

# Welcome, New Members!

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**Diane Cardinal**

Diane is from St. Paul, MN, and did banking work until retiring in 2009. She and her husband, Vince, then started wintering in Oro Valley until making Tucson their permanent home in 2013. Their

two grown sons and their families all live in MN, and their first granddaughter was born last summer. Diane plans to work with the Prayer Shawl group and her sponsor is Charlotte Bowers.

**Ken and Deb Cushman**



Ken and Deb come to us from the First Presbyterian Church in Bend, OR, and now live in Saddlebrooke. Deb had a career as an account Manager for a local TV station in Bend and Ken is a retired Journalist and Business Communicator. Here, Deb hopes to be active in UMW and Grace Circle, and Ken is interested in our Senior groups. Their five grown children include three daughters, and two sons. They usually attend the 9:45 service and their sponsors are



**Ann Demko**

Ann comes to us most recently from FL, but was a long-time PA resident. Her career there was Electrical Drafting. In FL, Ann worked as a Budget Support Specialist. Ann has a stepdaughter, Kimberly.

Though coming to St. Mark's recently, Ann has found many friends here from her Heritage Highlands neighborhood, as well as new friends in the congregation. Ann is interested in providing service in office administration. She usually attends the 9:45 service and her sponsors are Robert and Pat Kittrell.

**Bob and Joan Drake**



Bob and Joan spent their career years in Ithaca, NY, where they were both in Education. Joan was a teacher in the NY State Public School system and Bob was a business official for school districts in NY state. After Bob retired, he became an inde-

pendent financial contractor for districts along the Hudson Valley. Their son Jeffrey and his wife and two sons live in Albany, NY. Here, they are interested in our Nash Neighbors work and serving as Coffee Hosts. They attend the 9:45 service and their sponsors are Dick and Judy Poffenberger.

**Jim and Ardyce Johnson**



Jim and Ardyce recently moved here from WA state, where they were both very active in their Marysville UMC. They spent the bulk of their working years in WI — Ardyce as a nurse, and Jim as a school counselor. They're very happy to be here near family — a daughter and granddaughter both teach at Wilson Elementary, and their other daughter just moved to Scottsdale. They have two grandsons — one attending NAU and the other a senior at Ironwood Ridge H.S. Here, he plans to be involved with the Marksmen, while Ardyce will be busy with UMW. They both will participate in Adult Sunday School classes. They attend the 8:15 service and their sponsors are Ann and Ken Freeman.

**Greg and Barb Jones**



Greg and Barb met in Boise, ID, where Barbara had grown up, attended college, and was working, when Greg moved there for his job as a software engineer for Albertsons. He was raised in WA state and attended WSU. Barb worked for 30 years as the executive assistant for the CEO of the Regional Medical Center in Boise. They raised their two sons there — Shawn and Casey, who still live in Boise with their spouses and children. Here, they are both playing in the Bell Choir and Barb hopes to be active in the Mark-A-Ritas. They attend the 9:45 service and their sponsor is JoAnn Luther.

**Susan Kelley**



Susan came to AZ from MI 16 years ago as a "snowbird". She is a retired nurse and social worker from Community Mental Health. Her grown children, two sons and a daughter, have made her the proud grandmother of five grandsons. Susan loves spending time with family. She makes jewelry and crafts, and enjoys sports, hiking, gardening, and swimming. Susan at-

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tends The Gathering and her sponsors are Ron and Mary Lou Moore.



**P.J. and Karen Lawton**

P.J. and Karen are long-time local residents and Methodists, who are happy to be joining St. Mark's along with their daughter Meghan and her husband John. Both are retired. Karen managed a gift shop and contract P.O. station. P.J. was a Pima County Deputy Sheriff and then worked at Old Tucson Studios as an historian. Both Karen and P.J. attended the U of A. They enjoy being near both daughters and their two grandchildren. They attend the 9:45 service and their sponsor is Martha Mazzolini.

## **Wanda Craig-Loughney**



Wanda has been attending St. Mark's for some time and we're delighted she's joining her husband, Ray, in membership here. Wanda is retired from a career in home decorating. Wanda and Ray have two daughters here in Tucson. They also have seven step-children, two grandsons, many step grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. Here at St. Mark's, Wanda would like to be involved with baking for the HIV dinner sales. Wanda attends the 8:15 service and her sponsor is Shirley Johnson.



**Pat Pennington**

Pat comes to us from Memphis, TN, but spent thirty years of her career as the ER Director at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO. Pat has three grown children, including a daughter here in Tucson, and five grandchildren. Pat attends the 8:15 service and her sponsor is Linda Connolly.

## **Roger and Alana Shuma**



Roger and Alana are coming to us from Naperville, IL. They've recently relocated here for Roger's work as an electrical engineer with Raytheon. He describes himself as "a computer geek – I design them, build them, and spend most of my time on them." Alana is an Historian

and has published some of her national research. She's already hard at work at St. Mark's as one of our church Historians, as well as Disciple Bible study and Mark-a-ritas. Roger is already involved with our Audio-Visual team and Animal Ministry. Both of their sons are Eagle Scouts - Chris lives in Dallas, and Steve lives in Illinois with his new wife Ashley. They attend The Gathering and their sponsors are Sandi and Rich Heilman.



**Carol Stone**

Carol grew up on a farm at Minden, NE. She attended NE Wesleyan in Lincoln, where she majored in Elementary Education, and met her future husband, Jack. Carol taught school in Boone, IA while Jack was at IA State. Carol moved here summer before last to live with her daughter and son-in-law in their home in Marana. Her other three children are in TX, OK, and WI, and she has five grandchildren. Carol attends the 8:15 service with her sponsor Mary Lou Hawkins.

## **John and Meghan Swearingen**



John grew up in Baton Rouge, LA, until he was 10, then he moved to Mexico and Southern Arizona. He is a Sergeant First Class in the Army and is currently working as a recruiter for the US Army. Meghan grew up in Tucson and went to NAU where she got a degree in History and Secondary Education. Currently, I am going to Grand Canyon University pursuing a Special Education Teacher degree. They married in 2004 and have lived in Germany, Georgia, Hawaii, and Arizona. They have two kids - Dorothy and Marcus.



**Susan Zimmerman**

Susan grew up in the Phoenix area and received her Masters degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the U of A. She has lived in Tucson for 20 years and has worked with high school and college students and adults with disabilities. She has two brothers here; her mom, a brother and two sisters in Phoenix; and another brother in Flagstaff. Susan plans to be involved with the Open Doors committee here, and to help prepare Soul Station meals. She attends The Gathering and Soul Station and her sponsor is Becky Strain.