



## 2021 Annual Meeting

### Leadership Candidates

This list is all open positions currently up for election for the term beginning in 2021-2022, and does not include the names of members previously elected and serving a current term. Please see the [Bylaws](#) for a specific list of elected committee and governing board positions.

#### Governing Board

Jeff Miller – President (2021-2023)

Bradley Shipps, Vice President (2021-2022) – Only eligible for one year per bylaws

Patrick Mitchell, Treasurer (2021-2023)

Karen Bruno (2021-2023)

Beth De Stasio (2021-2023)

Theresa Hannah (2021-2023)

Samantha Zinth (2021-2022) – Only eligible for one year per bylaws

#### Leadership Development

Justin Fisher (2021-2023)

Elizabeth Van Sickle (2021-2023)

See pictures of all the candidates and read their bios below...



## Jeff Miller

Julie and I signed the book in 2000 shortly after we moved here. We were looking for a place that called to us after falling out of our childhood religious traditions. We found the Fellowship on the web from Central Texas where I was stationed in the US Army. We felt immediately welcomed and have benefited greatly from membership.



Our kids (Maddie and Mia) have been a part of the Fellowship's Religious Education (RE) program over the years. Julie has helped out in the nursery and assisted in RE. I have also been a member of the safety committee and assisted in RE.

As the Vice President of the Fellowship Governing Board, I served on the Leadership Development Committee, and had a lot of great interactions with the members and helped at a few events.

I was a police officer for the City of Appleton for over 20 years before retiring in November of 2020. I am now the Education and Compliance manager for Innovative Services, Inc, a health care company based in Green Bay. It's a great job that allows me to give back to the community.

I'm honored to be nominated as President of the Fellowship Board. I look forward to serving and hope to help lead the Fellowship in a post Covid world where we can, once again, be together.

## Bradley Shipps

Bradley Shipps has been a member of the Fellowship for ten years and has served on the Governing Board for the past five years. Prior to serving on the Board, she was on the Wellspring committee, volunteered as a religious education assistant, and served coffee. She moved to Wisconsin from central New York in 2010 for a job with the Outagamie Waupaca Library System, and she attended the Fellowship on her very first weekend in Appleton. She was previously a member of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus, Ohio. Bradley and her nine-year-old daughter Hollyn enjoy annual trips to the Adirondack Mountains in New York to visit family.



## Patrick Mitchell

I've been a member since 2004. I've been a member of the services committee since about 2012. I joined the Fellowship governing board in 2020.



I'm married to Sara. We have three adult children. I work at



Kimberly-Clark in logistics. I like outdoor activities, running and keeping up with the kids in their events.

## **Karen Bruno**

Karen Bruno signed the Fellowship membership book over twenty years ago, not long after the move to the “new” building. She has served the Fellowship as a member of various committees, a Coming of Age mentor, a worship leader, and was employed as the Fellowship’s Music Director for many years. Friends joke that in addition to her son, Will Scheffler, she has a second “baby” - the nonprofit Lawrence Community Girl Choir Program.



## **Beth De Stasio**

I and my husband Bart were introduced to the UU denomination in Providence, RI after being recruited by a friend to join her UU choir. The leader of that congregation was Buddhist and a dynamic speaker, and we were intrigued. We joined the congregation in Madison while we lived there for 3 years and then joined the Fellowship in Appleton when we moved here in 1992. I served as a religious education teacher many times, was the chair of the landscape committee for several years, and am currently a leader of the heart-to-heart couples’ retreat. I’ve had some experience on a board of directors, first at Project Bridges Day Care and later at the national level for the Genetic Society of America. Our two sons were raised in this Fellowship and are living their UU values. I am ready to give back to this Fellowship from a sense of gratitude and love for the support and growth this community has provided to me and my family.



## **Theresa Hannah**

Theresa Hannah and her husband Tom have been Fellowship members for just over 15 years. Theresa was part of the ministerial search committee that brought us Reverend Christina and served as the Fellowship Treasurer from 2008 to 2012 and again from 2017 to 2021. A retired accountant, Theresa finds enjoyment in daily puzzles, playing with her granddaughter, getting lost in a book, and walks with family. She is currently serving as Board Chair for Fox Valley Literacy in Appleton.



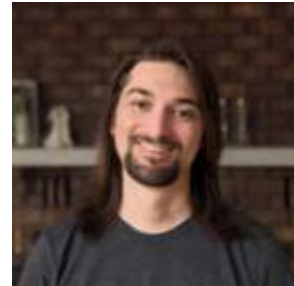
## **Samantha Zinth**

Samantha Zinth has been attending the Fellowship since 2014 with her husband, Ben, and their two children, William (age 10) and Charlotte (age 8). Sam has been a Governing Board member since 2016, including a two-year term as President (2017-2019). Most recently, she served as Chair of the Planned Giving Committee (2019-Present) and Governing Board Member-at-Large (2019-Present). Professionally, Sam manages talent development and organizational health for a global animal health technology company.



## **Justin Fisher**

Justin and his family (Ann, Clara, and Leo) have been members of the Fellowship for almost five years. Justin has been on the leadership development committee for about two years. Justin is a software developer by trade and enjoys tinkering with computers, camping, hiking, and being with his family.



## **Elizabeth Van Sickle**

I have been coming to the Fellowship for over 10 years and became a member about 8 years ago. I have been involved in the Fellowship in many different ways: singing with the choir, journey groups, board member, and (my very latest) being a member of the Leadership Development committee. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve with this committee and be part of some exciting leadership programming this coming year.

