Discovery Team Members

Read the bios and see the faces of the members of your Discovery Team! This team will guide the congregation through.



I am **Jackie Roberts**, a recent graduate from the University of Chicago with both a Master's and a Bachelor's degree in the Humanities. Born and raised in Hinsdale and a member of the Union Church since 2018, I've returned home while searching for my next adventure (a full-time job!). While I navigate the transition into the next phase of my own life, I look forward to helping us do the same at Union Church. Union Church is a place I am lucky to call home and I look forward to hearing from all of you why it's your home too!

Maria Coyne: I first came to Union Church of Hinsdale with my two little girls in about 1973 / 74. We were active participants in the wonderful 9:00 family worship services of the 70's and early 80's. The invitation of a friend and the many adult education classes drew me here where I later taught children's Sunday School, and participated on a number of ministries including, Christian Education, Social Justice, Membership, and currently Executive Council as a Member at Large. The ministry, spiritual music and friendly church members here have become a spiritual home for me.





Kim Kyosaki: I'm a grandmother of three, mother of three and retired IBM Executive. I have been a church member since 1993 and served on the Mission Board (now called Ministry for Change and Social Justice) for 6 years as well as Chair of Christian Education for 4 years. I love yoga and reading so I started teaching yoga after retiring (Tuesday/Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in Rowell Hall!) and became a Hinsdale Library Trustee three years ago as well.

David Hess: We joined UCH 28 years ago and I have been very active along the way, primarily in roles as a Trustee (head of B&G, Vice Chair, Chair) and officer (Asst Treasurer, Treasurer, Vice Moderator, Moderator). My wife, Pat, and I have lived in the same house in Clarendon Hills for 32 years, and our daughter, Abby, now 26, was raised, confirmed, became a member, and was married at Union Church. Our son, Ben, is 30 and was cared for by the nursery staff in his early years, has attended occasional worship services, and moved to Misericordia this summer to ensure high-quality, long-term care for his significant special needs.





Brooks Hibner: I am a husband and father of three (ages 10, 7, and 5) and work as a professor in Kinesiology and Nutrition at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). My professional work focuses on both research and teaching, particularly in cardiovascular exercise physiology and health outcomes. I am passionate about education and community service and look forward to contributing to the important work of our church committee.

Chris Happ: The Happ family moved to Hinsdale from Chicago's Bucktown neighborhood in the summer of 2022. Emily and I found the 9:07 outdoor children's service and felt right at home with our two daughters, Teddy and Wesley, now 3 (1/2) and 5 (1/2). I have been a technology entrepreneur much of my life, now the CEO of an AI company based in CA. Wesley and Teddy were baptized at Union Church in the fall of 2023 and we look forward to it being a foundational part of our family.





Ann Reiland: I'm retired after 36 wonderful years as an educator with 28 of those at Monroe School in Hinsdale. In 1982 I moved to Clarendon Hills (where I still reside) and joined UCH where I presently serve on Music Ministry. I attend both the 9:00 and 10:00 services and appreciate the incredible music at UCH.

My name is **Rob Schaefer**, son of Marilyn and Craig Schaefer who have been members of Union Church since around 1982, and I'm married to Nicole Schaefer, a UCECP teacher from 2015-2020, and father of four wonderful children all of whom were or are currently students in the UCECP program and our two older boys are currently in the Gather and Grow program (phew). We're full circle now with my growing up in the UCECP program as a preschooler, participating in the youth programs, the confirmation program, and getting married at the church by Rev. Copeland in 2010. I'm honored to be included in the Discovery team and to give back to the church after all the church has provided for me and my family for many years in the past and for many years to come.

