

Volunteer Spotlight



Susan Belangee (left), Brandi Grogan (middle), and Debbie Lanter (right)
Children's Choir Volunteers
"Choir Angels"

As part of the Canton First UMC Family, Debbie Lanter, Brandi Grogan, and Susan Belangee serve as the Choir Angels for the elementary M&M's Children's Choir. As Choir Angels, Debbie, Brandi, and Susan assist with the Children's Choir, where they share the love of Jesus with the kids, their families, and the community. They strive to give the children basic music knowledge while teaching various Biblical stories and principles through music.

Debbie recently retired from middle school after teaching 37 years. She now works part-time at Flint, Connolly, and Walker Law Firm in downtown Canton. She has been married for 32 years to her husband Jeffrey and they have three children.

Volunteering at the church is important to Debbie in her spiritual walk, stating, *"Volunteering helps me feel like a part of our church and gives me an outlet to share all Jesus has done for me through music. It builds meaningful connections to help our church stay strong and enhances my spiritual walk."* Through serving as a Choir Angel, Debbie finds that God uses music to speak to us. *"The kids teach us things all the time; and seeing their faith gives me such hope for the future. They rock!"*

Brandi works as a Nutrition Manager at Avery Elementary and has been a Mary Kay Senior Sales Consultant for 20 years. She is married to her husband Tom, and they have four children, two boys and two girls.

Volunteering at the church is important to Brandi, sharing, *"Children are the future of our church. I believe in investing time with them."* She enjoys helping children believe they have a purpose and that they are special. *"I have shed many tears watching children grow up in our church. I cry at every baptism, confirmation, and performance."*

Susan works part-time as a Licensed Professional Counselor at Canton Counseling. The other half of her week she works as Executive Director for the North American Society of Adlerian Psychology (NASAP).

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Susan has been married to her husband Mark for 24 years this coming August and they have two daughters.

For Susan, she enjoys hearing the kids sing and improve over time, explaining, *"It's fun being a part of that growth in music."* Volunteering at the church has had a lifelong impact on Susan, stating, *"I've found lifelong friends through this ministry, and it affirms the gifts God gave me. I get to help kids build their musical abilities which is very rewarding."*

In closing, Susan shared, *"The best way to deepen your relationship with God is to get involved and contribute to the lives of others. It makes you feel better about yourself when you know you've done something to help someone else."*

Fun facts about the Choir Angels:

Debbie's dream vacation is Israel.

Susan's favorite sports team is the US Women's National Soccer team.

Brandi's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 28:7.