



Red Clay Creek *Presbyterian Church*

Sunday | April 18, 2021

Newly Elected Deacons

DEACONS CLASS OF 2022:



Tosh Wilson-Carlson: I joined RCCPC in 2000. I became a member of the Community & Fellowship group and I also served as a Deacon. I have enjoyed being involved with the mission trips to Appalachia and Costa Rica. I have helped with several activities for Friendship House. I attended the weekly Centering Prayer group. I feel we need to work with other churches to keep our mission helping all in our community, and put out a sign to welcome everyone to worship with us.

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Barb Jaffee: My husband Bill and I have been Red Clay members about 25 years raising our three children in the church. A bell choir member since 2013, I consider music ministry an integral part of worship. Mission work both through church and other organizations is important to me.

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Sandy Dudley: I grew up in Red Clay and have served as Sunday School teacher, Stephen Minister, Youth Fellowship leader and once again, look forward to serving as a Deacon. I love Red Clay. It is “home” to me. I have many memories associated with Red Clay from a child to present. Although I belonged to other Presbyterian churches due to moving out of state in conjunctions with job related transfers, I was always glad to rejoin Red Clay upon my return to Delaware.



John Gast: Leslie and I have been members of Red Clay since 1980 after first moving to Delaware with our young family. We have always enjoyed the message at Red Clay of Jesus’ ever present love and his leading us to serve through mission. I have served as Elder and on the Reach and Finance committees and have worked with youth for years in Sunday school and other youth activities. I also serve on the Board of Riverfront Church, an exciting new worship community initially started through efforts at Red Clay. I look forward to a new role in service as a Deacon.



Jackie Kacmar: My husband Andy and I have been members of Red Clay for about 30 years! During that time I have served as an Elder and a Deacon. I enjoy singing in the church choir and sewing with the quilt group. I hope to resume Bible Study when we can once again meet in person. I love the people that I’ve met in the Red Clay congregation and admire the outreach of our church both in our community and the world.



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Bob Kitson: I have been a member of RCCPC since 1994, at various times teaching Sunday School, traveling to “Mission to Maine”, and serving on a Associate Pastor PNC, as a Youth Group Leader, and on the Lawton Trust Committee. My parents were RCCPC members in 1960s. Prior to RCCPC, I was a Deacon at Concord PC and also on a Sr. Pastor PNC, and a Youth Leader. As a youth, I went to First Church PC in Newark, and also split attendance between there and RCCPC for the last ten years of my mother’s life.



Kathryn Koch: I am lifelong Presbyterian who joined Red Clay in 2018 after moving to Delaware to be near my daughter and grandchildren. I especially appreciate Red Clay's involvement in local mission. I have volunteered as a tutor with Urban Promise both in 2019-20 and via Zoom in 2020-21. I volunteer at Friendship House's Newark Empowerment Center once a week, too. I taught Mid-high Sunday School last year and sang in the choir. I have been involved in several Bible study groups at Red Clay, most recently Randy's Wednesday night Zoom study. In my previous church I was an Elder and a Stephen's Minister. I look forward to getting to know more RCCPC members in my role as a Deacon. I'm also serving on RCCPC's Anti-racism Committee.



Barbara Sowden: RCCP is my home, my family has resided in this area since the late 1800's and several family members are in our cemetery. Thus, how can I not love RCCPC? Records indicate my confirmation in the church occurred in 1969 and membership in 1989. I have assisted the church in numerous capacities including: assisting in the 1st grade Sunday School classes; completion of the Stephen Minister Training; ordination as a Deacon on two separate occasions; and, always the pleasure of serving as an usher or greeter. Presently, my involvement is working with the History Committee in preparation for our 300th year anniversary! RCCP has always served the community and grown through up and down periods. This we will continue to do in new and exciting ways ahead.



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ELDER CLASS OF 2024:



Fred Crowley: My family—Debi, Dallas, Dakota, and myself—have been members of RCCPC for about 15 years. I have served the church as an Elder, Financial Moderator, Capital Campaign, PNC, Sunday School Teacher and High School Youth Group Leader. One of my favorite experiences was our youth service trip to New Orleans. I also enjoyed volunteering at St. Andrew's place. I am currently on the Board of The Friendship House. What I love most about RCCPC is the people. I am grateful for being part of a loving community. I believe RCCPC should be the spiritual center of our community.



Scott McHenry: Hello, my name is Scott McHenry. I became a member of RCCPC in 2019 after moving to Delaware with my wife, Katie, from Arlington, VA. Since joining the church, I have become very active as a member of the chancel choir (and occasionally a substitute bell ringer as needed). It is an honor for me to be selected as an Elder of the church, and I intend to bring my perspective as a relatively younger member of the congregation to help us grow our membership and make a difference within the greater Red Clay Creek community. I hope that in my time on the Session, I can forge a greater connection with the congregation and help lead it through all of the challenges ahead.



Sandy Sarjeant: I first joined Red Clay at the end of 6th grade and have been a member since, except for 10 years when I lived out-of-state. I have been in chancel choir since I was 14 and am a founding member of the bell choir. As an adult, I taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Cherub Choir. I was also a Middle School Youth Advisor. I have served on a number of committees and been an Elder. I am currently Clerk of Session. In the future, I would love to see Red Clay become even more of a welcoming place for a variety of community activities.