

# Church Council

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## Members Serving for the 2017-2018 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 7 years ago was a blessing for Lisa and her family. She served as team lead for our 2020 Vision planning process, is part of our Community Crisis Center ministry team, and has participated in other fundraisers. She and her husband, Bryant, have been married for nearly 15 years. Their daughter Ellie, who is 6, attended FCC's pre-school and is now in kindergarten. When they're not camping, you'll find them at home in West Dundee.

**Past Moderator: Robert Skuff** 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.

**Vice Moderator: Jim Halverson** joined Council in February to complete the remainder of an open term and was recently appointed Vice Moderator. He and his wife Terri, have lived in West Dundee for twenty years, where they raised their three children, CJ (25), Tommy (22), and Anna (18). They have been members of the church for two years, enjoying better and deeper community at FCC than at churches they had been at much longer. They became involved with Hilltop Supper almost immediately upon attending. Jim is a professor at Judson University, where he teaches European and Church history. Besides church, on weekends you can find Jim and Terri riding on the Fox River Bike Trail, walking at Jelke Bird Sanctuary, or eating in downtown Dundee.

**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 Ed 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'd 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: Sylvia Pomazak** and her husband, Nick have been members of the church for 5 years. They joined the church after their son Maxton took part in the church Pre-school. They have two sons, Maxton age 6 and Griffin age 3. Sylvia completed her Master's Degree in Nutrition from NIU and worked as a dietitian for the past 10 years both in the hospital and private practice. She transitioned her career and is now an advisor for a coaching/mentoring company. Nick has a Master's of Business Administration and has 20 years of experience working in Finance and recently transitioned his career to marketing. Sylvia

and her family enjoy attending church, and being part of such a great community. "Faith, love and family will always be an important part of my life." Coming to FCC of Dundee has been a blessing.

**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 dentist office in Elgin, and previously worked at First American Bank for more than 25 years. There, she worked at several different branches 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. I have been involved in many church functions over the years. Prior to becoming a member of Church Council I played with the Bells of Dundee and helped to coordinate High School Youth Group Fundraising Events. However, my 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: Pat Crowe** grew up in Detroit and after attending a business school became a secretary – before they had typewriters! She and her husband Jerry married after he left the Marines. He was a rifle instructor and after he finished his role, they were married. They soon moved to St. Louis and later to Chicagoland. Her full time job was Mom and she participated in all the parent activities. After moving to this area she started a search for her church home and upon meeting Reverend Randall her choice was clear. She has been a long time member and dedicated volunteer.

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