twenty years as a member of PCOL, she continues her interest in choral music and has served in many leadership roles in the church. She has been a Trustee, a member of the Building and Grounds Committee, the Personnel Committee, and a Fellowship Group.

In her professional career, Sarah Jane worked in human resources management for many companies. Besides being actively involved with the church, she is quite active in the community. She currently serves on the Yardley Zoning Board and is a Hearing Officer for the SEPTA ParaTransit Division. Her hobbies include traveling and playing bagpipes. Her travels have taken her to all seven continents. She plays the bagpipes competitively with the Ceol Neamh Pipe Band and has played the pipes at PCOL numerous times.

Bart and Linda Luedeke – members since 1973



Bart and Linda moved from Illinois to New Jersey in the fall of 1971 to begin Bart's career at Rider University, where he later served as President from 1990-2003. Shortly after arriving, the Luedeokes began visiting area churches and, after attending PCOL, they knew they had found their new church home. It didn't take long for them to become involved, with Bart eventually serving as a Sunday School teacher, a Deacon, and an Elder.

Early on, Linda received a call from Dana Fearon inviting her to serve as Church Secretary, which she did for 11 years. During that time, she also served as a Trustee. Bart and Linda truly valued friendships with members of the congregation and the historical significance of the Church.

In the late fall of 2021, after 32 years at Rider and 18 additional retirement years, they left the winters of NJ and became residents of Naples, FL. Although Linda has given up golf, she enjoys regular participation in bridge groups and a book club. Bart should have retired from golf but continues to play three times a week and has served on several golf club committees. Bart and Linda are the parents of two sons and have five grandchildren. Four grandchildren will be in college next year, and the youngest is a sophomore in high school.

Jane Mansmann – member since 1973



Jane is celebrating 50 years of membership at PCOL. Her earliest memories predate her membership; she remembers taking the bus after elementary school and getting dropped off at church for choir practice.

Jane and her late husband, Harry, were married at PCOL in 1975. She has fond memories of working with other parents at the Nursery School and helping with the children's Christmas pageant. Both her son, TJ, and daughter, Kristin, were also married at PCOL. In fact, Kristin's wedding in 2005 was the first wedding performed by Jeff! More recently, Jane is very grateful for the friendship and social support her late mother, member Dottie Bartaris, found in the church after her father passed away in 2000.

Although she is retired, Jane's four grandchildren keep her quite busy, and she loves every minute of it. In her free time, she is an avid walker and likes to travel, including summers on LBI which are a long-time family tradition.

Kathryn Meeker-Cohen – member since 1983

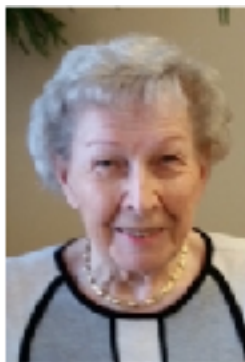


Katherine (Kathie) Meeker-Cohen has been a member of the Church for 40 years. After attending 13 schools in her 12 years of primary and secondary education, Kathie chose to continue her education within the framework of the Christian fundamentalist tradition by enrolling at Abilene Christian College in West Texas. There her passions for music, architecture, and the written word (particularly poetry) were recognized and celebrated by several remarkable teachers who encouraged her to pursue an advanced degree.

At Abilene she also met her first husband, John. John's career changes brought their young family—which included son, Chris, and daughter, Margaret—to Lawrenceville in 1983. Kathie was drawn to PCOL by Dana Fearon's ministry, but also for reasons which have held true over the past 40 years: exquisite organization, efficiency and follow-through, and compassionate social outreach. As her contribution to furthering the mission of the church, Kathie has served twice as a Trustee, once as a member of the Session, and once as a Deacon. She also has been part of the Peacemaking Committee.

Kathie has taught English at the college level, has been a literary agent, and, finally, has been the Director of Business for several highly respected local architectural firms. Now, with more free time, she would like to travel more extensively, ski, indulge the "avid reader" that she has always been, and spend more time outdoors and with her children and grandchildren. She also looks forward to being more accessible to her original family and to her cherished elderly father. Her companion in her present life is, of course, "the very best" husband, Jack Cohen, whom she met in 1993 and married in 1996.

Ruth Predhome – member since 1963



Ruth Predhome grew up in Hopewell Township, NJ. She was baptized, confirmed and married to husband, Bob, at Pennington Presbyterian Church. As teens, Ruth and Bob met while both were working at Pennington Market. Bob's college years took him to the University of Detroit to study math and physics, while Ruth pursued a nursing degree at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

They married in 1950 and were married for 66 years before Bob's passing in 2016. Ruth and Bob built a home on a former Bayberry Road farmstead and did much of the work themselves. Bob worked for Philco, the government, then AT&T. Ruth worked over her career as a school nurse, a floor nurse and in a private practice for an ophthalmologist.

During the early 1960s, Ruth and Bob had two children, Deb and Tom. Their family joined PCOL in 1963, when Dana Fearon had been pastor for just a short time. They both taught Sunday School and as their children grew up and got involved in youth group leadership. They shared many years in a fellowship group that over the years included Barbara Burnett, Trudy Venner, Fran Aicher, Dolly and Jack Weber, Dan and Gloria Longhi, and Ruth and Don Barringer, among others.

Eric Rager – member since 2013



Eric grew up in a small town near Hershey, PA and moved to Philadelphia after high school to attend Art School. After 10 years in Philadelphia, his work required a move to New York City.

Eric and his lovely wife, Jennifer, worked for the same company and met at a work event in Las Vegas. They eventually moved to this area and bought a house. They live in Pennington and have two dogs and a hobby farm with goats, chickens, and a garden. Because of his love of nature and growing things, Eric decided to leave corporate America and work on a local organic farm.

After living in New Jersey for a few years, Eric and Jennifer wanted to have a stronger connection with the community. They knew that the best way to do that was to join a church. Eric has loved being part of the PCOL church

community, volunteering as an usher, and serving on the Buildings & Grounds Committee and Trustees. He and Jennifer have met wonderful people and made lifelong friends.

Barbara Sandler – member since 1993



Barbara Sandler grew up on Long Island. She is a graduate of the University of Rochester where she was a science major. There she met Mike, her husband of 66 years. After a short time living in Highland Park, they moved to Lawrence Township in 1963.

PCOL was a perfect choice for their family since Mike belongs to Temple Micah. Barbara became a stay-at-home mom, and Mike was a principle of a market research company. Their children, Mark and Lisa, were involved in many sports in the township. Barbara still keeps up with some neighbors she met when they moved to Lawrence in '63.

They now have a son-in-law, Mike Tierney, and two grandsons, Josh and Jeremy.

Barbara has been an Elder and served on the Stewardship (now Generosity) Committee. She is a member of WoW and looks forward to returning to worship in person. She also likes helping with the annual Fall Fest. Barbara is especially appreciative of the music during Sunday morning worship and special services. Mike is on the Board of Temple Micah and serves as Finance Committee Chairman.

Barbara has stenciled the walls of numerous homes in the area and has been the chairperson of the NJ chapter of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration for many years.

Barbara now paints historical pieces. She would love to share her interest in them with anyone who would like to know more!

Arthur and Pina Schonheiter – members since 1973



Pina and Arthur Schonheiter have officially been church members for 50 years. But Arthur's connection began with his baptism in the sanctuary and carried through his early years as a Lawrenceville resident and then, as a student at The Lawrenceville School, where his father served as the Assistant Athletic Director. There he was granted special permission to forgo the mandatory chapel attendance on Sundays in exchange for proof that he had attended church, in the form of a copy of the "Order of Worship," which he had to submit weekly to his mentors at Lawrenceville.

After his school years and his marriage to Pina, the young couple took a "letter of transfer" to a new church home in Mercersburg, PA, where Arthur served on the staff of Mercersburg Academy for 15 years. He returned to The

Lawrenceville School as its Athletic Director and with another "letter of transfer" came back to his roots at PCOL. With his appointment as Athletic Director, Art fulfilled a dream, not only for himself, but also for his

father. Beyond that career benchmark came the additional blessing of six amazing daughters (and now grandchildren and great-grandchildren), all happily conspiring to “make dreams come true” in real time.

The Schonheiders prize the community of friends, particularly Dana Fearon, that they have come to know and to cherish through their membership in the Church. Pina taught Sunday School in the basement rooms of the Chapel before the Fellowship Center was built. Art has been a member of the Session, and both Pina and Art have served on the boards of Deacons and Trustees. Some of their very favorite memories are of holiday dinners with their fellowship group after decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. Pina is a renowned baker, an accomplished knitter, and is currently collaborating on her personal memoir. Arthur enjoys woodworking and a regular poker game with friends.

John and Mary Scott – members since 1983



Mary and John Scott have been members of The Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville for 40 years. Before moving to Lawrenceville in 1978, they lived in New Rochelle, New York.

Mary and John are the parents of four adult children; all have been members of PCOL. They have been blessed with eight grandchildren; five live in Lawrenceville, two in Pennington and one is in Ithaca, NY. The oldest is soon to be seven.

Both Mary and John have been involved in many activities at PCOL over the years. They have been members of the choir, served as deacons, and have assisted in the nursery and with LOGOS. John taught Sunday School. A highlight in their lives at PCOL was when the late Rev. Dr. Dana Fearon officiated at the renewal of their wedding vows on their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Scotts’ hobbies include golf and traveling. Their next adventure will take them on the Rhine River from Amsterdam to Basel. They have traveled extensively and especially love cruising. Mary enjoys knitting, bowling, bridge, piano, genealogy, garden club and cooking. John enjoys gardening, yoga and reading.

Mary said, “It warms my heart that I am a Presbyterian.”

Mary Snedeker – member since 1993



Mary married church member Ken Snedeker in July of 1993 at PCOL with pastor Tom Baker officiating. She and Ken later left for Ireland and Scotland for their honeymoon with Ken’s cousin and husband. She remembers joining the church shortly after her return from a wonderful trip. She says that she was born a Presbyterian, so she felt like she was in the right place.

Ken and Mary traveled a great deal after their marriage. Mary has four children and Ken has one daughter, Sally. Together, they have 12 grandchildren. After working as a decorator at Penney’s for 15 years, Mary became a Master Gardner, worked at Duke Farms as a docent, joined the Dogwood Garden Club of Princeton and is now a past president.

Unfortunately, her church-going-days suffered as she developed macular degeneration, and seeing became very difficult. She also suffers from hearing loss. Readings and singing along with the service became almost impossible for her, so she decided it was easier not to go to church. She said that she often wondered what her grandfather would say if he was still here! Her grandfather was a Presbyterian minister, first officiating in Cooperstown, NY then later at the Presbyterian Church of New Hope, PA.

Mary and Ken moved to a continuing care facility last month in Ambler, PA. They chose Ambler to be close to one of Mary’s daughters. They feel that they are in the right place.

