



# The Parishioner

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## **Upcoming Sunday Services\***

\*To join us via ZOOM, click on: <https://www.uubedford.org/worship/upcoming-services/>

### **Sunday, May 4th**

### **Title: "It's Music Sunday! Huzzah for Mozart!"**

It's that time of year again for First Parish Bedford's annual Music Sunday. This year will be the focus on music by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The First Parish Bedford choir, soloists, and orchestra will perform the "Coronation" Mass, K. 317, a true masterpiece, and the famous "Alleluia", K. 165. If you're looking for a bit of happiness and escape from the cares of the world, this is the service for you!

### **Sunday, May 11th**

### **Title: "TBD" (Led by Rev. Annie)**

Rev. Annie is back from her sabbatical! Woo-hoo! This will be her first Sunday back in the pulpit. What will she have to say? There is only one way to find out!

### **Sunday, May 18th**

### **Title: "Senior Youth Question Box Service" (Led by the Senior Youth Group)**

Join us for a special service created by, led by, and featuring the Senior Youth Group. During the service, the youth will answer questions submitted by you, the congregation, as well as share music and inspirational words of their choosing or devising.

### **Sunday, May 25th**

### **Title: "From the Sharps to Charlottesville and Other Tales of Resistance" (Led by Rev. Jamie)**

This Memorial Day weekend, as we honor those who risked all in service to our country, we will honor some of the heroes in our UU tradition, past and present, who took great risks against fascism and in defense of freedom, justice, and democracy. Come learn some of our inspiring tales of resistance, including the origin story of our flaming chalice.

**Next deadline is May 27th**

The Parishioner is published monthly. Deadline is generally the **last Monday** of each month. Send submissions to: [editors@uubedford.org](mailto:editors@uubedford.org).

## A Note from Jamie

Dear First Parish Members and Friends,

There is the well-known story of two monks traveling through the forest, a senior monk and a junior. They come to a river with a strong current, and as they are preparing to cross, a young woman calls out to them from farther up the bank. She too is trying to cross and asks the men to assist her, afraid as she is of the current. The two monks have taken a religious vow never to touch a woman. The junior monk begins to cross the river, ignoring her. The senior monk picks the woman up and carries her across the river, setting her down on the other side. The junior monk watches in shocked silence.

The two monks continue their journey, with the younger monk mulling over what he has seen for the rest of the day. Finally, no longer able to contain himself, he says, "We have taken a vow. How could you carry that woman like that?" The senior monk replies, "I set her down by the river hours ago. How is it that you are still carrying her?"

Our service theme for May is renewal. Sometimes before we can be open to new energy or new ideas or new habits of being, we have to first set down the old things we are still carrying. At our Easter service we shared a poem called Spring Cleaning by the late Sarah Getty, an award-winning poet and a member of First Parish, described by Board member Mark Bailey as "One of those who laid the tracks that brought us to this place that always answers the call—poet, creative writing teacher, she was one who raised anthems."

Spring Cleaning  
By Sarah Getty

Open the house.  
Let the sun roar in and corner  
the huddling dust.  
Let the March wind tear down cobwebs,  
sweep out crayon- and cookie-crumbs,  
Christmas needles,  
smells of Vapo-rub and smoke.  
In the brisk new daylight  
get things straight.  
Clean the hall closet. Organize your desk.  
Go through your wardrobe, your game-plan, your old loves.  
Sort. Evaluate.  
Throw things away.  
Remove the victims of winter's grudge,  
littering the yard like a battlefield.  
Haul away the big black branch that's lurked there,  
like a beached squid, since January.  
Lop off its limbs and stack them.  
Rake slimy leaf-rot off the tulip beds.  
Let clean heat reach the bulbs.  
Root out the old hurts,  
the cozy unsuccesses.  
Forget that your sister wasn't at your wedding,  
that your father didn't seem to like you much.  
Get rid of the birthday party no one came to  
and the men who never asked you out again.  
Bundle the demeaning medical procedures  
and leave them at the curb.

Pile up the lost job, the student evaluations,  
the ideas of what your in-laws should be like.  
Burn them.  
Burn the time your six-year-old came home from school  
and you weren't there.  
Burn the anniversary evening that wasn't fun.  
Burn the bad poems and the rejection slips.  
Be ruthless as March.  
Be a lion.  
Under the clean-limbed trees be fierce and neat.  
Hunt out the beasties that fatten in the dark.  
Let the sun scour.  
Let the wind prowl and pounce.

We are well past March, but I can hear the wind howling around the parsonage as I write this. And we are (finally!) beginning to get our share of sunny days (although perhaps not yet anything you could call "scouring.") I hope as spring turns to summer you will make an opening for light and air in your life, clean out a few old things, and be open to the energies of renewal and possibility. We do this for ourselves, of course. But perhaps also, if we can travel lighter, and carry more only what we need to, we'll be better able to help each other across any uncertain paths or fast-moving rivers that we may encounter together in the future.

Peace,  
-Jamie

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie".

## Office Matters

It's so hard to believe this is the second to last newsletter of the church year. By the time you read this version, our May events will be well planned and ready to kick-off. On Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, we welcome back **Rev. Annie** from her sabbatical! On Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate **Music Sunday** with the focus on Mozart! Later this month, there will be the annual Ferry Beach Retreat on Mother's Day weekend, as well as our 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant & Craft Fair on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. As always, please be sure to read further in this newsletter and visit the main [Calendar](#) to see all of our upcoming activities.

**\*NEW: Security System**.....as I recently mentioned via ParishBiz, we have hired ADT as our new security vendor. Phase I was completed on 4/23 and involved the installation of door alarms, motion sensors and a small camera at the Elm Street entrance. Phase II will involve an upgraded keypad/access system. This phase has been delayed due to availability of parts. I will keep everyone informed when I have more information.

**\*REMINDER: New Pledge Year/Payments**.....although our official Stewardship campaign has ended, as you start sending in payments for your new pledge, **PLEASE** make sure to write the appropriate campaign year on the memo line of your check (i.e. Pledge Year 24/25 or Pledge Year 25/26). Also, if you are making an online payment, please make sure to

select the appropriate year from the drop-down menus in One Church. These steps will help us accurately credit your current and future pledge. If you have any questions, please email or call me at the office.

**\*Reimbursement Requests**.....there are green reimbursement forms in the office, so if you would like to grab a couple the next time you are in the building, please feel free. Hold on to your receipts and submit them (along with the reimbursement form) to the appropriate Committee Chairperson for approval/signature. **Also, it's very important to check with the Chairperson on which line item in the budget should be debited.** Once it's complete, please submit everything to me in the office or leave them in my mailbox out back. Also please remember to include the address where you wish to have the check mailed. Typically, I work on accounts payable every Thursday morning and checks go out in Friday's mail.

**\*Booking Rooms/Zooms**.....in an effort to accommodate everyone fairly, I ask that all requests for rooms/Zoom meetings be made in advance by at least 3-5 business days. We understand last minute requests will occasionally happen, but if everyone tries to work within these parameters, we will be more successful in meeting your needs.

**\*Hybrid Meetings/Technology**.....If you're having a hybrid meeting, please reach out to the office and request our OWL camera or our new speakerphone. The camera, phone and all the accessories can be found in the locked cabinet under the mailboxes. Also, we now have ethernet cables (and two types of adapters available) in the following rooms: Common Room, 204 and 203. To book the Owl camera, the speakerphone or request to use one of the adapters, please contact Stacey at the office.

**\*IMPORTANT REMINDER: Leftover Food Policy**.....with all of the food events coming up, this is a reminder about our leftover food policy we put in place with regards to Memorial Services, receptions, parties, etc.... This policy was created in conjunction with the members of the Hospitality Team to addresses safety concerns (i.e. food allergies) and food waste concerns. Below please find the details:

- Leftover perishable foods can only be served to children/youth the same day;
- Common allergen food labels in bowl/basket to be put out with foods being served to reduce accidental consumption;
- Provide communication to internal/external groups that all food must be removed after the event, with the exception of packaged food or one medium tray per item (i.e. one vegetable tray, one fruit tray, etc...);
- Tape/marker will be left in the kitchen for easy labeling of dates on food;
- Ice cream related toppings need to be checked for expiration dates so they don't pile up.

**\*Email Lists**.....please find below an explanation of **our three email lists** for use by the First Parish community. For anyone who would like to join one (or more) of the three email lists, please contact me so I can verify whether or not you're already signed up. If you're not, I can add you with your preferred email address. (Note: sometimes these messages might end up in your Spam/Junk folders, so please double-check those folders). As always, we ask that you be mindful of each of their uses, and please remember to be kind and respectful with your communications.

- Parish Business (ParishBiz) List – communicates important news and events from FP staff and leadership to the parish. **We encourage all Parishioners to subscribe to ParishBiz.**
- Announcement (Anno) List – used to *facilitate* announcements of news and events of general interest to the community (i.e. Does anyone know a good chiropractor?).
- Discussion (Disc) List – a means of promoting (*or responding to*) the discussion of issues of general interest to the community.

- Brenda Rybicki, Parish Administrator

## Parish Board Notes

Well, it happened - Spring has arrived! The sun is shining, flowers are popping, leaves budding, birds chirping and grass growing. Finally! Church continues its march towards end of year events.

Music Sunday is May 4th. Brad, our amazing musicians, and phenomenal choir will be celebrating the music of Mozart. It will most certainly be spectacular and aren't we the fortunate ones?!

Ferry Beach weekend is this month as well. Speak with someone who has attended and you will hear why they love it, and return year after year! A day or a weekend away with your First Parish friends of all ages - at the beach, playing games, taking walks, telling stories, making memories. Ahh, that does sound lovely.

On Saturday, May 17th we will hold our 69th Annual Plant Fair. Hopefully you have signed up to help because this particular event has a lot of moving parts. Growing plants, digging plants, potting plants, collecting plants, pricing plants, selling plants, sitting plants, pitching tents, situating tables, baking goods, entertaining kids, cleaning up - these are just a few volunteer opportunities. Please join in - even if it's simply to do a sun dance to ensure clear skies. That would be much appreciated!

One last reminder of the General Assembly happening in Baltimore from June 18th - 22nd. You may recall that our own Senior Minister Rev. Jamie received Full Fellowship last Fall. This means he will be one of the Honorees at the Service of the Living Tradition at the Thursday night service. This service will not be streamed or available to view unless you are in-person and a registered delegate. FPB can be represented by seven delegates this year. Please speak with Rev. Jamie if you are interested in being a delegate.

-The Parish Board: Mark Bailey, Bea Brunkhorst, Stacy Chandler, Peter Cho, Wendy Innis (Treasurer), Susan Lincoln (President) and Jenn McClain



## Musical Notes

*"Music is a tool for peace. Music is a language that all peoples, in different ways, speak, and it reaches the heart and inspires love in everyone. Music can help the coexistence of peoples." – quote by Pope Francis I (1936-2025)*

Here's the planned music for 10 a.m. services in the upcoming month –

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>:** It's Music Sunday! It's all Mozart! The First Parish Choir with soloists and orchestra will perform the majestic and thrilling "Coronation" Mass in C Major, K. 317, the delightful Church Sonata for organ and orchestra, K. 244 and the exuberant and famous "Alleluia" from the *Exsultate Jubilate*, K. 165. More exciting information is on the front page of this newsletter!

**Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>:** Steve Sussman will be playing piano. Kat Nicoll will be playing a flute solo for the prelude.

**Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:** I will be playing piano.

**Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>:** Steve Sussman will be playing piano.

Mark your calendars! On Saturday evening, June 14, 2025 at 7 p.m. the Music Committee will host An Evening of Jazz, their final concert presentation of 2024-2025 featuring First Parish performers. More information is elsewhere in this newsletter and on the First Parish website: [www.uubedford.org/music-concert/](http://www.uubedford.org/music-concert/)

The choir is now winding down for the end of the church year. Maybe now is the time to think about joining next year. Our rehearsals will start in September and some terrific music is being planned. Rehearsals are filled with good singing, humor and many musical rewards. The adult choir is a wonderful subcommunity within the wonderful bigger First Parish community. If you'd like more information, please e-mail me at [bconner@uubedford.org](mailto:bconner@uubedford.org).

And do you know any youth who would be interested in joining our youth choirs? Natan Wythe picks great music and singing in the youth choirs is just plain fun. If you know of any interested youth or have any questions, reach out to Natan at [youthchoirs@uubedford.org](mailto:youthchoirs@uubedford.org).

Additional rehearsal information about both the adult and youth choirs is below and on the church website: [www.uubedford.org](http://www.uubedford.org).

- Bradford Conner, Music Director

## Rehearsal Schedule of First Parish Choirs for All Ages

- **Adult Choir** – every Thursday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- **Senior Youth Choir** (Grades 6-12) and **Junior Youth Choir** (Grades 3-5) – a joint rehearsal every Monday from 3:45-4:30 p.m. in the Common Room (please note that rehearsals are scheduled for 45 minutes)
- **KidSing** (Age 5 through Grade 2) every Wednesday from 4:00-4:30 p.m. in the Overlook Room 202/203 (please note that rehearsals are scheduled for 30 minutes)

For adult choir information, please contact Brad Conner at [bconner@uubedford.org](mailto:bconner@uubedford.org). For youth choirs information, please contact Natan Wythe at [youthchoirs@uubedford.org](mailto:youthchoirs@uubedford.org)

## Youth Choir

It is with sadness that I announce the departure of our beloved youth choir director, Natan Wythe. He has written the following letter to the First Parish community. We will celebrate Natan's time with us at the service on Sunday morning, June 1, 2025. More information about that will be announced closer to the date.

We will also be searching for a new youth choir director and will announce the timing of that when more information is available.

-Brad Conner, Music Director

*To the First Parish Community,*

*I'm writing to share that I will be stepping down from my role as Director of the Youth Choirs at First Parish, with my final service on Sunday, June 1, 2025.*

*This was a difficult decision, as my time at First Parish has been filled with deep meaning and joy. I have made this choice for personal reasons related to balancing the demands of my schedule and maintaining my health. It is not a reflection of any dissatisfaction with First Parish, the community, or my working relationships here - all of which I hold in the highest regard.*

*I'm grateful for the support and kindness I've received during my time in this role, and I look forward to remaining connected to the community in ways that are meaningful and appropriate in the future.*

*With appreciation,  
Natan*

## First Parish Women's Book Group

Our last book for this church year is "The Rulebreaker: The Life and Times of Barbara Walters" by Susan Page. It will be a potluck in the Common Room on Sunday, May 18th at 6 p.m.

Our final meeting of the year will be on June 8 to select books for the 2025-2026 church year. The remaining schedule is:

Meeting Date	Book	Author
5/18/2025	The Rulebreaker: The Life and Times of Barbara Walters	Susan Page
6/8/2025	Book Selection for the following year	



## Vespers Services

Second Tuesday services continue. Our next service of silence, song, movement and sharing will take place on May 13th at 7:00PM.

## 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant and Craft Fair



Artisans &  
Volunteers: Sign Up  
for the May 17 Plant  
& Craft Fair!

*69<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant and Craft Fair*

*10 AM - 3 PM, May 17, 2025*

- It takes a village to put on the Plant and Craft Fair- sign up! Here is the link: [Fair Volunteer Sign up 2025](#) Thanks to those who have already signed up!

[FP Plant and Craft](#)

- We are down to the wire now that we are in May- we especially need Folks to **set up and take down, Ferry over plants to the Common on Friday, Cashiers, Baked goods makers, Staff for the Children's activity table!** Come talk to us at Community Hour.
- **Are you growing seedlings or other plants for the Fair? Please bring them on Friday May 16<sup>th</sup> so that we can price them. And let us know what they are so we can make labels for them and track them for our inventory. Send the list to [b\\_brunkhorst@hotmail.com](mailto:b_brunkhorst@hotmail.com).**
- **Plant Fair Signs-** stay tuned for when to pick these up at church!
- **Youth-** interested in guarding the plants the night of Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>- camping out on the common in tents/ pizza/ smores? Contact Melinda Ballou at [melindacarolballou@gmail.com](mailto:melindacarolballou@gmail.com)
- **Need more information about the fair? Go to First Parish webpage! <https://uubedford.org/plantfair2025/>**

## Carleton Willard Discussion Forum

**Thursday, May 8, 11am (NOTE TIME and LOCATION CHANGE) Discussion Forum at Carleton Willard Village in the Auditorium Right.**

Every month during the church year (Sept to May) we lead an engaging discussion at Carleton Willard Village on a topic of interest to UUs (and hopefully people in general.) In May, the topic will be “Change and Familiarity.” We will share poems and readings about change and renewal and talk about where we experience those things in our life, while also making room to celebrate that which is fond and familiar.

*Please note, this is the last session until we meet again in September.*

## Juneteenth

The Juneteenth observance for this year is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, with a rain date of Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The exact time has not been determined but will fall between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Details will follow in the June Parishioner and on the Anno list. If you are interested in helping by contributing baked goods, flower petals for scattering, or making hibiscus tea (I can supply the hibiscus) please contact Dorothy Africa.

## Climate Café May 18<sup>th</sup> with Christopher Eliot

Join us for a climate discussion on May 18th after the service from 11:30 to 12:30 pm with guest speaker Christopher Eliot from Lincoln. Christopher has two areas that are of interest to our community which he will talk about:

- His grandfather, Frederick May Eliot, was the president of the American Unitarian Association for 20 years! Though he never met his grandfather who died the year before he was born, he knew his sisters, Abigail and Martha, who also have amazing histories:
  - Frederick: <https://www.uudb.org/eliot-fredrick-may/>
  - Abigail: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abigail\\_Adams\\_Eliot](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abigail_Adams_Eliot)
  - Martha: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martha\\_May\\_Eliot](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martha_May_Eliot)
- Christopher served as the Chair of the Hanscom Field Advisory Commission (HFAC) since 2019 (he just recently stepped down). This is a great opportunity to ask him about his time on the commission and their work with Hanscom Airfield initiatives.

We will then open it up for questions and discussion facilitated by Rev. Jamie. This will be a hybrid event. The in-person location will be in the Bacon Room. The zoom link will be sent via ParishBiz closer to the event.

-Coordinated by the Environmental Justice Committee

## **Social Responsibility Council (SRC) Update**

I'm saying *I am here now, embrace me or get out of my way.* I have big plans.  
They involve staying alive. They involve claiming my space and never being quiet again.

~ [Joshua Jennifer Espinoza](#)

Our May Share the Plate recipient is the [Pink Haven Coalition](#), a collective of trans organizers, mutual-aid groups, progressive faith organizations, queer associations, and individual justice-lovers.

Formed in response to the increasingly hostile legislative environment in the US, Pink Haven is dedicated to creating networks of safety and support for trans individuals and their families who need to relocate, access healthcare across state lines, or stay as safe as possible where they are. Its work centers trans lives and experiences, particularly the lives and experiences of BIPOC trans and gender-expansive people.

At the service on Sunday, April 27, parishioner Skylar Aldrich shared information about Pink Haven (a video can be [viewed here](#)). To support its good work, you can donate via cash/check or [online at OneChurch](#) (select Share the Plate) during the month of May.

You can learn more about [SRC, proposing](#) a grant or Share the Plate recipient, and [past recipients](#) online, or reach out to [socialresponsibility@uubedford.org](mailto:socialresponsibility@uubedford.org) or any SRC member: Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw (chair), Heather Black, Doug Denny-Brown, Pam Foresman, John Laferriere, Jaclyn Olsen, and Elise Randazzo.

- Heather Black, on behalf of the Social Responsibility Council

## **Lay Pastoral Care Team**

Greetings from the Lay Pastoral Care Team! We hope you've been enjoying the brilliant, blooming forsythia, daffodils and flowering trees! And with blossoms in mind, we'd like to remind you about our upcoming Flower Express - the Spring companion to the Christmas season Cookie Express! Flower Express is happening June 8, right after our Flower Communion service – the Sunday when we bring flowers for the Sanctuary and to share with each other. Would you be able to bring extra flowers for bouquets the LPC Team will create to bring to our FP friends who may find it harder to get to church these days? The bouquets are delivered by LPC team members and Parishioner volunteers and the bouquets and visits surprise and delight the recipients! In the coming weeks you'll hear more about Flower Express and we hope you'll bring some flowers to share.

In other LPC news we are delighted to welcome 3 new members to the LPC team: Carol Epple, Clinton Fuller and Art Smith. They're warm, gifted and kind – it's terrific they've joined us! If you have any questions about the Team, Flower Express or other Lay Pastoral inquiries, please email me at [committees@uubedford.org](mailto:committees@uubedford.org).

– Liz Connors, Chair

# First Parish Committees

## 2024-2025

### Parish Board

Susan Lincoln, *President* (2026)  
Mark Bailey (2025)  
Bea Brunkhorst (2027)  
Stacy Chandler (2027)  
Peter Cho (2026)  
Wendy Innis, *Treasurer* (2027)  
Jennifer McClain (2025)  
Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger, *ex officio*  
Rev. Annie Gonzalez, *ex officio*  
Nathan Sellers, *ex officio*

**Clerk:** Rebecca Green Neale  
**Moderator:** Bob Dorer

### Leadership Team

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger, *Sr. Minister*  
Rev. Annie Gonzalez, *Min. of Faith Dev.*  
Nathan Sellers, *Dir. of FD for Children*  
Susan Lincoln, *Board President*  
Bea Brunkhorst, *Parish Council Chair*  
Wendy Innis, *Treasurer*  
Brenda Rybicki, *Parish Administrator*

### Parish Council

Bea Brunkhorst, *Chair*  
Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger  
Wendy Innis, *Treasurer*  
[All Committee Chairs]

### Social Responsibility Council

Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw, *Chair* (2025)  
Pam Foresman, *Treasurer* (2026)  
Heather Black (2025)  
Doug Denny-Brown (2026)  
John Laferriere (2026)  
Jaclyn Olsen (2027)  
Elise Randazzo (2027)

### Nominating

Linda Pollitz, *Chair* (2025)  
Sarah Dorer (2027)  
Dave Southard (2026)

### Environmental Justice (EJC)

Corinne Doud, *Co-Chair (rotating)*  
Renu Bostwick  
Don MacIver  
Lois Pulliam  
Marjorie Roemer  
Ginny Steel

### Faith Development

Rev. Annie Gonzalez, *ex officio*  
Nathan Sellers, *ex officio*

### Children's FD Team

Kristin Hall  
Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw  
Ian Carroll  
Eloise Carroll (child)

### Jr. Youth Team

Mark Bailey  
Devin Sonpal (youth)  
Nina Sonpal (youth)

### Sr. Youth Team

Bob Doud  
Jerry Ross  
Carinna Dogan-West (youth)  
Taelor Nichols (youth)

### Adult FD Team

Randi Currier  
Doug Muder  
Jerry Ross

### Finance

Wendy Innis, *Chair & Treasurer*  
Vicki Gaw, *Asst. Treasurer*  
Joan Bowen  
Irene Gravina  
Bill Rabinowitz  
Jeff White

### Fundraising Teams

**Auction**  
Peter Cho, *Chair*

**Plant & Craft Fair**  
Dorothy Africa, *Co-Chair*  
Bea Brunkhorst, *Co-Chair*

### **Chili Cook-Off**

Linda Pollitz  
Gene Kalb

### The Gallery@First Parish

Maria Green, *Co-Chair*  
Doris Smith, *Co-Chair*  
Bob Batt  
Raquel Bauman  
Stacy Chandler  
Kati Oates  
Chris Tohline  
Christine Wojnar  
Christine Dudley-Marling  
Nancy Willett, *emeritus*

### Hospitality

Catherine Van Praagh  
Carla Bradford  
Kath McCafferty

### Memorials Task Force

Carla Bradford, *Chair*  
Kath McCafferty  
Wendy Innis  
Rich Suval

### Immigration Justice Team

Ellen Scheiner, *Chair*  
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Deb Flannery  
Tom Flannery  
Carolyn Grose  
Sabrina McClain  
Cecile Mercado  
Luanna Read  
Maureen Richichi  
Anne Schmalz  
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**Information Technology (IT)**

Sandy Currier, *Chair, Lead Network*  
Renu Bostwick, *Lead Workspace, Google Groups*  
Craig Jackson, *Lead Website*

**Worship Technology Team**

**Audio Team**

Sandy Currier  
Bob Dorer  
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Bill Rabinowitz

**Camera Team**

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Bob Batt  
John McClain  
Chris Tohline

**Church Database Team**

Dean Groves  
Dave Southard

**Video/Zoom Team**

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Paul Bradford  
Craig Jackson  
Cecile Mercado  
Cath Van Praagh

**Interiors Committee**

Erin Dorr, *Chair*  
Carlough Faulkner-Carroll

**Lay Pastoral Care**

Liz Connors, *Chair*  
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Laurie Groves  
Marge Heckman  
Anita Raj  
Rich Suval  
Lisa Tohline  
Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

**Membership**

Dave Southard, *Chair*

**Outreach Team**

Em Bradford  
Joanne Glover  
Benji Linden  
Natalie McClain  
Deb Picciuto  
Chris Tohline  
Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger, *Staff Liaison*

**Pathway to Membership Team**

Sharon McDonald  
Doug Muder  
Dave Southard  
Rev. Annie Gonzalez, *Staff Liaison*

**Sustaining Membership Team**

Sarah Dorer, *Chair*  
Sandy Boczenowski  
Carla Bradford  
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