

Nominating Committee Slate for 2023 Annual Meeting



Susan Anderson

Susan Anderson is a Certified Public Accountant and currently works as an Audit Manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). She has been a lifelong member of First Community Church attending Camp Akita, Block of Wood/Crossroads, La Vida, and LIFE Guard programming as a youth, and formally joining the church in 2009. Susan was a counselor at Camp Akita for 2 summers and continues to serve on Akita Council and help with the Camp store for the last 6 years. She has been a Crossroads leader since 2016 - currently serving with the 11th graders and is Secretary of the Board of Deacons.



Jerry Browning

Jerry is currently serving the church in circles groups, boards, committees, volunteer jobs, stewardship campaigns, choirs, etc. She is also serving on the Spiritual life and Learning Center team and will be co-chair with Jayne Kaylor in 2023. She is also a member of WW guild. Areas of past involvement (church or community) - She served on the adult learning council for three years before it merged with the Burkhart Center. She has also volunteered at the Trading Post and with the community garden. She enjoys belonging to FCC as a member and serving our various efforts for evolving self and for helping others in spiritual ways, support of kindness and advocacy, and basic needs. Some of her eight grandchildren have enjoyed Camp Akita and a few more will begin this summer. She likes to travel and also spend time in Florida throughout the year.



Holly Dabelko-Schoeny

Holly is currently serving as an usher. Her past activities include: Engagement with the Burkhart Center, kids grew up attending Camp Akita and she was a member of the K-12 Council.



Kathy Glass

Kathy has been a member of FCC for 30+years. She has helped out with Sunday school when her children were young. Served two terms on the Membership council and the care committee. Kathy is the head usher for north campus 11 (group c) as well as greeters. She loves FCC and advises new members is to join a circle, committee, choir or usher to truly enjoy fellowship as great way to meet people.



Ralph Griffith

Ralph Griffith and his wife Dotsy have been members of FCC since 1992. He is the CEO and President of Value Recovery Group and its subsidiary, Global Recovery Group, financial services companies with offices in Columbus and the Washington, DC area. His prior business experience encompassed financial advisory and business consulting positions as well as a lender in commercial banks. Ralph has been the Chair of the First Community Foundation for the past two years. He is also Finance Committee Chair of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency Board, is a member of the Rotary Club of Upper Arlington, is on the Strategic Initiatives Committee of the Furniture Bank and served seven years as a Children's Leader for Bible Study Fellowship International. He is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and has an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management.

Diane Haddad

No bio



Craig Hagkull

Craig's family (Molly, Brady and Connor) have been involved with First Community since 2013. The boys have gone through Sunday school, block of wood, confirmation, etc. They have also attended Camp Akita Family Camp many times. He has been active in the Columbus Chiller Youth Hockey Association for many years as both a coach and board member. Currently he is an Assistant Coach for Upper Arlington High School hockey team and have been involved with the Childhood League for many years.



Karyl Hanhila

Karyl is currently an usher at north campus, chair of guild group C, and she volunteers for the share and learn garden.

Past Involvement: K-5 Sunday School Teacher, Service Board, Governing Board (Past Chair), Board of Deacons, Nominating Committee, Mission Council, Older Adult Council



Katherine Harper

Katie Harper grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, first participating in church services as a Kindergarten youth choir member at Forest Chapel United Methodist Church. Growing up singing in the choir is what led me to seek out church membership as an adult when I moved to Columbus to work for the State of Ohio. I am currently a member of the Chancel Choir. Being able to contribute to the overall worship experience through singing with the choir has brought me great joy. Current area of church involvement: Member of the Chancel Choir

**Ray Harpham**

Ray's current church involvement: Circle 19 and deacon. Past church involvement: Akita Council, Design Architect Camp Akita Re-Creation, "It's About Time" FCC Stewardship Campaign, Stephen Minister, FCC Governing Board (1995-1997, Chair 1999)

Past involvement community: Buckeye Boys Ranch, Volunteer Action Center, Member and Chair, Juvenile Probation Council, Councilor

**Susie Harpham**

Past Involvement Church Akita Council "It's About Time" FCC Stewardship campaign. Past Involvement Community, childhood league, junior league, Kelton House committee, Columbus Landmarks co-director

**Mark Hollinger**

In 1996 Mark and his wife Mary became members of First Community. In 1997 they volunteered on the Mission Council. Past involvement: Member of the Mission Council. Was the lead on the National/World sub-committee for two years. Was on the Mission Council executive committee for all 8 years. Was either President or Vice-President of the council two separate years, each. He participated in the collection and distribution of flood response needs during the flood in Southern Ohio. He has worked with the Red Cross, led a First Community team to respond to individual homes to perform flood cleanup. Participated in the Garage Sale for 9 years. Was a Deacon for 3 years. For 2 years led the North Campus Communion group. Was on the Board of Back Bay Mission for 8 years. After Katrina hit the Biloxi area, lead a team to determine the status of the Mission's 7 buildings. Worked on the rebuilding of the Mission's main campus, mainly reviewing construction documents. For 6 of the 8 years on the Board, he was either the Chair, Vice-Chair or the Past Chair of the Board. Was a member of the First Community Nominating Committee for 2 years. Participated on the Strategic Planning Committee. In January 2010, he received the First Community Church Service award. In 2018 he participated as one of the leads in a group of a multi group 6-week "discussion" at the Church and also retired and moved to South Carolina. In 2021 due to the isolation of COVID, he and Mary decided that they wanted to move back to Columbus to be close to family, friends and First Community. In 2021 with the Church's formation of the Justice Committees, he became a volunteer. In 2021 and 2022, Participated on both the Environmental and Gun Violence committees.

Became a member of Moms Demand Action. Became a Lead in Columbus for Moms BeSMART educational program on secure gun storage. Assisted in coordination between Moms Demand Action and First Community on several events and on a specific initiative in Clinton Township on gun violence. Was on the Church's Pride parade committee and assisted in construction of the float. In 2023, he intends to Continue working on the Justice Committees with emphasis on gun violence prevention and LGBTQ+ fight for equality/safety. Continue to work with Moms Demand Action on gun violence. Coordinating efforts with First Community Church. Working on promoting community outreach/involvement



Jim Hutchins

Jim is currently involved with the Spiritual Life & Learning Center Board. Previously, he was served on the Foundation Board, was a trustee for the Hannah Neil Children's Center, and a trustee for Unverferth House and volunteers for I Know I Can. Jim is a graduate of Upper Arlington High School, Northwestern University and the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He grew up in Upper Arlington, where he was an Eagle Scout and president of his class three times. He has been a member of First Community Church for 60 years. His two children were baptized and active in the Church. Jim was a corporate attorney in real estate finance, banking and real estate development in Columbus. He was the founder and first chairperson of the Legal Issues Committee of the Mortgage Bankers of America. He ended his active legal career by helping people save their homes during the Great Recession, serving as a foreclosure mediator. Jim also was a trustee for the Hannah Neil Children's Center, trustee for Unverferth House and a volunteer for I Know I Can. He is now doing volunteer work for the Columbus Metropolitan Library Reading Buddies Program, Central Community House- Advocacy Committee and Columbus Legal Aid Society.



Jayne Kaylor

Jayne is currently active and have been for several years with the Spiritual Life and Learning Council. Starting in 2023 she will Co-chair this council with Jerry Browning. She is also a member of Open Door (greeters). Past Activities: She has attended Camp Akita in middle school and became involved in First Community as youth, receiving The Block of Wood, Seven Keys and joining the church and was on the youth council, Bar None planning and worked at Camp Akita during the summers. As an adult she served on Early Childhood, Children's, Middle School and High School councils, was a Deacon, on the nominating committee and part of many fundraising and other events through the years.

**Leah Miller**

Leah is currently involved in circles, boards, committees, volunteer jobs, stewardship campaigns, choirs, etc. Areas of past involvement (church or community): She was very involved with the youth programs when her three children were younger. All three of her children were baptized, received their third grade Bibles, took first communion at FCC. Along the way, she volunteered to help in the church with various programs/classrooms her children were involved with. She was the lead volunteer for several Sunday School classrooms, volunteered for Akita 1, 2, 3, volunteered with Mid-week Missions and helped with the children's choirs. Her teenage children still go to Akita each summer and now they give back through LIFE guarding, etc.

**Dave Nickel**

Dave has been a member of First Community Church for over 25 years and currently serves on the First Community Foundation Board. He previously served as Chair of the Adult Learning Council for three consecutive years and was a member of the Council for approximately 10 years. Dave is also a member of the Board of the Jungian Association of Central Ohio. Dave earned his PhD from Indiana University with a double major in chemistry and higher education administration. He taught and was in leadership roles for 20 years in universities and for 20 additional years with Goodyear and Lockheed Martin Corporations. He played a significant role in advancing the participative management processes within these corporations. He has also served as a lecturer with The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business and taught for two summers in Wuhan, China, in association with Ohio State. He and his wife, Jennie, have two adult children and five grandchildren, all of whom reside in the Columbus area. He is an avid baseball fan.

**Jen Peterson**

Jen's Current areas of church involvement includes Circles, boards, committees, volunteer jobs, stewardship campaigns, choirs, etc.).

FCC: Community Justice Committee

Areas of past involvement (church or community)

Jen's children previously involved with Akita, Choir, Mission Trips to Dominican Republic, Crossroads, Block of Wood and Adopt-A-Family

- Gun Violence Prevention & Safety Task Force Member

- Outside of FCC, sit on ALVIS, Leadership Columbus and The Center for Healthy Families Boards of Trustees

- Previously on Boards of Dress for Success, CATCO and The Junior League of Columbus



Nancy Rummel

Nancy's current areas of church involvement include: First Community Foundation Board, Secretary; Governance Committee member; Development Committee member, Capital Campaign Committee member; co-chair of the Public Phase Committee, Circle C member. Fourth Monday Feeding the Homeless, Heart to Heart volunteer. Her areas of past involvement include: Adult Education Council member. Missions Council member. Garage Sale volunteer



Tom Stewart

Tom Stewart was married at First Community Church nearly fifty years ago to Pam, who is a 3rd generation member of FCC.

They have two daughters who both attended the Mary Evans Pre-School Program at the church and who are fourth generation members of FCC. They also have five grandsons, all baptized at FCC, and who are fifth-generation members of the church. Tom has been active in the Columbus Business Community serving as the Senior Executive Officer of the WBNS Radio and Television Stations prior to his retirement in 2001. Since that time, he has served as a Faculty Member of The Ohio State University teaching courses in communication where he was recently named a "Distinguished Lecturer" by The University.

He has served in leadership positions on numerous community Boards and organizations, both profit and non-profit, including Grange Mutual Insurance Companies, The Integrity Mutual Insurance Companies Headquartered in Appleton, Wisconsin, The Columbus Zoo, The Ohio Association of Broadcasters, The Upper Arlington Community Arts Committee, The Upper Arlington Education Association, Nationwide Children's Hospital, The Franklin County Hospital Commission and The United Way of Central Ohio.

Tom is especially interested in the Worship and Music Ministries of the church as well as the Television Ministry which allows the terrific programs and offerings of FCC to reach well beyond the three campuses of the organization.



Ned Timmons

Ned was baptized at FCC in 1946. Youth activities: Cherub Choir- Youth Choir- Received Block of wood 1960 also Seven Keys – Rose Joined First Community Church in 1960. Active in FCC Youth leadership. Got married at FCC to Marti Garvin in 1970 by Rev Art Sanders. Both daughters were baptized at FCC. He has also served on Many FCC councils and Committees – Worship and Arts- High School Council – Missions Council – Nomination Committee – Media Group – “By Faith Together” Committee “ FCC Centennial Celebration Committee” . Sunday School Teacher 10 Years. Currently Member of FCC Media Group – Liaison to Missions Council from Habitat for Humanity. I have been a Habitat for Humanity FCC Volunteer for 35 + years – built 30+ Houses.



Scott Toop

Scott Toop is a retired attorney. He most recently served as Wendy’s General Counsel, and before that as General Counsel for Tim Hortons in Toronto, and KFC in Louisville. Scott and his wife Laura Rosene joined First Community in December, 2017. Their twin sons, Eric and Patrick, love Camp Akita and regularly participate in Crossroads. Scott is a member of the Older Adult Ministry Team, the Gun Violence Prevention Team, and the ElderWisdom Book Group. He also actively participates in Thursdays at 10 and First Community’s Pride events, and volunteers at Camp Akita. Outside of church, Scott volunteers at Columbus Academy and has coached youth sports for over 15 years.



Darian Torrance

Current Areas of Church Involvement: First Community Foundation, Board of Trustees – 2017-2023, Chair, Grants Committee – 2020-present, Women’s Guild, Treasurer, Guild C, Recording Secretary – Women’s Guild Board

Current Community Involvement: OSU Retirees Association, Board of Trustees – 2020-present, OPERS Representative for the OSURA Board, OSURA Fall Conference, Travel, and Benefits Committees, Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER), Association for Research and Enlightenment (A.R.E.), Central Ohio Area Co-Coordinator 2012-present, A.R.E. Search for God Study Group Member 1973-present

Areas of Past Involvement: First Community Church - Service Board, Deacons, Adult Learning Council, Spiritual Searcher Committee, Women’s Retreat Committee, Tuesday at 10 Group and Sunday Morning Seminar, First Community Foundation , Foundation Administrator – 2016-2016



Jim Turner

Current church involvement: Couples Circle 47

Past church involvement: 14 straight years at Camp Akita as a camper and summer staff, member of First Community Nominating Committee, First Community Governing Board member, Akita Council, multiple capital campaigns. Community Involvement: Past President, Rotary Club of Upper Arlington, Trustee, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium - 17 years, A Developer and Director of The Dowd School for Homeless Children, A Founding Trustee, Upper Arlington Education Association, A Founding Director, Upper Arlington Alumni Association, Chairman of Mayor Rinehart's Select Committee on Drug Abuse Director, North American Telecommunications Association Chairman, Ohio League of Young Republican Clubs, Proud past member of The Columbia Record Club.



Ed Wojniak

Ed's involvement in First Community Church began over 10 years ago when he came to listen to a speaker, Michael Conforti. He continues to attend various events sponsored primarily by The Burkhardt Center. In 2013, he and his wife, Jan, started attending FCC culminating in mid-2020 when they both became members. Membership at FCC represents a new chapter in their lives, one of vital spiritual growth, on a path that began with their conversion experiences as young adults. Ed's participation in the community has its roots in his educational career at The Ohio State University; the Clintonville home he has shared with his wife and five children (two daughters and three sons – now adults with children of their own) over the past 46+ years; his children's education at Tree of Life Christian Schools; church attendance and men's and small group leadership positions through the years (e.g., Vineyard of Columbus and Upper Arlington Lutheran Church); board membership in the Jung Association of Central Ohio; his 30-year-long career at Franklin County Children Services; and, his second career as a psychologist which began in 1996.