

Biographies of Peace Lutheran Church Congregation Council members 2013-2014

Diane R. Burke grew up in Baldwinville, MA and attended Memorial Congregational Church. She received her M.A. in Intercultural Relations from Lesley University. Diane works at Boston University as an International Student Advisor. She met her husband Dan, in Boston. Dan had just moved to Boston from Auburn, MI where he was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. They live in Wayland with their son, Harry. Diane enjoys baking, running, reading, and talking with people from all of the world and at home.

Marisa Lutz was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She grew up in southern Connecticut and went to church at Salem Lutheran in Bridgeport and later Good Shepherd Lutheran in Monroe, CT. Marisa earned a BA in English from Muhlenberg College. She met her husband Kris at Muhlenberg. They were engaged senior year and got married the following year at Good Shepherd. Marisa and Kris moved to Boston in 1995 and left the city in 2004 to come to Sudbury. Marisa currently is employed at Ascentria Care Alliance in Worcester where she is faith relations manager in the office of development. Her hobbies include running, cooking and reading.

Andrea McDonald grew up in Wayland and has been a member at Peace since she was 7 years old. She was confirmed and married at Peace. She attended Wesleyan University in CT and then lived in Seattle and Boston for a number of years. Since moving back to Wayland a couple of years ago, with her husband and two children, she has become more active at Peace, teaching Sunday school to the preschool and Kindergarten children and joining the council. Andrea works as the Division Manager of Genetics at Boston Children's Hospital.

Hank Midgley grew up in New England and lives with his wife and two children in Wayland. He attended Dartmouth College and earned his MBA from Harvard Business School. He is a Principal of a real estate private equity firm headquartered in Boston. Hank's interests include hiking, kayaking, and mountaineering.

David Melvin was born and raised in Southeastern Connecticut where he attended St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Norwich. He graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a B.S. in Chemistry and works in Analytical Development at Vertex Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge. David lives in Wayland with his wife, Carrie, and their two children, Jack and Haley (and their lovable dog, Otis). In his "spare time", David enjoys reading, auto racing, backyard games, board games and photography.

Chris Munford was born and raised in Lebanon, Pennsylvania and attended the same church his whole childhood, St John's UCC, near his grandparents house in the little town of Fredericksburg. Chris attended Pennsylvania State University for Electrical Engineering, graduating in 1995. He met his wife Carrie Hoadley at Penn State. They were married in 1998 and lived several

places in NE, including Nashua, NH; Westborough, MA; Hudson, MA and finally Wayland. Their first child, Liam Xavier Munford, was born in 2004 and was followed 1.5 years later by Annaliese Marie Munford in 2006. Chris runs a team of Field Engineers for a local startup technology company called Azuki Systems which produces video software that allows Cable companies and Networks to put their TV product on PCs, iPads, etc. His work involves a lot of travel to the 900+ Cable operators and networks in the USA and Canada. When time allows, Chris plays tennis and golf. The Munfords plan to stay in Wayland until the kids go to college, and then move South to warmer weather or to wherever their children and grandchildren take them.

Martin Pralle was born in Pequannock, NJ and raised in Ramsey, NJ, and was baptized at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ramsey. He received a BS degree from Cornell University and a PhD from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, both in Materials Science and Engineering. After completing his studies, Martin moved to the Boston area, working for a technology startup. Currently he is the VP of Government Programs at SiOnyx, Inc. working on next generation nightvision imaging technology. Martin and his family live in Wayland. He enjoys hiking and swimming.

Megan (Rajala) Woods was born and raised in Upper Michigan and was brought up as a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette. She moved to Massachusetts to attend Boston University and received a degree in International Relations. She currently resides in Brookline with her husband, Seth, and their three children. "Peace Lutheran Church has been an ideal place for our family to do things with each other that we would not normally do. We volunteer together, share meals and conversations with people of all ages, and participate as a family in various church-related activities. Also, the Sunday school program is wonderful - it is filled with so many nice kids and ran by equally nice parents."