

## Candidates for Nominating Committee

### Sue Oerkvitz



My family was very involved in the UU Church of the Restoration in Philadelphia, and being a UU has “stuck with me” all my life. I got my PhD at Penn State, moved to Pittsburgh, became a psychologist, and was a member of the UU Church of the North Hills for 14 years. In 1996 I visited First Unitarian Church and met David Herndon. David invited me to come to a Folk Orchestra rehearsal, which I loved. I joined First Church several months later, on my birthday, during a Folk Orchestra rehearsal. I have served as a member of the Ministerial Relations Committee, the Nominating Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Ushers and Greeters. I was a hymn leader, coordinated our group of hymn leaders, and served as a Coming of Age mentor for two of our youth. And I have belonged to the Spirit Seekers group for 20+ years. Since I’ve retired, I’m enjoying having time to get involved in other church activities, including the UU Community Singers, the Personnel Committee, the Women’s Alliance, and the Racial Justice Task Force.

### Melody Platz



I have been a member of First Unitarian Church since 2006, and I’m currently on the Worship Team. One of my happiest memories is of being part of the Family Choir for more than a decade. In my home life, I have a beloved pet parakeet, I read as much as I can, and I love chatting with friends.

### Bob Sullivan



I’m an immigrant from northeast Ohio, having grown up in a little town called Negley – and when my wife, Alice Bright, and I moved to Pittsburgh in 1980 we first lived (where else?) on Negley Ave. It was at the invitation of Brian Junker and Irma Tani that we started coming to First Church in 2007 and have never stopped. It is my spiritual and religious home. I’m a retired librarian, having received both a BA and MLS from Kent State University. Here at First Church I’ve enjoyed many happy years in the choir and participating in the fellowship of the Men’s Group. I served on the Nominating Committee years ago and am glad to do so again. Currently I am also a member of the Pastoral Care Team.