Candidates for Board of Trustees

Amy de Chicchis



I am a long time member of First Church – Breeze tells me since May 8, 1988. Through the years I've had the opportunity to participate and volunteer in many areas of our congregation. These include: RE committee, RE Sunday school teacher, Annual Budget Drive, Coming of Age program revitalization, Board of Directors, Nominating Committee, and Membership Team. I am also fortunate to participate in a supportive covenant group and WomenSpirit. I am a retired Pittsburgh Public School teacher. Pre-pandemic, I enjoyed volunteer work as a reading tutor at Greenfield School and volunteer naturalist at Frick Environmental Center. I look

forward to working with our congregation as we welcome our new minister and make the transition to a post-pandemic church.

Bob Mitchell



I became a member of First Unitarian Church in 1986. My wife Linda Fleming and I were married by Rev. Paul Beattie in 1987. I served on the Board from 2015 to 2017 when our new partnership governance model established the Vision-Identity-Mission (VIM) Committee. I have remained active in VIM, which organizes congregant meetings to help discern church interests and priorities. While a Board member I assisted Ray Schinhofen with the planning and installation of our geothermal heat pump system. I strive for a sustainable world through work with the Green Sanctuary team. Outside church, I volunteer for Citizens' Climate

Lobby and am the founder and current leader of its PA Southwest Chapter. I teach courses about causes of and solutions for climate change in the CMU and Pitt Osher programs, as well as Central East Region's Summer Institute. I retired in 2014 after a decade of managing research programs involving robotic perception and intelligence.

Rob Schwartz



My wife and I joined First Unitarian Church in the fall of 1999 shortly after moving to Pittsburgh. I immediately became very active in the church, joining the (very small) choir and serving on the music committee, which I later chaired. This was a time a great transition in our music program, and involved a significant expansion of both the staff and the number of participants. I served two separate terms on Board of Trustees, which included two stints as President. I've served on, as well as chaired the Membership Committee, started and led the Marketing and Communications Team, which involved two different web design launches, and led the team responsible for the creation of our Mission "To Inspire, Connect, and Serve" (with the fourth element, "Learn,"

added at a later date). I presently serve as chair of the Ushers and Greeters Team, which, of course, has been a bit dormant through the pandemic. I look forward to actively welcoming visitors and friends to the church once again!