

2025 ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION



RICHARD, PHILIP D. (M-W): Retired. A.A.in Meteorology from Community Collage of the Air Force. Grace Lutheran Church, Broomall. Served as Grace's male voting representative to Synod Assembly 4 times; served on church council for several years sometimes as president; currently serving on our Early Learning Center Board as President. completing my second 3-year term this coming December; Chairperson of Worship and Music since 2014; Participated in Community services ie, Good Friday Cross Walk and service; Assisted in collections for local Food pantry & Crop Walk; Actively supported my children and grandchildren as they participated in Band, choir, and theatrical productions at school and in the local community; Leading singing at Manatawny Manor. Participated in God's work our hands projects.

Spiritual and/ or Personal Gifts:

1. Love of music and spirit-filled worship. I find ways to add my talents for clarinet, recorder, and hand percussion to worship at Grace.
2. Actively invite others to use their gifts for worship, including arranging an orchestral band for Christmas/Easter services of church members from beginning students to professional musicians.
3. Worked with sister UCC congregation to have joint services including joint choir and Handbell choir
4. Interested to learn even more technology that will help the church grow its capacity to include people in worship, particularly through livestreaming techniques and the creation of bulletins that are accessible to visitors
5. Experience working on a minimalistic budget to provide meaningful worship and help the congregation to live out its mission even when funds are tight
6. Desire to collaborate with other churches in our community

I have worked with a Mevo camera to Live stream to our Facebook Live page and connected the Facebook Live stream to our Zoom Meetings on Sundays to reach our members who are not able to come in person for worship. Have made it possible for members to join us remotely for Congregational meetings. Some of the uses for my gifts are evident in the answer above. Other times, I don't know when or how God will use me but I show up and trust that God's love will be made known through my words and actions. It is a joy to work for the inclusion of others and their gifts (through worship, hybrid congregational meetings, and community service).