

**First Presbyterian Church Beaufort Servant of the Heart
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Waneta Crawford**



Waneta was born in Liberty, Pennsylvania, and attended Liberty High School before earning a BA in Elementary Education from Mansfield University. She taught Kindergarten for 3 years after college followed by 25 years of writing educational programs for individuals with disabilities while playing the organ for the same organization and their choir.

She and her husband, Jim, moved to Habersham in 2006 after visiting family in the area and reading about Habersham.

Jim and Waneta visited First Presbyterian shortly after moving here in 2006. They wanted to attend a church in town and felt that First Presbyterian was very friendly and welcoming. She said that she still finds it welcoming and friendly - "You can just go sit at any table on Wednesday night and make new friends." Waneta serves the church as the pianist for the children's choir and working the Wednesday night suppers and she has for many years. Waneta thinks the church is doing well and would like to see more involvement from the youth and young adults. Her favorite bible verse is Psalm 121:1-2 "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." She said this verse always meant a lot to her, growing up in Pennsylvania close to the mountains.

Waneta has always been inspired by music. In addition to playing piano at church, she plays organ at home for her own enjoyment. She also played the flute in high school and played piano at her home church, Liberty United Methodist, from sixth grade through high school. Her favorite childhood memories revolve around music, playing piano for all of the high school choruses and playing flute in the State Band. Many people don't know that she also loves gardening and is an avid reader. Her best achievement is her family.

She and Jim have two children, a daughter in Baltimore, MD and a son and two grands in Tucson, AZ. She thinks the most important thing learned in life is to not be too quick to judge someone....Great Advice! And congratulations to Waneta on a well-deserved nomination for servant of the heart!

By Jane Tarrance