



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome these new members to our St. John's family.



Joe & Shannon Davis - Joe grew up in the Chesnee area and was raised as a Baptist. Shannon grew up in Charlotte and was raised as a Catholic. They have four children who continue to keep them busy and full of life. For over twenty years they have been blessed to run their machine shop in Cowpens and serve individuals and well as industrial companies with machinery needs.



Libby Fain - Libby grew up in Lancaster, SC in the First Methodist Church. She attended the University of South Carolina with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She taught in Sumter, Lexington, and Spartanburg. Her husband died in 2012. Their daughter lives and works in Asheville, NC. Since retiring Libby enjoys being at home and volunteering with St. John's Backpack Buddy program and is active in Circle 5. Her time at home is spent training her dog in obedience and agility, and talking with friends and neighbors. She loves watching birds and butterflies in her garden. God has created so much beauty in this world and she is so thankful to now have the time to take it all in.



Bill & Tammy Merkel - Bill and Tammy have been married for nineteen years and have two daughters. During this time they have lived in several different states. Until two years ago, they had no firm roots in any specific denomination, until a friend from Germany suggested they try a Lutheran Church. From day one, it felt like a perfect fit. When not at church, Bill and Tammy enjoy spending time with their children.



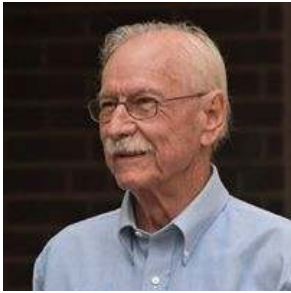
Deborah MacPhail - Deborah was born and raised in Gettysburg, PA., in a home immersed in music. She graduated from Gettysburg College with a degree in Music Education. After teaching music for two years, she translated her education to training as human resource development for corporations. A different call led her to Alaska, Slovakia, and India as a mission volunteer. Following seminary graduation, she led children and family ministries, coordinated and trained disaster relief teams, managed the Princeton Seminary bookstore, and provided care-giving ministry. She moved to Spartanburg at Christmas 2016 to care for her aging parents. She lives with her dog, Laddie, and enjoys taking classes at Wofford College, online courses through the library, offering puppet and drama ministry, reading mysteries, writing meditations and my autobiography, and crafting in mixed media.



Roxanne & Rusty Rush - Rusty grew up as a Baptist and actually attended St. John's in the late 1980's. Roxanne grew up in the Episcopal church. They married in 1993 and have three adult children and six grandchildren. They are both veterans. Rusty is retired Army and Roxanne as in the Army National Guard as a nurse. They are both nurses. Rusty at the Spartanburg Surgery Center and Roxanne at the Ambulatory Surgery Center. Their hobby is historical re-enacting. Primarily they portray characters in the American Revolutionary era and World War II.



Gerry & Mary Hujik - Gerry was raised in Kenosha, WI, and attended St. Mary's Lutheran Church. He graduated from University of Wisconsin with BA and MBA degrees. Mary was raised in Chicago and attended St. Michael's Catholic Church. She graduated from Marquette University. After marrying Gerry, they settled in Milwaukee where she taught school before starting their family. After the children were grown, she returned to teaching. Gerry is a Vietnam war veteran with a Purple Heart, a Silver Star, and three Bronze Stars. Before retirement, he worked in the technology industry for thirty five years. Now they enjoy traveling, playing golf, and their grandchildren. They have been married for forty seven years.



Arthur Brown - Arthur's family is from South Carolina and his father was a United States Air Force Colonel. Most of his life was spent in Mississippi and Texas. Arthur holds a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biology and a minor in History. He served in the Air Force, the U.S. Border Patrol, and retired from Physical Therapy in 2001. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Columbus, Mississippi. Arthur and his wife Kathy have one son, Arthur, and a grandson, Tanner. Both live in Austin, Texas. He enjoys reading history, gardening, the outdoors, and especially, ornithology, and has spent a great deal of time birding in South Texas, Mexico, and the Yucatan.



Amanda Park - Amanda is from Spartanburg. After college, she moved to Raleigh, NC, where she met her husband. Together they moved to Columbia where they married and had their son, Dylan, in July of 2014. After her husband, Kwang's death, Amanda and Dylan returned to Spartanburg to be near family.



Chuck & Linda Bruner - Chuck & Linda have been married for sixty three years! They have five children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren - with two more on the way. All of Chuck's ancestors were members of the German Reform Church. Although not members, they attended several years at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, NC, where they taught a thirteen week course in a small group. Chuck is a retired chemical engineer and Linda is an active genealogist.



William Locke - William Mitchel Locke is a Greenville native. He is fifty four and is caretaker for his mother and brother. He also has two dogs, Peanut and Mabel May. William enjoys spending time with Luann Bryant (St. John's member known to all) who is his Sweetie. He attended Gethsemane Baptist Church, Woodside Baptist church, and Pelham Rd. Baptist in Greenville before visiting St. John's with Luann. He loves to work out at the gym, painting, and working on cars.



Jeff & Renee Willoughby - We are welcoming back the Willoughby's who originally joined St. John's in 2010. They have been active in several church ministries at different levels. Jeff and Renee have two grown children and five grandchildren. They enjoy traveling to the mountains as well as the beach. Their hobbies include remodeling, gardening, landscaping, and helping others.