

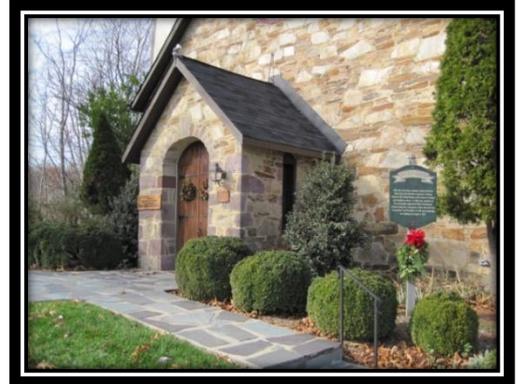
# Clifton Presbyterian Church

## MEMBERS' MEMORIES OF THE DECADES

2000's to 2010's

### Beth's Story

*When we moved out to Clifton in 2007, we were still Methodists. We had raised our two children in the Methodist church, and continued driving to the Methodist church. We were enchanted with the little town and how it had stayed small and quaint in the midst of such a large county. Drawn to the charm of the Presbyterian Church on the hill, we looked into making the switch in denominations.*



*We met with Pastor Lynn and attended the Christmas services in 2009. Soon after we made the decision to join the church. Our younger child, Sharon, went on the Nails Mission trip, and made friends with several of the youth. Ben was in college, so he was not around much. I had been involved in a shawl ministry at our former Methodist church, so I started a shawl ministry at Clifton. We met weekly at one of the women's houses and made shawls for Pastor Lynn to give to people who were ill or struggling.*



*Ed and I have been active as ushers and greeters for most of our church history, and I was a Deacon for a short period of time. In 2018 I was asked to take over the Worship Elder position for the remaining year on the existing worship elder's commitment. In early 2019 I took over the Nominating Committee chairperson position and worked with the committee to fill positions. I was happy when our daughter, Sharon, agreed to become a Deacon for the first time. Additionally, I agreed to commit to a new 3 year term as the Worship Elder. Serving as Worship Elder has been a great experience, as it has connected me to the church in a deeper and more meaningful way. The worship committee is a lovely group of people who work cooperatively to keep worship running smoothly. I am grateful to be involved in such a loving, devoted church community.*

## Lisbeth's Story

Our family moved to Clifton in June of 2000. We started attending church at Clifton Presbyterian Church in the fall. We really liked being a part of a small church where everybody seemed to know each other. We had come from Providence Presbyterian Church in Annandale which is quite a large church. Pastor Lynn and Pastor Julie were terrific and made a great impression on me.



I especially wanted my three children in Sunday school and to have Savanna, my oldest, confirmed. Bette Petersen was her mentor. It was a great pairing since Bette made Savanna feel comfortable and welcomed. Our children attended Sunday school classes, Savanna in the garage with the other teenagers, Mark in the storage closet room back in the days when we did not have the wonderful addition to our church, and Nikki was in Pat Swanson's class upstairs.

2005 Nikki Kozy is the little king



2006 Audrey Cooke and Nikki



2007 Nikki and Audrey



The Christmas pageants were especially wonderful for Nikki. She enjoyed being a part of them and making friends with the other children. I enjoyed helping out as a parent in any way that I could, from bringing treats to helping with sewing and fitting the costumes.

The Stewardship Campaign logo really struck me in a way that I felt that I wanted to make a needlepoint hanging. Pastor Julie had said that God had spoken to me, which I think is very



true. It was such a strong feeling that the thought stayed with me until I spoke up and asked Pastor Julie if it was okay for me to make it. It took me much longer than I had hoped but Pastor Lynn was quite appreciative nonetheless.



*As my children got older, I volunteered to assist in the Sunday school classes. I mostly helped out in Nikki's classes. Pastor Jen was a wonderful person to work with. She was great with the children. Nikki really clicked with her and enjoyed helping out in the nursery and with Vacation Bible School. I also helped a year or two during Vacation Bible school week. It was a lot of fun.*

*Pastor Jennifer Dunfee*



*Mark wanted to contribute to the church so we decided he could go on a NAILS mission trip. I went along. Mark and I both learned a lot and enjoyed working with our teams and meeting the people that we were helping.*

*Nikki was able to contribute at church by working at Vacation Bible School with the younger children. She and her friends really enjoyed it.*

*Both Mark and Nikki enjoyed lighting the candles at the beginning of service, but most especially they enjoyed helping pass out the candles at Christmas and participating in the Advent readings as a family. My husband would participate even though he usually attended his Catholic Church services.*



*The Spaghetti Dinners and Clifton Days were always a pleasure to be a part of in the kitchen or helping serve.*

*Both Mark and Nikki were also confirmed. Mark's mentor was Jim Petersen. They both enjoyed their sessions together. Mark was quite shy, so having Jim as his mentor was great because Jim's humor helped get him out of his comfort zone a bit. This picture is*

*from Mark's confirmation ceremony. My parents, Aase and Erik Aune-Iversen, are sitting in the front row with Savanna. In the next row behind my parents are my husband's parents, Delores and Dave Kozy, sitting with Nikki. My husband, Greg, is just behind Nikki. My father has since passed away. It was a very hard time for me and I am so appreciative of the support from Pastor Jeri, fellow Deacons, and members of the church that were aware of his illness and then death.*



*Nikki's mentor was Charlene Baldwin. Nikki loved having Charlene as her mentor especially since Charlene invited her into her home and taught her how to bake the shortbread for Communion.*



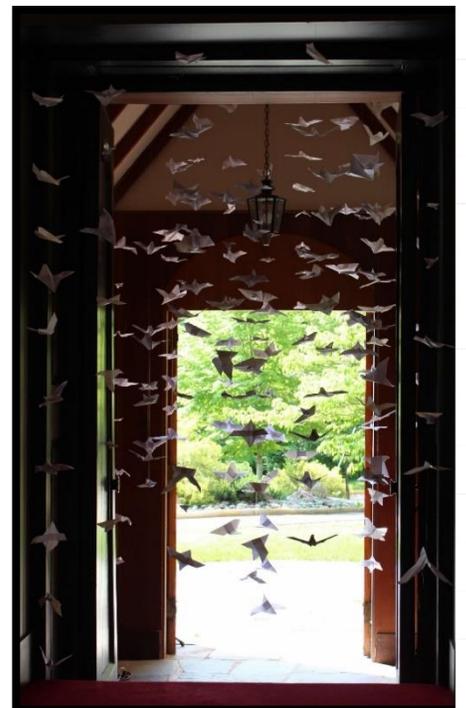
*Graduation celebrations for high school and college in 2017.*



*Eventually I was asked to become a Deacon. I wasn't sure about it, but Pat Swanson was so helpful and reassuring that it wasn't as difficult as I thought it might be. She is so organized and resourceful that it was great having direction from her. In my last year as Deacon, Terry Winkowski and I were co-Chairs of the Deacons. We worked great as a team and had an especially busy year (2018) with weddings, funerals, and farewell receptions for Pastor Lynn and Gretchen.*



*Working with Pastor Jodi for a number of projects was fun. Her lovely idea of making doves to hang in the sanctuary for Pastor Lynn's farewell was wonderful. It looked magical with them in the old doorway!*



We also knitted a prayer shawl for Pastor Lynn as a team, Lynne Coyle - not shown, Pastor Jodi, Beth Corish, and myself.

I have also participated in the Needlework group, not as much as I would have liked, but knowing that I can pop in anytime and participate is a nice feeling.

I have enjoyed the years I have spent at Clifton Presbyterian Church meeting many different people and participating in many of the things the church has to offer. I appreciate the history that Pastor Jodi had dug up about the church and the way we are continuing to explore this history and tell the story of the church. I was happy to contribute by stitching the band for the candle to be used during the celebration of our history.



*Pastor Lynn Stanton-Hayle and Lisbeth Kozy, May 20, 2018*



*Photo by Lisbeth Kozy*

I took this picture during the service one day because I saw the seedling growing in the crack. It struck me as funny and endearing. We continue to grow as a church and within ourselves.