

## RCC Pastoral Search Committee

### Janet Whitehouse, Chair



Janet came to RCC about 6 years ago and pretty quickly joined the church choir, and Missions Committee. She loves music and working with children, so she started the Sparrow Spirit (our youth choir) and more recently she has worked with the children to learn to play the bells. During the pandemic, to keep the children engaged in church, she worked on several video productions with the kids, including Christmas pageants, Earth Day, Mother's and Father's Day celebrations and one about the life of Jesus called, Tell Me the Stories of Jesus. Janet previously served as Clerk on the Church Council and currently is serving as Moderator. She attends church with her husband, David and granddaughter, Tiana. She has four children and six grandchildren.

Outside of church, Janet is currently Vice Chair of the CUNA Mutual Group (CMG) Board of Directors, serving on the Governance and Investments Committees. CMG is a multi-line insurance company based in Madison, Wisconsin. She retired after spending 25+ years working in executive roles for two major Insurance companies, Sun Life Financial and UNUM. Prior to joining the business world, she taught elementary school and coached various sports in Greenland, NH.

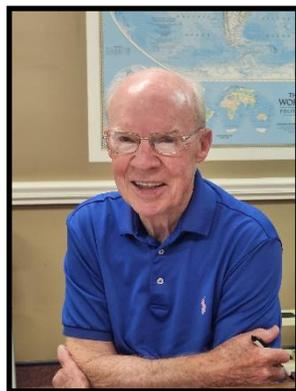
### Jean Badger, Vice Chair

Jean was looking for a church with a neighborhood feel when she moved to Rye, NH 10 years ago. She found RCC and quickly became involved with the Fellowship Committee, organizing the coffee hour each week after the service. Jean has been the chair of the committee for the past four years. During the challenge of the pandemic, the Fellowship Committee found some creative ways to reach out to the members. We had services in the church parking lot but could not break bread together as a congregation for over 15 months. Jean also serves on the Personnel, Administration and Oversight Committee (PA&O). As chair of the Fellowship Committee, Jean also serves on the Church Council when not serving on the Pastor Search Committee.



Retiring after 37 years in education, Jean then served as Literacy Consultant for the NH Department of Education. Jean was Superintendent of School in Dover, NH after being Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction, Federal Projects, and Title I Director.

### Rev. James Carter, Ret.



Jim and his wife Kathryn joined Rye Congregational Church three years ago, although they had attended and Jim, a semi-retired minister, had occasionally preached here as far back as 2014. After joining RCC, Jim served on the Personnel, Administration & Oversight Committee, has been a Deacon since 2020, and still leads services as Pastor-On-Call when needed. He has also served as pulpit supply for several other New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine churches.

Prior to his ordination in 2010, Jim was the Editor & Publisher of The York Weekly, the community newspaper in York, Maine. He came to New England after an 18-year career in New York, where he was a partner and principal at Hammond Farrell Inc., a leading advertising agency. He is also the author of three published books. Jim and Kathryn live in York. They have four adult children and two wonderful grandsons.

## **Margaret (Peggy) Scott**

Peggy started attending RCC in 1992 after moving to Rye and joined around 2000 when she started singing in the choir. Soon after that, she became a member of the Missions Committee and served as chairman for about 6 years and served as clerk for the council for 5 years. She has been writing articles about the church activities for the Rye Magazine for several years. In 2019 she was asked to serve as a Deacon and became the chairman of the committee in December 2020. She attends church singing in the choir each Sunday and her adult son, Michael, is head usher.



Peggy retired as an elementary school librarian and had taught junior high English before having children. She is active in many volunteer and club activities in the area and has been singing in a barbershop chorus for almost 30 years. While married to a Navy submariner, Peggy attended several Episcopal and Methodist churches in Virginia, Connecticut, South Carolina, Utah and Hawaii before joining RCC in New Hampshire. Over the years, she experienced a variety of pastoral styles and personalities.

## **Matthew Hotz**



Matt has been happily married for 32 years to his best friend and business partner, Daniele. They have 2 children Rebecca who is 23 and Griffin who is 20. Matt works as a Chiropractor with offices in Lee and Kingston. He enjoys working on old houses, and outdoor adventure. He was a charter member and leader with Trail life US and is passionate about the work they do helping boys grow into Godly, capable men.