



Pastor Matthew Wheeler:

My favorite use of down time? Connecting with family. Chrissy (I get to be her husband) and I have three children. Playing with them outside or inside, at a park or watching a movie together on a Friday night, is the highlight of my week.

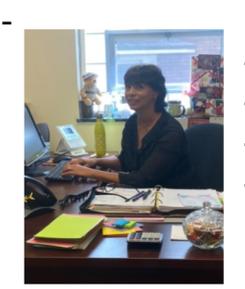
Greatest joy in serving as a pastor? Worship. I feel a kind of joy I can only describe as “sacred” every time the people of God gather together in love and faith, searching and wondering, being nourished together by God’s presence and promises.

What is a quote that inspires you? “All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well,” by Julian of Norwich, an amazing 14th century Christian mystic. (basically, anything from Julian of Norwich is powerfully good. And in more recent times, anything from Wendell Berry is excellent.)

Most daring adventure? Being a husband and a dad. Nothing else even comes close.

What’s your favorite family recipe? Monkey bread. It’s a Christmas tradition in our family to feast on monkey bread on Christmas morning. Great memories!

A favorite hobby? It’s not always a relaxing hobby, but I’m a Browns fan. (The Browns might be getting better. But overall, I think it’s been a lifelong lesson God has been teaching me how to graciously lose!)



Karen Schwochow - Office Manager:

Greatest joys? My family - there’s nothing more wonderful than being with people you love!

Favorite single activity as Office Manager? Having lunch with my co-workers. We always have a lot of fun.

Summer or winter? I love all the seasons, they all have a special magic, but fall is my favorite - cooler weather, beautiful colors, betting back to normal routines and Halloween.

Favorite Childhood memory? Going to my Grandma’s for supper every Sunday night. That’s why we have our family night every Wednesday



Dave Shoub - Dir. of Youth & Family Ministry/Video, Website

Greatest joys? My wife Robyn and my family... any time we can be together is wonderful! Watching our grandchildren grow up...

Summer or winter? I love summer! I don’t mind the heat. I love to walk... Our family likes to go to Hilton Head for a week of family vacation.

Favorite single activity as Dir. of Y&F Ministry? When I am talking with the youth and they can really see I am there for them, and I care.

Favorite childhood memory? Every Christmas my dad and uncle were both Pastor’s so we would have to wait till later in the day and open presents together... One present at a time... pass them around, then the next person would open one present, it took HOURS!!! Never tearing the paper... The HUGE family dinners!!!



Sue Lawrence - Elementary/Preschool Leader:

Favorite single activity? Sunday School... I enjoy singing the songs in the opening room with the children and I like sharing God’s Word through the Bible stories. It is fun to get to know the kids here at St. John’s. I also enjoy the staff at St. John’s. .

Favorite childhood memory? Moving to a farm in Hessville when I was in the fourth grade. The first time I looked down the creek from the top of the hill, I thought it was magical. I loved playing down at the creek, building forts, cooking summer meals down there, and playing with new friends. There was a clay deposit and I used to make clay marbles and other things out of clay. We had long days down there in the summer and in the winter, we went ice skating and sledding. What fun times!

A favorite hobby? Reading... I like to read all kinds of books but have really enjoyed historical fiction the last few years. I have set a goal to read some of the up - to - date books out there so I can keep up with current trends. I continue to read my Bible because I learn something new every time.

Favorite tv show? This Is Us! This will be the last season, so I am looking forward to it with mixed feelings. I can’t wait for it to start but I don’t want it to end.

Favorite way to spend my time? Spending time with my family, especially my three granddaughters. They keep me busy! I am also hoping to do more traveling in the future.



Maury Gnepper - Head Custodian:

Favorite Movie Characters: Clint Eastwood & Sean Connery

Best Part of my job? Making sure the Sanctuary and Parish House are presentable for the congregation and visitors.

Favorite single activity? Having lunch with our GREAT and FUN staff.

Favorite Childhood Memory: Going boating, fishing, and hunting with my dad. Also, visiting my grandparents.

Fun Fact: When my assistant coach and I took our Pacesetter “73” soccer team on a European tour. We played matches in Great Britain, Germany, and Norway. We had a great time with many memorial experiences.



**John Roberts - Organist
Choir Director**



Betsy Roberts -