

## **Commendation for the Al & Ann Sawyer “Within These Walls” Award 2023**

Named for long-time church members, Al & Ann Sawyer, the Annual Within These Walls Award is given to a member of our church for outstanding service to and leadership of our congregation.

If you peruse the plaques honoring congregational award winners of years past, there is a name you'd be surprised not to find there... until now. The winner of this year's Within These Walls award is Barb Chapman.

Barb is a long-time member of our church whose leadership and service has helped our congregation to thrive. She served on the governance task force, as a Worship Associate and as Chair of the Worship Ministry, and coordinates our church's Lectio Group.

In particular, her recent terms of service on the Board of Trustees, including as President of the Board of Trustees in 2022, has helped our church to remain strong and overcome challenges.

If you've served on the Board, you've received a three-ring binder with all the church's key policies and documents, the product of Barb's thorough commitment to organization. Barb is deeply knowledgeable of our systems, structures, policies, and procedures and brings clarity, understanding, and wisdom to her leadership, which allows the church to continue running smoothly. During the challenges of the pandemic, Barb stepped up to leadership, providing a steady hand during a time of crisis and Uncertainty.

Barb leads in a deeply relational way, supporting and mentoring youth and young adult leaders. Many factors have allowed our church to grow and thrive; one of those key factors has been Barb Chapman's steadfastness and wisdom.

Congratulations on this well-deserved award!