

Care Deacon Candidates



**SUE
LUPINETTI**

Sue and Dan Lupinetti have attended Grace since April 1989. Grace was a church plant and both Dan and Sue came from the sending church located in Temple Hills, Maryland. They raised five children at Grace. In those years, Sue served as Sunday School teacher, Wednesday night preschool teacher and served in the nursery. Dan and Sue co-lead a small group and Sue also serves in the nursery. Dan and Sue live in Walkersville, and they enjoy spending time with their family, friends, grown children and nine grandchildren.



JODIE SCHMIDT

Jodie has attended GCC since Fall 2011. Currently, she serves on the care deacon ministry where she ministers to the emotional and practical needs of others by sending cards, texts, care packages, and participating in meal trains. In the past she has served on the worship team. She has also participated in performance art - demonstrating how painting can describe themes in worship music. She has done this for a Celebrate Recovery service as well as a three-fold communion service. At present she lives in Thurmont, MD with her husband Dan. She teaches adult art classes at the Delaplaine Art Center in Frederick.

SHEELA & SAMSON MARTIN



Samson & Sheela Martin were born in India and immigrated to the United States in 1996. In 2004, they relocated to Maryland. They have been attending Grace since 2010 after meeting Pastor R at a 'Heritage Day' parade in Middletown and hearing his heart for the mission.

Samson and Sheela are blessed with two daughters, Sarah (21) and Sharon (14). Both Sarah and Sharon grew up through the children and youth ministries in Grace.

Samson and Sheela briefly served in the children's ministry together for a year, and Sheela continued helping in the Awana (Wednesday's) children's ministry and other ministry of helps.

Samson and Sheela love to study the Word of God and depend on the Word for their sustenance. Samson and Sheela love to pray. Both were involved in prayer movements in India and America.

ANITA TAULTON



My name is Anita Taulton. My family and I live in Jefferson, MD and we have been attending GCC since March 2020. Currently, I am serving as a Care Deacon; my son, Sam, serves in the Tech Ministry; and my husband, Rob, is a wonderful teacher and small group leader. He and I are involved in our church small group and we host a small group (outside of GCC) in our home, which he leads.

Some of the responsibilities I had in the previous church we attended were much like the ones of a Care Deacon, though I was not a deacon. I made some form of contact with those who were sick, whether it was a phone call, a text, or a visit if possible. I sent cards to those who were sick or who lost a loved one and organized a meal train or two for church members. I served on the Hospitality team, as well, which involved helping with preparations for Family Sunday, a Sunday set aside once a month for a potluck meal following the service. This also included helping to serve the food and clean up. A very important part of being a believer and serving in the church is praying for the church, the pastor, the leaders, the needs of the congregants, etc. It's a pleasure for me to pray with and for others.