

## Introduction of our 2022-2023 Deacons: Part 2

Please take a few minutes to learn about the remaining new deacons.

### Administrative Panel



**Name:** Minh Callaway

**# of years at SJBC:** 18 years

**Sunday School Class:** Pathfinders

**Current Activities & Service:** Finance Resource Team

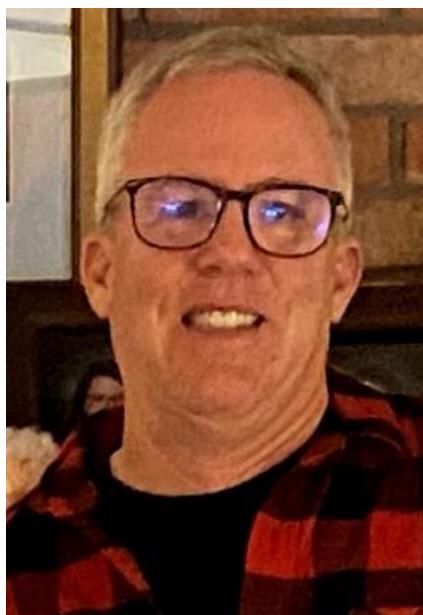
**Past Service:** Ministry Panel Deacon, Youth Resource Team, Helpers for Sunday Morning Nursery

**Spiritual Journey:** My husband Bill would be the first to say I don't listen very well. So that is true in my journey with God – I do not do well in slowing down and trying to actively listen for God's voice. Being part

of St. John's helps remind me to do this and challenges me to grow my relationship with God and in the many ways that He is helping to guide me.

**Vision for St. John's:** I am looking forward to having us starting to gather in person to rebuild our relationships with each other and with our external communities. Plus, in the tradition of St. John's, continue in our many efforts of serving those around us whether they are part of the St. John's congregation or not.

### Pastoral Panel



**Name:** Jeff LeVie

**# of years at SJBC:** 7 years

**Sunday School Class:** Pathfinders

**Current Activities & Service:** I have duties as an Usher and a Teller. I enjoy working on projects around the church building as time permits and the mission trips to Johns Island for Habitat for Humanity.

**Past Service:** I have been a pastoral deacon before and look forward to a second opportunity to serve for the next three years.

**Spiritual Journey:** I believe that living our lives as Christ instructed us gives meaning a purpose to our lives. It allows us to find deep joy where

only a shallower form of happiness could exist. I often fail but always have a direction in my life, a light, to walk towards.

**Vision for St. John's:** I have always wanted St John's to be a place where people of the community can find reflections of God's love. There are always headwinds to challenge us. I want us to continue to grow above these.

**Other Comments:** As a pastoral deacon, I get another opportunity to get to know more of our members and have a part in strengthening our church family. I take this responsibility with great respect for those whom I follow and hope to carry forward our great legacy as followers of Christ.



**Name:** Melissa Millette

**# of years at SJBC:** 60 years

**Sunday School Class:** McLeod-Brown

**Current Activities & Service:** Care Committee, Heritage Team, Handbells, Nursery Substitute, Tuesday Bible Study, church clerk

**Past Service:** Pastoral Deacon co-chair, Children's committee, children's Sunday school teacher

**Spiritual Journey:** St. John's has been essential to me my entire life. The church family nurtures me and shows me so many good examples of how

to follow Jesus

**Vision for St. John's:** I hope the Pastoral deacons can be effective in helping each church member feel connected and cared for. I hope we can attract more young families to keep the church vibrant for years to come.

**Name:** Morgan Newman

**# of years at SJBC:** 31 years

**Sunday School Class:** Farside

**Past Service:** Pastoral Deacon Chair, Family Life Comm. & Chair, Youth Comm. & Chair, Taught Sunday School for grades 8th-11th and others.

**Spiritual Journey:** I grew up in St. John's learning about the Bible, God's love for all people, faith, dealing with hard times, and the importance of caring for others. Growing up here I was very fortunate to be able to learn about God thru sermons from Dr. Broach, Dennis, and others. My journey was enriched by wonderful Sunday School Teachers and by the people I met in the church such as Tom Peacock, the Harkeys, Sellers, Allens (we miss you Virginia), and others.

**Vision for St. John's:** To continue to reach out to help those in need but also focus on reaching in to help our church family in spiritual growth.

**Name:** Alice Wirz

**# of years at SJBC:** 40 years

**Sunday School Class:** Farside

**Current Activities & Service:** Co-Coordinator Room in The Inn, Farside Class, Women of the Church

**Past Service:** Sunday School Teacher 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class for 18 years, Assistant Coach for Girls basketball for 11 years, Participant in Discipleship Class, Women's book club, numerous committees, Mission Resource Team.

**Spiritual Journey:** What a wonderful journey and what a hard journey at times. God is the constant, and some of the saints in this church have been inspiring role models for me.

**Vision for St. John's:** Continue to change with the times in a positive direction without losing our core mission of being a servant church. Finding ways to involve a new generation with God's vision for a loving fellowship. Keeping the sports ministry, the music ministry and the speaker ministry going in creative ways to appeal to an array of people in this ever-changing world. I don't know how you do it! Bravo to the staff!!

**Other Comments:** I look forward to meeting new staff and rekindling relationships in our church.

Thanks for the opportunity.