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LEFC ELDER PROFILES

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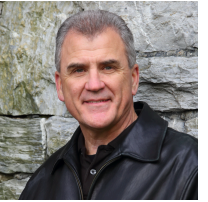
DAVE COX

Dave and his wife Chris have been married since 1979 and have two children. They first attended LEFC in 1993 after returning from Thailand and became members shortly after. He graded the parking lot back when it was stone and helped pour the sidewalk in front of the old office modular! Dave has taught in ABFs and high school classes and has served on the Elder Board and the former General Board. More recently he has done teacher training. He and Chris attend the Roots ABF. Their daughter, Becky, is an LEFC global partner.



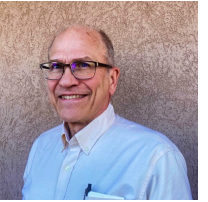
TOM DALY, JR

Tom and his wife Jessica began attending LEFC in 2011 and became members in 2013. They were married in 2008 and have 3 children. Tom has served as an elder, ABF teacher, KidMin shepherd, Life Group leader, and a deacon. Tom enjoys spending time with family and friends.



GARY HOOVER

Gary and his wife Susan began attending LEFC in 1987 and became members in 1988. They were married in 1973 and have 3 children and 10 grandchildren. At LEFC, he has served as an Elder and has taught in several ABFs. He is a Realtor with Realty One Group Unlimited. He enjoys photography and the Phillies.



CHIP MERSHON

Chip and his wife Sarah were married in 1980. They began attending LEFC in 1984 and became members in 1985. They have 2 grown children, Ruth and Peter, and 2 grandchildren, Anna Rose (Ruth) and Norah Grace (Peter). Ruth serves abroad as an LEFC Global Outreach partner. Chip has served in many capacities at LEFC including elder chair, short-term missions trips, many different committees, Man Camps, Iron Sharpens Iron, prayer retreats, and teaching ABFs. He has been a family physician at Cornerstone Family Health (now a division of Penn State Health) since 1987. He enjoys home projects and bike riding.



COREY MITCHELL

Corey began attending LEFC in 1996. He married his wife Sue in 1998, and they became members in 1999. They have three beautiful daughters and are part of the Koinonia ABF. At LEFC, Corey has served as Elder, ABF teacher, random committee member, infant nursery wrangler, and pulpit filler. He also served on staff as Executive Director and Director of Assimilation. He is a self-employed ETL Consultant and enjoys movies, traveling, long breakfasts at Oregon Dairy, Bible Study, and 80s trivia.



TYLER RANCK

Tyler and his wife Amanda began attending LEFC in 2009 and have been members since 2011. They were married in 2009 and have three elementary-aged children. Tyler has served on LEFC's finance council, as a pre-marital mentor, and as the initial leader of the Roots ABF. He works on the executive team at Hooper, Inc. and enjoys playing strategy games with his family, coaching soccer, watching sports, and playing golf.



ED SCHEUERMAN

Ed and his wife Carol first attended LEFC in 2010 and became members in 2013. They were married in 1982 and have 4 daughters and sons-in-law and 8 grandchildren. Ed teaches in ABFs at LEFC and serves on the Mobilization Team. He loves music and playing disc golf with his wife. Ed is a professor at Lancaster Bible College.



PHIL TRUE

Phil and Lisa began attending LEFC in 2012 and became members in 2014. They were married in 2011. Phil and Lisa are part of the Roots ABF, Starting Point, and keep up with our Global Partners. Phil has enjoyed teaching in some ABFs. He loves a good bagel sandwich, studying scripture, and anything outdoors with his wife, pup, and friends.

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DJ WEAVER

DJ and Emily were married in 2011 and have three children. They first attended LEFC in 2013 and became members the following year. DJ is a part of the Roots ABF, helps to lead Team 127 (LEFC's adoption ministry), and serves as a buddy in the Hands and Feet Ministry. DJ enjoys swimming with his children, golfing, and playing early morning basketball.



ERIC WENGER

Eric and his wife Kristin began attending LEFC in 2006 and became members in 2007. They were married in 1999 and have 3 college-age children. Eric previously has served on the Elder Board and as Church Treasurer. Eric is a CPA and advises businesses and their owners as the Managing Partner of RKL's Lancaster office. He enjoys spending time with his family, travel, aerial drone videography, and running.

LEFC NON-SITTING ELDER PROFILES

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TODD ANDREWS

Todd and Wendy were married in 1994 and have two adult sons. They began attending LEFC in 1994 and became members in 1996. Todd has served at LEFC in the nursery and all KidMin classes up through 6th grade. He has also served as a deacon and a Life Group leader along with his wife. Todd has taught at Pequea Valley Intermediate School for over 20 years as a Learning Support Teacher. He enjoys archery, fishing, and hiking.



DAN BAILEY

Dan and Diane were married in 1987 and have 2 daughters. Their daughter Katelyn is an LEFC Global Partner. They began attending LEFC in 1988 and became members in 1989. Dan has served LEFC as Church Chairman of the former General Board, Deacon Board chairman, Top Gun men's discipleship leader, G.U.T.S. senior high boys discipleship leader, Bible Quizzing coach, Ladies Car Care Day worker and has taught in KidMin and ABFs. Dan has been employed as a financial advisor with Faithward Advisors for over 30 years. Dan enjoys cycling, disc golf, his 50th anniversary Corvette, and spending time with the world's 3 cutest grandchildren.



JON BALSON

Jon and his wife Cindi have attended LEFC since 1987 and became members in 1989. They were married in 1978 and have two adult children and five grandchildren. Jon has served as a sitting and non-sitting Elder. Currently, he is responsible for oversight of the Servants' Fund and serves as LEFC's representative on the Warwick Homes of Hope steering committee. In retirement, he enjoys working out, spending time with his grandkids, traveling, and developing and maintaining a website preserving the history of the U.S.S. ERIE.



FRED EBERLY

Fred and his wife Tonya first attended LEFC in 2002 and became members in 2003. They were married in 2001 and have three children. Fred has served on the Elder Board as a member and chair, plays drums on the worship team, and has led Life Groups here at LEFC. Fred is employed by Toshiba Business Solutions as a Solutions Sales Consultant working in the software industry.



SCOTT GALEN

Scott and his wife Donya were married in 1994, and they have two daughters. They have attended LEFC since 1998 and became members in 2002. They are in a Life Group and lead the Koinonia ABF. Scott has served on the Deacon Board, as chair of the Deacon Board, and on the former General Board. He works as the principal at Ephrata High School, and he enjoys sports.

LEFC NON-SITTING ELDER PROFILES (continued)

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ART HORN

Art and his wife Ruth were married in 1984, and they have 3 married children and 6 grandchildren. They first came to LEFC in June of 2014 and became members later that year. Art and Ruth serve as Lead Facilitators of LEFC's Starting Point ministry. They also serve as Life Group leaders and Sunday morning greeters. Art is employed by Upward Broadband as a Senior Project Manager.



PETE WITTMAYER

Pete first attended LEFC in 1997, and he became a member in 2002. He married Amy in 2014, and they have 2 daughters. Over the years, Pete has served as a singles group leader, a building committee member, an elder, an usher, and a member of the CSEH Funding the Vision Team. He also teaches Adult Bible Fellowships (ABFs).



KEVIN ZOOK

Kevin and Julie began attending LEFC in 1998 and became members later that year. They were married in 1989 and have one married daughter. Kevin has served as an Elder, ABF Leader and is presently on the Security Team. He is employed at the Lititz Rec Center as the Facilities Director.

LEFC ELDERS & PASTORS EMERITUS

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GREG HEISEY, Pastor Emeritus

The Heisey family began attending LEFC in 1991 and became members a few years later. Greg served on the Elder Board for about 15 years, 2 years as Chair. He then served as Executive Pastor for 5 years, retiring in 2012. He then stepped back in as Interim Missions Pastor for 2 years. He currently teaches ABF's at LEFC and leads several Bible studies outside the church. Greg and Anne have been married for 57 wonderful years and have 4 children, 2 sons-in-law and 1 daughter-in-law, 10 grandchildren and 2 grandsons-in-law.



TOM PAGE, Elder Emeritus

Tom and Linda have attended LEFC since 2003 and became members in 2006. Tom first joined our elder board in 2010 and served LEFC faithfully in both sitting and non-sitting elder roles. Family includes three sons and seven grandchildren. He has served as a deacon and Elder and has also been involved in Top Gun, Men's Fraternity, Philippians ABF, and Life Groups. He celebrates life with Linda and enjoys travel (especially to Ireland!), boating, camping, and sharing time with friends.

LEFC DEACON PROFILES

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DAVE CASSEL

Dave and his wife Pam have attended LEFC since 2005 and became members in 2008. They were married in 1996 and have two daughters and a son. Over the years, Dave has been involved in the Koinonia ABF, serving in KidMin, a part of the Financial Accounts Review Committee, and in a Life Group. Dave is currently working at the Hershey Company with experience in Finance and Human Resources. Dave enjoys spending time with family and watching his kids' sports, hiking, and travel.



JON CLARK

Jon and Lindsay were married in 2009, and they have 3 children. They began attending LEFC in 2019 and became members in 2020. They attend the Roots ABF, serve on the café team, and are involved in a Life Group. Jon is a partner at the Tax Services Group at RKL. He enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing sports (specifically golf and basketball), outdoor activities, home improvement projects, and reading.



ANDY DERR

Andy and his wife Amber began attending LEFC in 2012 and became members in 2018. They were married in 2012 and have two sons and a daughter. Andy has been involved in the Roots ABF, is a Life Group leader, serves with the Mercy Network, and participates in Ladies' Car Care Day. Andy is the Operations Manager at M.H. Eby Inc. He loves being outdoors, staying busy with projects around the house, and spending time with his wife and children.



MIKE DONGHIA

Mike and his wife Mollie were married in 2011 and have four young children. They began attending LEFC in 2011 and became members in 2015. Mike attends the Roots ABF, serves as a Life Group leader, and volunteers as a KidMin shepherd. He enjoys traveling, reading, and playing various sports.



BLAKE HERR

Blake and his wife Lynn began attending LEFC in 1999 and then became members in 2007. They were married in 2000 and have a son and a daughter. In addition to being Deacon Board Chair, Blake has served in a number of ministries at LEFC including Servant's Fund, Mercy Network, and the Security Team. Blake is an Internal Quality Auditor at GlaxoSmithKline within the Vaccines division. He enjoys boating, water sports, mountain biking, and snow skiing.



BEN HOSTETTER

Benjamin and his wife Victoria have attended LEFC since 2016 and became members in 2022. They were married in 2016 and have two sons. Ben has been a Crossover leader since 2016, and active with a Life Group. He enjoys spending quality time with family and friends, fishing, cycling, soccer, and board games.



WALTER PIASECKI

Walter and Linda were married in 1983. They have five adult children and four grandsons. They first attended LEFC in 2013 and became members the following year. Walter has served in the meal ministry and as a greeter, summer children's church teacher, and is the deacon overseeing security. He is retired and enjoys DIY home projects, gardening, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.

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JUSTIN SENSENIG

Justin married his wife Brittany in 2009, and they have one daughter and two sons. They began attending LEFC in 2010, joining as members in 2013. Justin is a member of the Team 127 adoption ministry and is a KidMin shepherd. He is a CPA and a partner at WNC CPA's in Reamstown and enjoys running, kayaking, and spending time with his wife and kids.



JORDAN SNADER

Jordan and Lindsey were married in 2011, and they have two children. They began attending LEFC in 2011 and became members in 2012. Jordan has been involved with LEFC's café team, the Roots ABF, and is part of a Life Group. He works at Dutch-Way Farm Markets and enjoys spending time with family and playing softball and basketball.

LEFC DEACONESS PROFILES

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ALISON DAHL

Alison and Jeff were married in 2002, and they have three children. They began attending LEFC in 2016 and became members in 2019. Alison has served at LEFC in the infant nursery and also attends WBF, the Koinonia ABF, and a Life Group.



MAGGIE DEMERS

Maggie and her husband Paul first attended LEFC in 2015 and became members in 2016. She and Paul were married in 1984 and raised 3 children (their youngest daughter went HOME to Heaven in December 2021). They have 6 amazing grandchildren. Maggie has served on the Servants Fund for the past 5 years and has also served with KidMin, Starting Point, Ladies Car Care Day, Relengage, and meal ministries. She is part of a Life Group. Maggie recently retired from 40 years as an RN. She enjoys loving on all her grandchildren, gathering with people, gardening, kayaking, boating, and motorcycle rides with her husband.



JOY DESIATO

Joy has been wife to Nick for almost 20 years and is mom to four children ages 10-18. They began attending LEFC in 2020 and became members in 2022. Her family has been blessed by the various ministries of LEFC, and she enjoys serving as a nursery shepherd, as a table leader for WBF, and through the meal ministry. Her background is in social work; however, after a 16-year break from working outside the home, it has been her privilege to serve part-time for over a year as one of the receptionists at LEFC. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, baking, and exercising (to counteract all the baking!).



DONYA GALEN

Donya started attending LEFC in 1998 and became a member in 2002. She has been married to Scott for 30 years and has two daughters, Hannah and Annika. She has been involved in numerous activities and groups at LEFC through the years and currently helps out at the KidMin Welcome Desk. She attends the Koinonia ABF and helps with arranging meals and social activities. She's a member of an awesome Life Group. She enjoys spending time with her family and watching her daughter play collegiate hockey. She's employed by VoCe and is a SWAN (Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network) Post-Permanency Technical Assistant.

LEFC DEACONESS PROFILES (continued)

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PEACHES GEHMAN

Peaches and her late husband, Chris, began attending LEFC in 1999 and became members in 2000. They enjoyed 45 years of marriage. Peaches has served at LEFC as an usher, on the worship team, and has taken meals to those in need. She is a cake decorator at Oregon Dairy. She enjoys reading, drinking chai outside in the early morning, trying new cafés, and spending quality time with her friends, 3 grown children, and 6 grandchildren.



VICKIE GEIMAN

Vickie and her husband, Jon, first attended LEFC in 2011 and became members that same year. They were married in 2010 and have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. They also are blessed with 2 “bonus” daughters and 6 more grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild! Vickie has served as a deaconess, usher, KidMin teacher, and is a member of the finance and welcome teams. She is the General Manager and Senior Consultant with STR Resource and Associates. Vickie enjoys time with grandchildren, reading, gardening, needlepoint, and decorative/fluid art painting.



ANN GILLMAN

Ann and Gary have been married since 1981, and they have three grown children. They began attending LEFC in 2012 and became members in 2014. Ann attends evening WBF and is part of the Faith Builders ABF. After many years of homeschooling, Ann now works part-time at Landis Homes. She enjoys time spent with family and friends (cooking for them whenever possible!), traveling with Gary, history and antiques, and an afternoon with a good book.



JALISA GINGRICH

Jalisa and her husband Bruce first attended LEFC in 1999 and became members in 2017. They were married in 1989. They have a daughter and son-in-law with an adorable grandson, and a son and his fiancé Allison to be married in July. Jalisa is active at LEFC in the Faith Builders ABF, in a Life Group, and in the SIG Backyard Gathering. She serves as a Relengage co-leader, in the KidMin infant nursery, and overseeing communion. She enjoys spending time with family, time in the kitchen trying new recipes, visiting cafés, road trips with friends, and going to Longwood Gardens every month with her husband to take in the beauty of God’s creation.



DIXIE HAVERSTICK

Dixie and her husband Doug have four children. They began attending LEFC in 1996 and became members in 1999. She works part-time as an RN for LGH's Healthy Beginnings Plus program teaching at-risk moms about pregnancy and newborn care. At LEFC, Dixie has been a member of the Deaconess board, and she served as a KidMin shepherd and at the Welcome Desk. She has also been involved in WBF leadership and in the meals ministry. For fun, Dixie enjoys hiking, playing games with family and friends, visiting with people over a cup of coffee or tea, going out to eat, traveling to new places, and reading.



COLLEEN KELLER

Colleen and her husband Charlie started attending LEFC in 1999 and became members in 2002. They were married in 1983 and have 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren (with another soon arriving!). Colleen has served at LEFC in a number of capacities, including the infant nursery, Welcome Team, the Faith Builders ABF leadership team, cooking for youth events, and co-chaired the CSEH Funding the Vision Team along with her husband. She is also part of a Life Group and coordinates funeral meals. Colleen is a Mary Kay beauty consultant, and she enjoys hosting family and friends, cruising in their convertible Mustang, eating out, shopping, and helping others.



PAT LANDIS

Pat and her husband Mike first attended LEFC in 2005 and became members in 2012. They were married in 1986 and have 3 children and 10 grandchildren. Pat has served in KidMin and is involved in a Life Group and Faith Builders ABF. She was also co-chair of Operation C3, a ministry to share the love of Jesus with our construction crew. Pat loves helping people, spending time with grandkids and family, and riding motorcycle.

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GRETCHEN LEED

Gretchen and her husband Jason have been married for almost 17 years and have 2 adult sons (Dylan and Dakota) and a son in third grade, Brayden. They first began attending LEFC in 2019 and became members in 2022. Gretchen has been part of WBF and Relengage. She and Jason are active participants in the Branches ABF and serve monthly at the KidMin Welcome Center. She enjoys exercising, being outdoors, reading, spending time with family, and looks forward to traveling and seeing new places. She works as a substitute teacher at Braden's school, Kissel Hill Elementary in Warwick.



KIM MURRAY

Kim and Jerry were married in 1995, and they have four children. They started attending LEFC in 2005 and became members in 2010. Kim has served in KidMin for many years and has also enjoyed participating in WBF. She enjoys spending time with her family, being outdoors, playing tennis and basketball with her kids, running, reading, and gardening.



ALISON SWANN

Ali started attending LEFC in 2016. She and Alex were married in 2018, and they became members of LEFC in 2019. Ali has served in Crossover as a Life Group Leader since 2018. She also serves on the worship tech team periodically and is involved with the PLT women's group. She is employed at Tower Marketing as an account executive. She loves trying new foods, spending time with loved ones (including dogs!), and organizing spaces.



VANISA WEIST

Vanisa and her husband Tim began attending LEFC in 2002 and became members in 2004. They were married in 2002 and have 2 young adult children. At LEFC, Vanisa has served in various capacities in KidMin. She also has helped with meals ministry, Harvest Blessing, and the Mercy Network. She enjoys reading, bargain hunting, organizing spaces, and spending time with her family (including the pets!). She is also a fitness and cooking enthusiast.

LEFC MEMBER AT LARGE PROFILES

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JULIE HURST

Julie and her husband, Ashley, first attended LEFC in 1998 and became members in 2000. They were married in 1996 and have two children. At LEFC, Julie has been involved with a Life Group, the Koinonia ABF, meal organization, the infant and toddler nurseries, the Welcome Center, the KidMin Welcome Desk, and coffee preparation for WBF. Julie enjoys reading, hiking, watching the Phillies, spending time with her family, and singing karaoke.



CHARLIE KELLER

Charlie and Colleen were married in 1983. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren (with another soon arriving!). They began attending LEFC in 1999 and became members in 2002. Charlie has served as an elder, ABF leader, and on the Welcome Team, KidMin, Boy's Brigade, and Marriage Mentoring. He and Colleen also co-chaired the CSEH Funding the Vision Team. They are active in Faith Builders ABF and are part of a Life Group. Charlie is a Financial Advisor and Partner with Master's Advisors. He enjoys time with family and friends, cruising in their Mustang GT convertible, and following his favorite sports teams



LINDSEY SNADER

Lindsey and her husband, Jordan, started attending LEFC in 2011 right after they got married, and they became members in 2012. They have two daughters, Carley and Eden. Lindsey has served at LEFC as the director of the Created to Praise kids choir and a member of the cafe team and worship team. She is involved with WBF, the Roots ABF, and a Life Group. She enjoys cheering on Penn State and Philly sports teams, being outdoors, collecting house plants, and spending time with family and friends. She also works part-time at LCCS as a PE teacher where her girls attend school.

LEFC FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2024-2025



KEVIN HENRY

Kevin first came to LEFC in 2001. He and his wife Nancy became members in 2004. They were married in 2003. Kevin has graduated from Top Gun 1 and 2. He is the Executive Director for the National Conference of the Evangelical Congregational church. Kevin enjoys bike riding, running, golf, and hunting.