



**New Hope  
Presbyterian Church  
2022 Leaders**



## Session Elders/Committee Leaders

### Mike Garrett (Class of 2022), Treasurer, Finance & Administration



Mike spent his early childhood living near the Indiana Dunes National Park and grew up in a Christian home. He moved to Michigan and attended Wayne State University, where he met and married Susan, his spouse of 42 years. They moved to Asheville five years ago to be near their two daughters and three grandchildren. Mike spent his career working in the healthcare organization development field. He enjoys volunteering, sailing, hiking, and playing with the grandkids. Mike loves the Lord and enjoys serving Him. Contact Mike at [michaelspgarrett@gmail.com](mailto:michaelspgarrett@gmail.com) or (802) 999-5263.

### Virginia Hebert (Class of 2024), Faith Formation



The daughter of an army officer and a K-6 teacher, Virginia is originally from “nowhere in particular” but has called North Carolina home off-and-on since 1997. A graduate of North Carolina State University and the University of the District of Columbia School of Law, she has dedicated her professional life to public service, most recently as an assistant public defender for Buncombe County. Thrilled to have landed in Asheville, she enjoys exploring the hiking trails of Western North Carolina as well as reading and hanging out with Raleigh, her mischievous chocolate lab. Finding an immediate home at New Hope, Virginia is excited to share with its members her passion for dismantling oppression. Contact Virginia at [vlhebert@gmail.com](mailto:vlhebert@gmail.com) or (919) 264-4407.

## Margaret Marsh (Class of 2023), Congregational Life



Having grown up in Charlotte as the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Margaret is a lifelong Presbyterian. Before moving to Asheville in 2017 with her cats Brother and Sadie to be near her son, she lived for many years in Decatur, Alabama. While there, she worked for years as the administrator for low income housing for the elderly, something she always felt was a ministry. In her church, she served as an elder, taught Sunday school, was actively involved in Presbyterian Women, and served on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Outside of church, she worked with the library's Friends of the Library as a board member and was actively involved in the Rotary Club. She enjoys traveling, playing bridge, reading, and being near her family. In addition to her son in Asheville, she has a son in St. Petersburg, FL. She is so glad to have found New Hope and looks forward to serving on the Session. Contact Margaret at [margaretmarsh@bellsouth.net](mailto:margaretmarsh@bellsouth.net) or (256) 565-8075.

## Susan Maveety (Class of 2024), Outreach



Susan and her husband have been members of New Hope since 1987. She graduated with a degree in business and economics, but many years later attended UNCA for her teaching certification. After a career as a high school math teacher, Susan now serves as Co-Moderator of the PW Microloan Task Force. Before Covid, she volunteered at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women. Now she spends her free time helping her grandson with virtual learning. She cannot wait to get back to her volunteer routine and visiting our sister church in Guatemala. Susan is married to Jay and they have two married adult children and two grandsons. Contact Susan at [susan.maveety@gmail.com](mailto:susan.maveety@gmail.com) or (828) 768-5475.

## Andy Morse (Class of 2023), Worship



Andy grew up in New Jersey, attending various churches and youth groups. He went to college in New London, CT, where he majored in German and was active in music programs, jazz ensembles, etc. His German studies lead him to the master's program at Indiana University in Bloomington where he met Elaine. They both spent time in Germany on exchange fellowships. After receiving their degrees, they moved to Atlanta where they followed career paths in Information Systems in the retail, finance, distribution and health care industries over 40 years. They both retired and moved to Asheville to enjoy the cooler climate and slower pace of life. He became active in church again in the late 80s in Atlanta at a "liberal" Baptist church in East Lake, then a PC USA church near their home in Tucker GA where he was on session twice, and a United Church of Christ church close to them in the Emory Area, where he was a deacon. He always sang in the choirs. In addition to ensemble singing (when it's possible) he enjoys hiking, photography, and American Sign Language. Contact Andy at [andy.morse.314@gmail.com](mailto:andy.morse.314@gmail.com) or (678) 428-2129.

## Jean Moxley (Class of 2024), Justice & Reconciliation



Jean spent her early years in Commerce, Georgia where the Presbyterian Church was a big part of her life. In her first marriage she lived and taught in New Orleans and Okinawa where she met people who expanded her view of the world and God's love. She moved to Greensboro, NC where she was active at First Presbyterian Church. Teaching at the elementary level was her calling. After 9 years of raising two daughter alone, she

met and married Russ and added 4 step-daughters to her family. She and Russ enjoy living in Asheville and visiting 12 grandchildren in Texas and NYC. Jean spends her time hiking, doing yoga, making new friends and learning new music to share with her harp. Contact Jean at [jeanhmoxley@gmail.com](mailto:jeanhmoxley@gmail.com) or (336) 324-3111.

## Bonnie Runkle (Class of 2023), Personnel



Bonnie moved to Asheville from Pennsylvania in 2015 after having admired the area for many years while visiting her older son who has lived her for almost 20 years. Bonnie's younger son lives outside Washington DC – a strikingly different pace to life than Ashville! Bonnie has 4 grandchildren; two in each city and enjoys spending as much time with them as possible. Bonnie has recently retired from The Kellogg Company after spending 20 years supporting time & attendance

systems in manufacturing. Bonnie's faithful, loving companion is Dexter the Scottie dog. Bonnie enjoys biking, cooking, gardening, knitting, sewing, and long walks with Dexter. Bonnie loves being part of the New Hope family and singing in the choir. And this year, after retirement, will branch out to a new role of lawn mower! Contact Bonnie at [bonnie.runkle@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.runkle@gmail.com) or (717) 393-9024.

## \* Russ Moxley, Coordinator of Faith Formation



Since Russ is an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church and cannot be elected to the Session as an elder, he is serving in the alternative role as “Coordinator” of our Faith Formation ministries, working with a team of teachers and other leaders to facilitate New Hope’s educational ministries. After first serving as Associate Pastor at University Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, Russ’s calling then turned to leadership development, and he was trained as a facilitator by the Center for Courage & Renewal, founded by Parker Palmer. Until 2002, Russ was a senior fellow at the Center for Creative Leadership and then served as a part-time faculty member there until 2018. Russ and his wife, Jean, live at Givens. Contact Russ at [rmoxley@moxleyandassociates.com](mailto:rmoxley@moxleyandassociates.com) or (336) 210-3822.

## \*Bunk Spann (Class of 2023), Building & Grounds



Bunk is a native of Greenville, South Carolina, and a lifelong Presbyterian. He has served as both a deacon and an elder in two other Presbyterian churches prior to moving to Asheville in 2013. A graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College, the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, and the University of Texas at Austin, Bunk taught graduate students in the department of Human Development and Counseling at Appalachian State University. He and his wife Nancy live at the Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community and feel blessed to be members of the New Hope family. Bunk loves to dig in the dirt, so the Building and Grounds Committee keeps him happy. Contact Bunk at [bunkspann@bellsouth.net](mailto:bunkspann@bellsouth.net) or (828) 277-4040.

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\* Not a Member of the Session

## Clerk of Session

### Nancy Spann (Class of 2022)



Nancy grew up in Statesville, North Carolina and moved to Asheville in 2013. She is a graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Nancy spent her career at Appalachian State University, where she oversaw programs that helped freshmen become acclimated to college. A lifelong Presbyterian, Nancy served as a deacon and an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Boone. She is happy at New Hope, where she continues to be inspired by the worship services, fellowship, and open-minded discussions. Contact Nancy at [spannng@appstate.edu](mailto:spannng@appstate.edu) or (828) 964-1493.

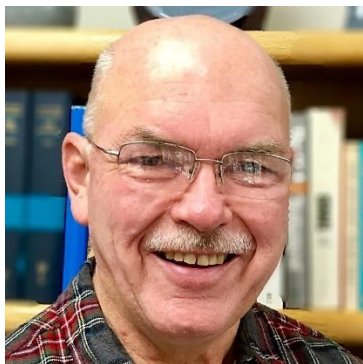
## Deacons

### Joy Lee Eppes (Class of 2023), Deacon



Joy Lee was born and raised in Charlotte, where she attended Sardis Presbyterian Church. In 1960, she married Bill, and together they have one son, Ryan, who lives in Plainville, Massachusetts. Joy Lee can best be described as a “professional volunteer,” having served on the Board of Directors of the Mansfield Massachusetts Council on Aging and the United Way. She was also a member of the School Superintendent Search Committee and the Mansfield Town Manager Search Committee, delivered Meals on Wheels, and is an advocate for parents and children. After living in New York, Massachusetts, and Maine, Joy Lee and Bill returned to North Carolina in 2006. Contact Joy Lee at [oldsalt34@gmail.com](mailto:oldsalt34@gmail.com) or (828) 648-6674.

## Tom Fife (Class of 2022), Deacon



Tom and his wife Jan made New Hope their home in 2016 after moving from New York to Asheville to be near their daughter in Candler. After growing up on a dairy farm, Tom earned his BS in Agriculture Education at the University of Georgia and then served in the Peace Corps for seven years, first in Peru and then domestically as a recruiter. He later worked for Cornell University's Quality Milk Program for over 26 years and then as a school bus driver, but he never lost his love of traveling and learning about other cultures. Tom has served the PC (USA) at both the local and Presbytery levels, and his interests include camping, hiking, and enjoying the outdoors. Contact Tom at [tomwfife@gmail.com](mailto:tomwfife@gmail.com) or (828) 585-2252.

## Susan Garrett (Class of 2022), Deacon



Susan is a Motor City born and raised Michigander! She got to know Jesus at Fort St. Presbyterian as a child, where her grandparents taught in children's ministries. Susan met her husband Mike at Wayne State University, where she studied Business Administration-Management. She and Mike most recently moved to Asheville from Vermont to be near their two daughters and three grandchildren. Susan enjoys Hobie Cat sailing, playing piano, poking in flower beds, and greeting at church! Past areas of church involvement include children's ministry, prayer, mission, hospitality, women's retreats, Bible study, cooking, and the choir! Contact Susan Garrett at [sjgarrett33@gmail.com](mailto:sjgarrett33@gmail.com) or (802) 233-1477.



## Susan Lang (Class of 2022), Deacon



Susan was born in Bartow, Florida, and there she accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of 12 at First Presbyterian Church. For most of her professional career, she practiced occupational therapy in Florida, Maryland, and North Carolina. She also has a Masters in Public Health. Susan moved to Ravencroft Condos in Asheville last year and works part-time at Biltmore Estate. She enjoys volunteers at ABCCM, hiking, swimming, and Bible study. Contact Susan Lang at [susanlang7915@gmail.com](mailto:susanlang7915@gmail.com) or (239) 994-9242.

## Elaine Morse (Class of 2023), Deacon



I grew up in southern Indiana and on the west coast of Florida. I graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg and received a Master's degree at Indiana University, where I met my husband, Andy. After graduate school, we moved to Atlanta, where we spent 40 happy, busy years. Over time, as our faith journeys evolved, we were active members of Oakhurst Baptist Church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, and most recently Central Congregational UCC. I joyfully retired in 2016 after a 35-year career in IT, the last 22 years at Georgia-Pacific. We relocated to Asheville in 2018 – long a favorite vacation destination for us – and we're thrilled to be permanent residents of this beautiful area! We were extremely fortunate to find and join New Hope shortly after we settled here, and we have loved building new relationships and participating in services that support the Asheville community. Contact Elaine at [morse.e@comcast.net](mailto:morse.e@comcast.net) or (404) 852-5854.

## Ann Moorefield (Class of 2024), Deacon



Ann is a lifelong Presbyterian who spent her first 8 years in Illinois; did most of her growing up in Darlington, SC; went to Wells College in Aurora, NY, and graduate school at the University of Michigan; then lived in Clinton, South Carolina, for more than 50 years. In the fall of 2019, Ann moved to Asheville from Clinton, where she had taught English and Women's Studies at Presbyterian College and raised four amazing children in full cooperation with her beloved husband, David, a Presbyterian minister, who also taught at PC. She was active in church and community, especially in areas affecting women (Girl Scouts, League of Women Voters, feminist book club, etc.) Most recently within her church, she drew on what she had learned before David's death to edit a brochure identifying community resources available to the homebound and their caregivers. She also became active within Stephen Ministry as a Stephen Leader. Now living at Deerfield Retirement Community, Ann is excited to be exploring new activities (such as pottery) and enjoying new friendships both there and at New Hope. She is looking forward to the time post Covid when all can interact in person and without masks. Contact Ann Moorefield at [admrfld@yahoo.com](mailto:admrfld@yahoo.com) or (864) 923-3560.

## Nominating Committee

Our 2022 Nominating Committee is made up of one elder, one deacon, and one at-large member (Bill Carpenter, below).

### Bill Carpenter



Bill is a lifelong Presbyterian and has served the church as an Elder, Deacon and Commissioner to the General Assembly. He is currently completing a six year term on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. He is also the preferred push mower operator on the New Hope Building and Grounds Committee. Born and raised in Greenville, S.C., Bill graduated from UNC Charlotte and remained in the Charlotte area for 40 years before he and Terri retired to Asheville in 2015. Bill spent most of his career working in the criminal justice system, first as a deputy sheriff and then in a variety of roles with the state probation and parole division. After retiring from state service he worked in mental health case management and in sales with outdoor retailer REI. Bill and Terri have been married for the best part of 48 years. They have one daughter, who resides in West Asheville. Bill enjoys writing, reading, movies, hiking and Terri's legendary cooking. Contact Bill at [billcarpenter53@gmail.com](mailto:billcarpenter53@gmail.com) or (704) 219-1893.

# Staff

## Kim Wells, Pastor



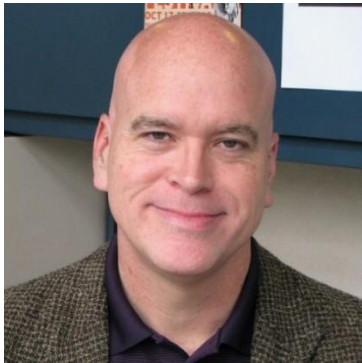
Kim has been the pastor of New Hope since the fall of 2016 and is so grateful to be in ministry alongside the people of this congregation. Having been raised from early childhood in the San Francisco Bay Area, Kim completed her B.A. at the University of California, Berkeley and her M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary. In addition to her ministry at New Hope, Kim serves on the board of the Asheville Poverty Initiative and on the discernment team for Faith 4 Justice Asheville. Kim enjoys frequenting the shops and walking in her West Asheville neighborhood, working in her garden, making mosaics out of salvaged and foraged items, and vacations that involve tide pools and echinoderms. Contact Kim at [pastornhpc@gmail.com](mailto:pastornhpc@gmail.com) or (828) 274-0191.

## Erin May, “The Hub” (Church Administrator)



Erin is raising two children with her husband, Darrin, who is the air traffic manager at Asheville Regional Airport Control Tower. Before moving to Asheville, Erin and her family previously lived in Elmira, New York, where Erin worked in a similar administrative role at The Park Church, a UCC congregation. Erin said that what she enjoyed most in that position was getting to be “the hub” of all the church’s administrative activities. Drop by and see Erin during church office hours, Tuesday-Friday, 9 AM-2 PM, or contact her at [officenewhope@gmail.com](mailto:officenewhope@gmail.com) or (828) 274-0191.

## Rob Blackwell, Director of Music Ministry



Rob Blackwell received his Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Ohio State University. He is currently both the pianist for Cantaria and is a Musical Director for the Asheville Community Theater, having led over a hundred musical productions in the U.S. and abroad. He has also served as a vocal coach in both Philadelphia and New York. Prior to joining the staff at New Hope, Rob served as the pianist at Jubilee Church. He would love to talk with you about joining

the choir or playing your instrument in worship! Contact Rob at [rlblackwell@hotmail.com](mailto:rlblackwell@hotmail.com).

## Parish Associate

### Ken Meeks, Parish Associate for Visitation



Ken is a retired PC(USA) pastor, having served several PC(USA) churches and presbyteries, culminating in his service as the General Presbyter of the Northeast Georgia Presbytery in Athens. A graduate of The Citadel, God interrupted Ken's plans for a military career and led him into ministry. He received his M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and his D.Min. from McCormick Theological Seminary. Ken's most recent educational experience was his completion of the

Certificate for Spiritual Formation and Faith Companionship at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. Ken and his wife Jane share two sons, Joshua and Ian, and a new grandson. In retirement, Ken plans to enjoy gardening, golf, and providing pastoral care at New Hope! Contact Ken at [kenep56@gmail.com](mailto:kenep56@gmail.com) or (706) 202-8821.

## **New Hope Presbyterian Church**

*We are a welcoming, inclusive faith community, seeking to respond to Christ's call to love and serve, through ministries of compassion and social justice.*

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