

First Parish UU Arlington: Officers



David Whitford

Candidate for Reelection as Moderator (2nd term, 3 years)

My wife, Sara, and I started attending First Parish with our two daughters more than 30 years ago. I've sung in the choir, played violin in the sanctuary and the courtyard, led the Harvest Moon Fair sanctuary cleanup crew, taught OWL, moderated STAR events and the annual meeting, and served on many committees—recently, worship associates and Rev. Erica's search committee. Outside church, I'm a magazine journalist; an author (three books about sports and business and a forthcoming official history of UNITE HERE, the hospitality workers union); and an aspiring retiree!



Alan Schweitzer

Candidate for election as Auditor (1 year)

My wife Caryn & I have been members of First Parish since 1984 when we were expecting the birth of our son (who was raised at FP). I have served on various committees, including Membership, Social Justice (called "Social Responsibility" way back when), the Auction Committee, ParCom, Music, Committee on Ministry, currently sing in the FP choir, and am in my fifth year serving as a Trustee. In my work life, I retired from the Radiology Informatics department at MGH in 2018 and currently spend my time as a volunteer with RAD-AID International, an NGO that is dedicated to improving radiology services in low- and middle-income countries throughout the world.



First Parish UU Arlington: Parish Committee



Susan Moore

Candidate for Parish Committee (3 year term)

Susan has been a member of First Parish for 28 years, and has previously served on ParCom, the Finance Committee, and on the Membership Committee; she has also worked on the Engage project to deepen member engagement. She has been a member of a covenant group for 21 years and was a Spirit Talk facilitator during the pandemic. Lectio Divina is an important anchor to her weeks; she facilitates Wednesday Lectio once a month. In her life outside of First Parish, she is a financial planner, a gardener, a birdwatcher, a knitter, and a reader. She moved from Watertown to Arlington earlier this year, and is loving being closer to her community.



Ellen Robie

Candidate for Parish Committee (3 year term)

I have been an active participant at First Parish since 2012, where I have raised my teenagers in this community. I have served as a Religious Education teacher and as a member and chair of the RE Committee, including through COVID and the transition from our longtime DRE, Tina Schultz, to our current MRE, Stevie Carmody.

Raised in a UU congregation myself, I am deeply grateful for the role First Parish has played in my family's life. I would be honored to serve on the Parish Committee and help continue building a thoughtful, compassionate, welcoming, and sustainable community where future generations can grow and thrive.



John Shriver

Candidate for Parish Committee (3 year term)

I was raised UU at Cedar Lane in Bethesda, Maryland, starting at age 6. The UU church was the core of my late mother's community both there and here, and has been so for me as well. I joined First Parish in 1982 after graduating from MIT. I met my wife Diane here, and we raised our daughter Laura here. The youth group was incredibly important to Laura. I have served on the Property Committee, many fellowship drives, and recently put a lot of software maintenance into the computer that does the Zoom service broadcasts. I am happy in retirement to be able to give of my time and understanding to the Parish Committee.

