

# REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

## DEATHS OF ROSTERED MINISTERS

### **The Rev. Harry “Skip” W. McDowell, II**

Pastor McDowell died October 11, 2020. He was born March 21, 1949.

Skip was former pastor at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glenside for 31 years and former pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ardmore for 9 years. He was a longtime volunteer at Camp Dost. Former Glenside Rotary Member and former member of Philadelphia Boys Choir and Men's Chorale.

Beloved husband of Pam (nee Behnke). Loving father of Timothy M. (Sybil) and Suzanne Cordon (Marco). Also survived by five grandchildren: Alex, Liam, Nelson, Gabby and Nicholas. Survived by one sister, Cathy Pearson.

Funeral Service Friday, October 16, 2020 - 2:00PM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church 120 N. Easton Rd. (at Mt. Carmel Ave.) Glenside, PA 19038.

### **The Rev. Howard W. Wiedemeyer**

Howard Walter Weidemoyer, 95, of Hellertown, died at home on November 12, 2020, with his loving daughter and his compassionate hospice nurse by his side. Known as Walt to the family, he was born August 3, 1925 to Margaret Elizabeth (Althouse) and Jacob Howard Weidemoyer in Sellersville, PA. In 1941, his family moved to Philadelphia, and he graduated from Frankford High School in 1943. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy as a radio operator in the Admiralty Islands. Following the war, he attended Muhlenberg College and graduated in 1950. In 1952, he wed Anna Pauline Fink, to whom he was married for 42 years until her death in 1994. Howard graduated from The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in 1953 and was ordained the same year. He faithfully served as Pastor to Lutheran congregations in Philadelphia, Chester, and Levittown, PA, as well as helping to organize a congregation in New Castle, DE. He retired in 1989 and remained active in serving the Lord during his retirement years. He is a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Ruth Prueter, of Hellertown, and his son-in-law, William F. L. Prueter, of The Good Shepherd Home in Allentown. He is also survived by 8 nieces and nephews. He had 2 younger brothers, Ralph Richard and Donald Earl, who preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at a future date. Interment of cremated remains will be held in a private ceremony at Washington Crossing National Cemetery. Online expressions of sympathy can be recorded at: [www.heintzelmancares.com](http://www.heintzelmancares.com). Arrangements are by the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc. – Hellertown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network, Development Department, 850 S. 5th Street, Allentown, PA 18103 (Please designate for Long-term Care).

### **The Rev. David G. Krewson, Jr.**

Pastor Krewson died February 23, 2021. He was born on May 14, 1935.

He went to school at North East High School. He was a veteran of the Korean War and served in the Army Signal Core. He graduated from Muhlenberg College and earned a Master of Divinity degree from The United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia. He married Doris Gack on August 19, 1961, in Philadelphia. He worked as an Ordained Minister for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), primarily at St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Woodlyn, PA, for 35 years. He was named Pastor Emeritus of St. Matthew Lutheran Church for his exceptional years of service. He was involved in the Chester Pike Rotary and very active within the greater Philadelphia communities. David was a lover of Philadelphia sports especially the Fightin' Phils.

David is survived by his spouse, Doris Krewson; his cousin/"sister", Margaret (Gatter) Payne; his 3 sons and their spouses, David and Jill, Douglas and Lynne, Daniel and Jill; and his 9 grandchildren, Briana, Rachel, Meredith, David, Grace, Abigayle, Eva, Daniel and Sophie.

A memorial service will be planned for the Spring or early Summer of 2021.

### **The Rev. William A. Vanderslice**

The following information was written by Pastor Vanderslice and submitted by his wife Marcia. In honor of his memory it is being shared as he prepared it.

Pastor Vanderslice died March 24, 2021. He was born May 26, 1957.

#### **Pastoral Service**

Senior Pastor, Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oreland, PA from 2015 to 2021  
Senior Pastor, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Red Hill, PA from 1991 to 2015  
Pastor, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ridge Valley, PA from 1983 to 1991  
Pastoral Assistant, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Fox Chase, Philadelphia, PA from 1982 to 1983  
Pastoral Intern, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Eggertsville, NY from 1981 to 1982

#### **SEPA Synod Service**

SEPA Synod Bishop's Advisor on the ministry of Holy Closure  
SEPA Synod Archivist  
Board of Directors, The Lutheran Archives Center at Philadelphia  
Pastoral Intern Supervisor, Adjunct Faculty Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 1994 to present  
Chairperson, SEPA Synod Bishop's Convocation, 2006 to present  
Chairperson, Worship Planning Team, SEPA Synod, 2008 to 2012  
Rostered Leaders Mobility Interview Team, SEPA Synod, 1995 to 2006  
Dean, Upper Montgomery Lutheran Conference, Committee of Deans, SEPA Synod, 1995 to

2000, 2012-2015

Executive Committee, Upper Montgomery Lutheran Conference, SEPA Synod, 1993 to 2000  
Committee on Lutheran Schools, SEPA Synod, 1991 to 1995

Chairperson, Program Planning Committee, Upper Bucks Conference, SEPA Synod, 1983 to 1991

Vocations Committee, SEPA Synod, 1980 to 1986

#### Community Service and Awards

Judge of Elections, Upper Hanover # 1, Montgomery County PA, 2011 to 2013

Vice President, Upper Montgomery Thrivent Chapter Board, 2009 to 2013

Treasurer, Upper Perkiomen Valley Ministerium, 1993 to 2012

Board of Directors, Personnel and Finance Committees, Upper Perkiomen Senior Center, 2006 to 2009

Board of Directors, Finance and Long Range Planning Committees, Lutheran Community at Telford, 1987 to 1991

President, Pennridge Community Ministerium, 1987 to 91

Program Planning Committee, Upper Buck Conference 1983 to 1986

Volunteer Chaplain, Tylersport Fire Company, 1983 to 1991

Volunteer Chaplain, Hart Scout Camp, Green Lane, summer 1986, 1987, 1988

Board of Directors, Long Range Planning Committee, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 1982 to 1983

Council for Theological Education in the Northeast, 1982 to 1983

Student Body President, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, 1980 to 81

Student Body President, Upsala College, 1978 to 79

Pro Deo et Scholar, Germantown-Stevens Academy, Philadelphia, PA, 1975

Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America, 1975

Pro Deo et Patria, Boy Scouts of America, 1973

#### Education

Interim Ministry Training, 2009

M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pa, 1983

Clinical Pastoral Education, Bethany Medical Center, Kansas City, KS, 1980

B.A. in Human Resources Management, Upsala College, East Orange, NJ, 1979

Germantown-Stevens Academy, Philadelphia, PA, 1975

Born Philadelphia, PA

Parents: (Deceased) Francis J. Vanderslice and Louise F. Karcher Vanderslice

Wife: Marcia L. Emerson Vanderslice

Daughter: Rachel Vanderslice Jacobs Son-in-law: Timothy Jacobs

Son: Joshua Vanderslice

Grandchildren: Mackenzie Jacobs and Madison Jacobs

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA**  
**Report of the Secretary – Changes to the Roster**  
**April 16, 2020 to April 5, 2021**

**Ordination**

Scheible, Rachel (11/14/20)

**Deaths**

Krewson, Jr., David (02/23/21)

McDowell, Harry “Skip” (10/11/20)

Vanderslice, William “Bill” (03/24/21)

Weidemeyer, Howard W. (11/12/20)

**Transfers from Other Synods**

Bixby, Harold “Bill” W. (retired) from  
Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod  
effective (08/31/2020)

Brunner, David from Central/Southern  
Illinois Synod to called by Synod  
Council to Full Communion Partner  
congregation Paoli Presbyterian  
Church in Paoli effective  
(01/01/2020)

Costa, Gary from New Jersey Synod to  
pastor at Peace-Tohickon effective  
(10/18/2020)

Crouthamel, Kyle Russell from  
Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod  
to pastor at St. Mark’s Pennsburg  
effective (03/18/2021)

Davidson, Bruce (retired) from New Jersey  
Synod effective (02/02/21)

Hotter, Amy (on leave) from New Jersey  
Synod effective May 26, 2020

LaBelle, Sabrina from Pacifica Synod to  
Protestant Chaplain at Swarthmore  
College in Swarthmore, PA effective  
(08/1/2020)

Luce, Stuart from Delaware-Maryland  
Synod to Interim Ministry at St.  
Michael’s in Unionville, PA  
effective (01/04/21)

Manke, Rachel from Virginia Synod to  
pastor at St. John Blue Bell, PA  
effective (11/29/2020)

Sager, Marie from Central States Synod

to pastor at St. Timothy’s Aston  
effective (10/21/2020)

Steele, George from Delaware-Maryland  
Synod to pastor at Jerusalem  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Schwenksville, PA effective  
(03/28/2021)

**Transfers to Other Synods**

Book, Thaddeus to Grand Canyon Synod  
effective (01/01/2021)

Chapman, Lynette to Central/Southern  
Illinois Synod effective (11/16/2020)

Chapman, Paul to Central/Southern Illinois  
Synod effective 11/08/2020)

Hopcke, Carolann to Nebraska Synod  
Effective (05/1/2020)

McKillip, Michael (retired) to New Jersey  
Synod effective (02/05/21)

Meier, Adrienne to Indiana-Kentucky Synod  
effective (08/08/2020)

Muse, Cynthia D. to Southwestern  
Washington Synod effective  
(06/20/2019)

Posselt, Lydia to Metropolitan Washington,  
D.C. Synod effective (11/29/2020)

Thomas-Breitfeld, Viviane to transferred  
Greater Milwaukee Synod effective  
(12/14/2020)

Waselik, Phillip to La Crosse Area Synod  
effective (08/23/2020)

Wright, Donna to Northern Louisiana Synod  
effective (09/26/2020)

**Roster Changes**

Ahlman, Kristina V., from pastor at  
Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
Yardley, PA to retired effective  
(03/01/2021)

Baly, Anita from on leave effective to  
retired effective (01/01/2021)

Brown, Nancy from on leave to retired  
effective (04/01/21)

Brown, Sandra from pastor at Peace Bensalem to interim ministry at Good Shepherd Southampton effective (01/01/2021)

Carlson, Michael from pastor at Good Shepherd, Southampton to retired effective (01/01/2021)

DeRasmo, Frederick from pastor at St. Michael's Unionville, PA to retired effective (02/01/2021)

Finney, Matthew from full-time to part-time at St. Paul's Sassamansville, PA effective (12/06/2020)

Folks, Susan from interim ministry to retired (01/01/2020)

Fowler, Fritz from pastor at University Philadelphia to pastor at Trinity in Lansdale, PA effective (01/01/2021)

Geist, Ethel from on leave to retired effective (01/01/21)

Glod, DeBorah from Chaplain at Compassus Hospice & Palliative Care in Fort Washington, PA to on leave effective (05/01/2020)

Guider, Shirley from St. Paul Telford to retired effective (07/1/2020)

King, Gwendolyn from interim ministry at Holy Spirit Secane to interim ministry at St. Stephen's in Feasterville, PA effective (01/06/2020)

Krommes, Cynthia from St. John Phoenixville to retired effective (09/1/2020)

Lang, Susan from on leave to interim ministry at Christ, Trumbauersville, PA effective (06/01/2020)

Linders, Robert from Pastor to Theologian-in-Residence at St. Paul's Doylestown effective (01/01/2021)

Mackie, Tina from on leave to interim ministry at Zion, Spring City effective (08/03/2020)

McMullan, Christian from transitional ministry at Emmanuel Pottstown to interim ministry at St. Luke's in Zieglerville, PA effective (01/25/2021)

Miller, Raymond from on leave to pastor at St. Peter's Hilltown, PA effective (07/27/2020)

Ollikainen, Matthew from on leave to pastor at Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church in Richboro, PA effective (12/15/2020)

Rusert, Thomas from co-pastor to lead pastor at St. Paul's Doylestown effective (01/01/2021)

Scheible, Rachel from seminary to pastor at Holy Spirit Secane effective (11/14/20)

Smolik, John from pastor at St. Peter's in Pottstown, PA to retired effective (01/01/2021)

Steinly, Katherine from pastor at to on leave effective (08/17/2020)

Thomas-Breitfeld, Viviane from interim ministry to on leave from call effective (08/05/2020)

Townsend, Paul from Zion Spring City to retired effective (07/01/2020)

Wiseman, Karyn, L as a Full Communion partner ordained minister she received an invitation to extended service from Synod Council to serve at Gloria Dei Huntington Valley as pastor effective (10/1/2020)