

## MEMBER BIOS – CONGREGATION COUNCIL

The following are the members of Grace who were all elected to serve as members of its Council, with their three-year terms to begin in January of 2024.

We congratulate and thank these four, who are willing to serve their congregation in this way, and welcome their leadership!

Council members are presented  
in alphabetical order.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Name:** Sabrina Blanks

#### **A Little About My Family:**

My parents both grew up in Rock Hill, met, and got married here, then we all moved to Charlotte where I spent the next 40 years growing up, attending Queens University, and mostly being a stage manager and costumer for live theatre. Chris, Connor, and I moved to Rock Hill in 2018 and we joined Grace not too long after that. We live near Historic Brattonsville with our 4 cats, 5 goats, and a beagle. I do a lot of crocheting and sewing, plus I am a new Master Gardener of York County Intern!



#### **Some ways I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months or so:**

I sing in Parish Choir and ring with Grace Ringers. I serve on the Personnel, Youth and Family, and New Members Committees, and I'm the chair of the 100 Year Anniversary Committee. I also serve on Altar Guild. I was a part of the Discernment group that worked toward refreshing Grace's mission, vision, and values this past spring. Last fall I started and continue to coordinate the Grace Crafting Ministry where we distribute crafted items to recipients who need them. I have helped sew HS senior quillows for the past two years and just joined the Grace Quilters group. I also enjoy volunteering with GYM (including coordinating the Fall Fest) and providing meals for and communing with WELCM students.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

I feel like I have more to give to Grace and our neighbors. I am looking forward to using my organizational and motivational skills, plus my time and energy, to help us live out our congregational mission. While I love us a whole lot, I also see a couple of areas I would like to be able to work toward improving with the help of everyone else. Being a member of Council would help me more fully serve this congregation and our community. Thanks for your consideration!

## **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**



**Name:** Michael 'Woody' Dunnett

#### **A Little About My Family:**

My wife, Leslie, and I are parents to Aiden (14) and Madison (12), as well as a black lab-mix, Dickens (5). We are all avid Clemson fans – Go Tigers! She and her family are long-time members at Grace. We were married in the church and are proud to raise Aiden & Madi at Grace. We've been in Indian Land, SC for the last 12 years. I work for a large, national insurance carrier in a Regional Sales Director role. Leslie is a fantastic Homemaker, Aiden is a Freshmen at Indian Land High School, and Madison is in 7th Grade at Indian Land Middle School.

#### **Some ways I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months or so:**

My family and I attend worship regularly and you can often spot Aiden & Madison as Acolytes or me Ushering. We participated in LutherRidge Camp this Summer and both Aiden & Madison are in the Confirmation program.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

First, I'm grateful for the nomination. Serving on Council is an opportunity to fulfill God's work, share time and talents, hear different perspectives, and help shape the next 100 years at Grace and in the greater Rock Hill community.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



**Name:** Farran Holland

#### **A Little About My Family:**

I grew up in the Mount Holly/ Belmont area where I lived for the first 23 years of my life. Since then I have lived in numerous places, but now call Fort Mill home! I live with my 3 1/2 year old goldfish, who is lovingly called Lucy after a famous Beatles track. My background is in education, with a focus on British history. I have taught both PreK and Kindergarten in the traditional classroom setting, as well as a few years of multigrade homeschooling for several families. Currently, I Nanny for the sweetest mom and 11-month-old baby in Fort Mill.

#### **Some ways I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months or so:**

I have been a member of Grace for going on four years and officially became a member during the "no church months" of Covid. I was so excited to come back to my church family when the doors were again open. With my teaching background and love for kids, I've always loved volunteering to decorate my trunk for the Fall Festival. In addition, I love volunteering to help out with Family Promise when we host families here at Grace. Whether that's cooking a meal or washing sheets I always love to pitch-in, and am looking to volunteer more in the future.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

I am my parents' only child, the only grandchild on my maternal side, and the oldest of four grandchildren on my paternal side. Family is everything to me, and that is a big reason of why I am honored to run for Council to help serve my church family. To me families pitch in where we can, and use our talents to serve and this opportunity would be no different.

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBER BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

**Name:** Theresa Miller

#### **A Little About My Family:**

I have two sons. Matthew lives in New Jersey with his wife, Kathy, and my two grandsons, Alex and Sawyer. Scott lives in Maryland and will be engaged soon. I've lived in South Carolina for 15 years and I have been a member of Grace for the past 14 of those.

#### **Some ways I've been involved at Grace in the past 18 months or so:**

I have served on the Congregation Council as its Secretary for the past two years. I serve as the Council Representative for the Personnel Committee and, as Secretary, I have been a member of the Executive Committee of Council. I have been an active member of the LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together) group. This year I have been a member of the Extending Church group and the 100th Anniversary Committee. I am on the Altar Guild (which has been very rewarding) and on Thursday afternoons, you will find me in the Church Office, putting the bulletins together for Sunday.

#### **Why I Would Like to Serve on Congregation Council:**

Since my husband Ed passed away in 2020, I've been looking to reach out to help others and our community. Grace is a great place to do these things. I enjoy all of my committees and our Grace Family. Grace is a special place and we do special things. I will continue in my activities to do God's will and follow in Jesus' footsteps. And, if voted-in again this year, I will be happy to serve Grace on Council.



## Grace's Congregation Council

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
<i>Lori Brown</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>
<i>Kathy Schwandt</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>
<i>Melissa Tucker</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>
<i>*Theresa Miller</i>	<i>2021-2023</i>
Bob Goodbar	2022-2024
Carla Harrison	2022-2024
Mary Hinson	2022-2024
Jeff Ranges	2022-2024
Justin Anderson	2023-2025
Ron Hartman	2023-2025
Traci Quinn	2023-2025
Irene Pointon	2023-2025
Sabrina Blanks	2024-2026
Woody Dunnett	2024-2026
Farran Holland	2024-2026
Theresa Miller	2024-2026
Pr. Gregg Hoffman	Duration of call
Pr. Rachel Hoffman	Duration of call

*\*Member was elected to this seat to fulfilling remaining two years of another person's term.  
If elected, this member will begin their first full term.*