

## New Members March 2011



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Sharyn and Ken previously were members of First Pres and are returning “home” now that they have relocated back to the Tri-Cities. Sharyn grew up in South Otselic, NY, and Ken grew up in Grand Rapids, MI. Over the years they have lived in Ohio, Nevada, Arizona, Tennessee and Washington. Sharyn is retired; Ken is soon to be a retired Nuclear Engineer. Back in the Tri-Cities once more, they are joining First Pres to reconnect with old friends and to make new ones. “It just feels right,” Ken says. “It’s good to be back home!” according to Sharyn. They like our mission and goals, too. Ken likes golf, photography and travel. Sharyn enjoys decorating, baking (she makes a mean blueberry coffee cake), and the roar of the ocean. At First Pres, Ken and Sharyn are interested in a small group, Stephen Ministry, and perhaps hospice. Welcome back!

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Susan was born in Everett and has lived in the Tri-Cities for about 25 years. She is a Speech-Language Pathologist. Jan, a fourth-grade teacher, is a Richland native and has lived here his entire life. They have four grown children. They feel that God led them to their initial visit to First Pres where they feel very welcome and at home. Susan and Jan want to be a part of our mission and vision. Jan enjoys golf, projects around the house and skiing and also is interested in applying his craftsman skills (painting, etc.) around First Pres. Susan likes to garden, read, listen to music and do yoga. At First Pres, she is interested in the Adult CE courses and hospitality. Give them a warm greeting when you see them.



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Katie is from Port Townsend, WA, and has lived in the Seattle area. Randy grew up in Olympia, WA, attended college in Boston, MA, and then lived in Bellevue, WA. They have lived in the Tri-Cities for approximately 1-½ years. Katie is a Front Office Assistant at a Kadlec Clinic and Randy is a Branch Manager at Columbia Bank. They were visiting churches when they discovered First Pres and have decided to make us their church home. Katie and Randy want to be part of our vision of “Daily becoming the heart and hands of Jesus Christ.” Together they enjoy shopping, movies and remodeling. Let’s welcome Katie and Randy to our First Pres family.

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Diane was born in Shelton, WA. She grew up in western Washington, went to college in Cheney, and spent time in Spokane and Connell before coming to the Tri-Cities 25 years ago. Diane is a Speech-Language Pathologist for the Kennewick School District. She has been married to her husband Dave for nearly 24 years and they have two children: Mollie is a Certified Nurse's Aide and is training to be a firefighter; Karl is a student at CBC. Diane initially came to First Pres seeking a safe, healthy youth program for her children. She enjoys reading, gardening, travel (especially to the ocean) and antique hunting. At First Pres she is interested in Miriam's Closet, Adult Ed classes and the Mission Auction. Welcome to Diane.



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Gwen is a native of Anderson, IN, and has been in the Tri-Cities for 3 years. Along the way she had stops in Rogersville, TN; Baytown, Brownsville, Kingsville and Houston, TX; and Walla Walla, WA. She supervises the IT helpdesk for Banner Bank. Gwen has two sons, Brandon and Johnny. She initially came to First Pres seeking a church home and concluded that she liked our fellowship and the opportunities offered here. Gwen was raised a Presbyterian, is an Ordained Elder and has led a CE Committee and a Jr. Hi Youth Group. She enjoys puzzles, reading, movies and solving crossword puzzles. First Pres activities of interest to Gwen include the Financial Peace University course, our Christian Ed program and the Handbell Choir (she is an experienced handbell player). Say Hi! when you see Gwen in and around First Pres.

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Joyce hails from Seattle and has lived in the Tri-Cities for about 40 years. Bob is a native of Hamilton, Montana and has lived most of the past 67 years in the Tri-Cities, though along the way he has spent a little time in a number of cities in Oregon and Washington. He served four years in the Navy, including a tour to Japan, and completed an additional 16 years in the Naval Reserve, retiring as a Lt. Commander. Both Joyce and Bob are retired now, and their four children live in this area. They took the Alpha course at Westside Presbyterian in Richland, but found First Pres, where they knew some members, closer to home. Joyce enjoys reading, genealogy and history research. In addition, she volunteers at Hawthorne Elementary School helping students. Bob likes reading biographies and history books, writing family history, wine tasting, and working around the yard. He is active in the Kiwanis. At First Pres, Joyce is interested in the Bible Study classes and Bob remains open to opportunities. Look for Joyce and Bob and give them a hearty First Pres welcome.