

Church Council



Members Serving for the 2016-2017 Term

To help you get to know your current Church Council, we would like to share the following bios with you. We hope they offer some insight about the members serving this year. As a reminder, church members are welcome to attend our Church Council meetings, regularly scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

Moderator: Lisa Carr has over 25 years of experience in the credit union industry. Advancing from front-line service to executive management, she has been responsible for membership development, communications, training and strategic planning. She is now an independent consultant, giving her flexibility to be an at-home mom and active volunteer. Finding FCC over six years ago has been a true blessing for Lisa and her family. She served as team lead for our 2020 Vision planning process and continues to be involved in its implementation. She is part of our Community Crisis Center ministry team, has volunteered for Fay's BBQ and our Cookie Walk and belongs to one of our Stepping Stones small groups. She and her husband, Bryant, have been married for thirteen years. Their daughter Ellie, who is almost 5, recently graduated from FCC's Littlest Disciples Preschool. When they're not camping or golfing, you'll find them at home in West Dundee.

Past Moderator: Robert Skutt and his wife, Karen, have been members of the church for five years. Robert has served on the Church Council for three years, the last two as Moderator. He has been a lawyer for almost thirty years and has spent most of his career working for insurance company claims departments. He grew up in Michigan, but has lived most of his adult life in the Chicago area.

Treasurer: Carol Adair and her husband, Jeff, joined FCC in 1989 after moving to Sleepy Hollow from the Cleveland area. FCC was the first church they attended in their search for a new church. The welcoming love, fellowship and ministry impressed them so much that they only sampled one more church before coming "home" to FCC. Their two children, Greg and Kelly, were raised in this church family and Carol is forever grateful for the Christian Education leaders who ensured their children's faith roots were planted deep. She is retired after 35 years at United Airlines, where her positions included budgeting, project management and employee motivation programs. Her last 13 years were spent negotiating jet fuel contracts all over the world. She was blessed with an amazing career, but God made it clear when it was time to move on. She has been an alto in the church choir since 1990 and on the Finance Team since 2009, but always wanted to do more volunteer work with the church she loves. After retiring, she signed up for PADS and Kids Hope and accepted the position of Church Treasurer.

Clerk: Carol Radovich has been a member of FCC for two years. She has been involved in the Friday night seminar and has helped with the community suppers. She works as a nurse practitioner in Internal Medicine in Woodstock, Illinois. Her passion is in helping the poor and she has been on multiple medical mission trips to Haiti, Peru and most recently to Ecuador to help in a field hospital after the earthquake. She also has accompanied senior high youth groups to missions within the United States. Carol served as an Elder in the Presbyterian church and loves to play the drums as part of worship teams. She has four children and an amazing German shepherd, Apollo. She is amazed at what we can do with God's help!

Member: Terry Aylesworth and his wife of 23 years, Denise, have two children, Jack (20) and Hallie (18). They have lived in Algonquin since 1995 and have been members of the church since 2000. He was born and raised in the Chicago area and attended the University of San Diego where he received a degree in physics. Terry also served in the Navy for four years. He has worked in the industrial water treatment

industry and currently works at Argonne National Laboratory. Terry is fascinated with and appreciates creative, artful engineering. He also enjoys an occasional bike ride, walks in the woods with the dogs (Rosie and Dexter) and especially time with family. He highly values his interaction with FCC of Dundee.

Member: Bruce Batt has been a member of FCC of Dundee for over 44 years. He was baptized, confirmed and married in this church. Once an active choir member, he has since chosen to serve on the Church Council. Strengths he brings to the council stem from his 35 plus years in procurement in both the private and public sectors. Bruce is interested in how church funds are spent especially when it comes to the church's infrastructure. He's currently employed as the District 300 Assistant Purchasing Manager and has held the position for over eleven years. He and his wife Cindy reside in Algonquin and would LOVE to downsize (possibly returning to Dundee) as soon as their boys, Jeff and Mark, permanently settle! Bruce's wife Cindy and their two sons have played active rolls in mission and fundraising over the years and became stronger church members because of their participation. His family and his church family remain an important and necessary part of his life.

Member: Deb Clark became a member of First Congregational Church many years ago and was confirmed in the church when she was in eighth grade! She currently works as Office Manager at Dr. Gregory Karr's dental office in Elgin and previously worked at First American Bank for more than 25 years. She worked at several different branches there, but spent most of those years in the loan operations department located in Hampshire. She enjoys spending time outside – bike riding, reading in her hammock or walking the dog. She also loves spending time with her family. She has been married to Ted for 30 years and they have three children: Samantha (24), Jason (23) and Alex (19). Samantha and Jason have their bachelors' degrees and are working in jobs related to their field of study. Alex will begin his sophomore year at UW-Platteville this fall. Debbie has been involved in many church functions over the years. Prior to becoming a member of Church Council, she played with the Bells of Dundee and helped to coordinate High School Youth Group Fundraising Events. However, her most memorable experiences are the mission trips. I've traveled to Michigan, Africa and went to Costa Rica and Tennessee with the High School Youth Group.

Member: Christine Fuqua moved from north Texas to Sleepy Hollow in 2011. She and her husband, Dan, welcomed their daughter, Dana, last July. You'll find them casually walking with their two Labradors, Dallas and Dustin, around their neighborhood or riding bikes along the Fox River Bike Trail. Christine worked as an Accounts Receivable Clerk in Hoffman Estates before becoming a stay-at-home mom last fall. She and her husband have enjoyed traveling and hope to pass this love onto their daughter. Since joining FCC in July 2015, Christine has been involved in co-founding "The Gathering Tree," volunteering her time to help with our Hilltop Community Suppers, attending the Infant Stepping Stones small group, monthly collation of the church newsletter and teaching Sunday School. She really does have a hard time saying no when it comes to serving the Lord and the community.

Member: Laurie Geschrey has executive level operations experience with Pathway Senior Living, a large assisted living and memory care company headquartered in downtown Chicago. Prior to that, she spent many years working in the Hospice field, serving as a hospice Chaplain. Currently, she is the Director of Viva Legacy and works with the residents and families on advanced care planning and advanced illness management. She and her wife, Katherine, moved to East Dundee three years ago and after an extensive search, they're grateful to find their spiritual home at FCC.

Member: Marie McPherson has been an Accountant at a local environmental services company for almost five years. She and her husband, Ben, took part in the Infant Stepping Stones small group, as they are expecting their first child in June 2016. They look forward to raising their son within the FCC of Dundee community.

Senior Pastor: Aaron James also serves as an ex-officio member of our Church Council.