

December 19, 2024

Dear South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church Family,

It is with a mix of deep gratitude and bittersweet emotions that we announce the retirement of Nancy Metzler, director of hospitality and connection at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church. For almost 20 years, Nancy has faithfully served on staff, embodying all that we stand for at SMPC - warmth, hospitality, generosity and a steadfast commitment to welcoming all into the life of our church.



Nancy has been the friendly face and invaluable resource for visitors, prospective members, and new members alike. Through her guidance, countless individuals have felt seen, valued, and seamlessly integrated into our church family. Whether coordinating small groups to ensure that everyone has a place to belong or overseeing hospitality efforts that make our church gatherings special, Nancy's dedication has left an indelible mark.

Her tireless efforts have been the driving force behind cherished traditions such as Lunch on the Grounds, celebratory cake after worship, and the Women's Advent Tea. Alongside the Hospitality Committee, Nancy has made each event—and so many others—an opportunity for connection, joy and shared faith.

In addition to her many contributions, Nancy and her husband, Charlie, were integral to the idea, construction, and installation of SMPC's beautiful new columbarium, which has provided a meaningful space for reflection and remembrance that will serve the congregation for generations to come.



While Nancy's retirement marks the end of a remarkable chapter, she is not going anywhere! She and Charlie have been church members since 1996 and will continue to be active participants in our faith community. In retirement, Nancy looks forward to spending more time with her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and James, recent newlyweds who live in St. Louis, MO; her son and future daughter-in-law, John and Jennifer, who live in Apex, near Raleigh; and son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Jessica with grandchildren Henry and Charlotte, who not only live in Charlotte but are members at SMPC.

She and Charlie also plan to travel (first up are Portugal and Spain in April!) and enjoy a "wide open" calendar!

We are profoundly thankful for her ministry, her leadership and her unwavering Southern hospitality.

Nancy's retirement is effective Friday, December 31. As we work to hire Nancy's replacement, please contact Associate Pastor Whitney Bayer, whitney@smpchome.org, with any questions regarding membership or hospitality.

Please join us in celebrating Nancy's incredible contributions to SMPC. We will be honoring her with cake after worship on Sunday, December 22 (don't worry – Nancy is not ordering her own retirement cake!). Let us come together to express our gratitude and send her into retirement with all our love and blessings.

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