

Story of Faith - Judy Hooten

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, the old hymn, rings true while I look back at a lifetime of special connections to the First Presbyterian Church. I was born and raised as a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Covington. My earliest memories include my grandmother, Hattie McDonald, taking my brother, sister and me to Sunday School. It was at FPC that I met and fell in love with my high school sweetheart, Dennis. Following high school graduation, Dennis and I were married by Tom White in the old sanctuary. When my two daughters, Shawn & Trista, were born, they were baptized by Reverend White. As we all grew older, our involvement in FPC continued. Billy Wade and various youth ministers were integral parts of the girls' lives, marrying them and later baptizing their babies. Dennis and I have both served on Session and various Presbyterian committees. I look back over the years and see FPC in all parts of my faith journey. Special relationships through Circle and Bible Study, Family Night Suppers, Christmas pageants, Joy Gift Dinners, Family Promise, Red Cross Blood Drives all have continued to support and grow my faith. Today, I am delighted that I can sit on the same pew as my grandchildren, 5th generation members of FPC, and watch them grow in the love of Jesus Christ and the love and care of the First Presbyterian Church of Covington.