ANNUAL MEETING CANDIDATES

Candidates for the Board of Trustees

Victor Dana Brooks



Dana and his wife Laurel joined First Church in 2019 when they returned to Milwaukee from Sturgeon Bay, Wis. Since joining First Church, Dana

has served on the Morter Lecture Committee and the Membership Team. He was a public defender in Milwaukee and established a small firm. Moving to Door County in 1984, he was on the Boards of United Way, Door Shakespeare, and Hope United Church of Christ. Dana helped organize the Legal Aid Society of Door County, where he served more than 25 years on its Board, including as president, vice-president and secretary. He helped create and advise non-profit organizations and he was Court Commissioner for Door County Circuit Court. Dana has worked as a poll observer, election official, Democratic County Counsel for presidential campaigns, and as a part of the voter protection hotline.

Stacy Koenen



Stacy has been a member of First Church since 2010. She has served on a variety of committees from CRE and the Transition Team to Nominating

Committee. Both of her children participate in the RE program and she is grateful for the congregation's impact on their lives. She has

Stacy Koenen continued

worked in healthcare administration for over 20 years. With her family she loves to travel and visit museums and zoos. She and her husband continue to be very active members of the congregation and look forward to their future involvement with the congregation.

Stacey Thieme



Stacey has been a member of First Church since 2010. Through a Beliefnet.com quiz, she discovered that Unitarian-Universalism matched her values best.

She quickly found First Church was a great fit for her husband Geoff and daughter Kailey as well as herself. Stacey has taught RE classes, been a Mystery Friend, and participated in many church and YANKS events. After Stacey's son Kyle joined the family in 2011, Stacey co-founded the UU Parenting Group that was active until 2019. Over the past 12 years, Stacey has taken part in the Gathering Waters Sangha (our church's Buddhist Group), Theme Circles, and the church Winter Pageant. She joined the CRE Team in 2019 and has co-chaired it for the past 2 years. Stacey continues to teach RE classes and has recently been trained to teach OWL. She looks forward to helping the church connect and grow in new ways.

Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Jane Cliff



Not raised in a faith community, Jane was happy to discover our liberal and tolerant church through her partner Julie Hamrick. Jane joined

First Church in 1994, Julie joined shortly after, and they raised their daughter in the church. Jane was a "mystery friend" and served on the Library Cart, Personnel, Pulpit Guest, Membership, and Irma Morter Lecture Committees. May 2022, she completed her term on the Board of Trustees. Jane finds committee work to be informative and meaningful. She sings in the Chancel Choir, is active in Defend Democracy, and enjoyed Circle Suppers. Jane retired from the U.S. Forest Service where she was a forestry technician, wildlife biologist, public affairs specialist, and media spokesperson for agency leaders. Jane is grateful to be part of a spiritual community that helps in her quest for a life of integrity and learning, and making a difference in the world. She is also grateful for dear friends in the congregation.

Michael Pointer Mace



Michael and his family joined First Church in January 2017 when the need to build community within the framework of social justice became

essential. His children have greatly benefited from our church's OWL program and he and his wife look forward to the spiritual grounding they receive at First Church each week. He is a teacher and has used his commitment to young people in roles including father, special education teacher, Director of Special Education, Principal and currently as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Seeds of Health charter school network.