

Donna Christophersen

After earning a BSE in computer engineering from University of Michigan, Donna worked for the US Navy until she and her husband Eric began raising their family, which currently consists of 6 children (ages 14 to 30), 3 “daughters-in-love,” and 1 granddaughter. In addition to 25 years of home education experience teaching students of all ages, she completed her MA in Education at George Washington University in 2011. Passionate about problem solving and helping others gain insight and understanding, Donna most enjoys encouraging parents on their journey, teaching high school math through Pre-Calc, and coaching students as they clarify their calling before entering college or the workforce.

Chris Coffin

Chris Coffin, more commonly known as "Amy's husband," is a proud father to three homeschooled children. The family maintains a busy schedule that includes as many museum visits and impromptu history lessons as possible. Chris has spent nearly 20 years in construction-related fields, the last 14 of which have been devoted to managing a disaster restoration firm in the DC area. Responsibilities include bidding and managing complex projects, teaching continuing education classes, and employee technical training. As an Eagle Scout and Cub Scout den leader, Chris enjoys spending time outdoors and working on a seemingly endless list of projects under the close supervision of Amy. When not directly supervised, she does allow him the occasional motorcycle ride or trip to the range for marksmanship proficiency.

Jeani Coleman

Jeani Coleman has directed all types of theater including Children's, Children's Musicals & Dramas, and traditional theatrical productions. She has been in theater as an actress and director for over 40 years and has been teaching theater classes, speech classes, and directing plays for over 25 years. Many of the classes she has taught include Improvisation, which she believes is the essence of all successful acting and communication. In addition to her love for drama and theater, she has enjoyed cooking from the time she was in college and has developed her own style of cooking and baking from "scratch." She is an avid promoter of food preparation from whole and natural foods. Her culinary experience includes baking for a restaurant, weddings, and special occasions. Jeani learned to bake bread from a bread baker when she while a freshman in college and continues to bake nearly all her family's bread and for friends and for special occasions and events. She is also known as a “pastry chef” to include specialties like pies, cakes, bars, and cookies, all made from scratch. She has recently been experimenting with gluten free recipes. Jeani has brought her skills to HTS by teaching cooking classes to students of all ages. Jeani and her husband Steve, homeschooled their son Jesse, who is a systems engineer, the Harvester church pianist, and is married to lovely Raquel, with 4 beautiful children.

Debbie Dosch

Debbie has four daughters whom she homeschooled for 16 years. Through the years she has taught in a variety of situations: many years at HTS, Sunday school (all ages), youth group, co-ops, Backyard Bible Clubs, church retreats, and Ladies Bible Studies. Debbie also teaches special needs adults at her church, Immanuel Bible Church, coaches high school students with special needs for job training, does private tutoring, and substitutes in public/private schools. Teaching is a delight for Debbie.

Victoria Duncan

Victoria Duncan is a home-educating mother, military wife, and physical therapist now living in NOVA for the third time. Her mother recognized her passion for the human body at a very young age when Victoria devoured health and anatomy books as reading pleasure. Much of Victoria's childhood was spent training in gymnastics. She practiced both artistic and rhythmic gymnastics and competed in rhythmic gymnastics on a national level. She went on to receive a B.S. in Health Science/Fitness and Health Promotion with a concentration in Nutrition at James Madison University, followed by an M.S. in Physical Therapy from the Medical College of Virginia. She has practiced as a P.T. in Georgia, Washington, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia as she moves around the country with her amazing husband, Skye, and their girls. She currently works a few days a month on the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital Rehabilitation Unit. When not working or schooling her daughters, she enjoys travel, cooking, Bible/theology study, birding, health podcasts, Crossfit, beaching, hiking, camping, and planning for their family's next move.

Jan Esher

Jan Esher has a Master's in Education as well as a Master's in Biblical Counseling. She taught in public education for years, helped train teachers, taught in university-level education classes, and developed her own private instruction business. She loved homeschooling her daughter, who just finished her freshman year of college. Jan now teaches at 2 homeschool co-ops, and has a private Christian counseling practice. She loves working with children, whether indirectly through counseling parents, or directly, through teaching and developing curricula that help learning come alive. Her goal as a teacher is to inspire students to be passionate life-long lovers of learning, and to know God better through all they learn.

Diane Forrest

Mrs. Forrest holds a B.S. in Microbiology (Indiana University) and an M.S. in Environmental Toxicology (U. Wisconsin). At UW, she studied the effects of plant polyphenols on liver enzyme-mediated metabolism of chemical carcinogens, then went on to study commercial and agricultural pesticides, alternatives to their use, and their regulation under state and federal

law. Later, she became a Certified Industrial Hygienist. Diane is married to LTC Thomas Forrest, military attorney (JAG) for the DC-ARNG, proud parents of one (now teenaged) daughter, Juliette, homeschooled all but one year. Diane has taught both formally and informally at five homeschool coops, including three years in Classical Conversations Foundations, and two years teaching CC Challenge A (Natural Science focus) and Latin for Challenge B. From the time she could walk, she was crazy about the natural world, outside as much as possible, collecting and identifying everything within reach. She studied wildflowers and trees, collected insects for 4H, collected piles of rocks and fossils and crystals, even collected and adopted 47? live snails (well, only once; overnight, they escaped their shoebox, trailing up the walls and ceilings).

Jennifer Fox

Jennifer M. Fox is a follower of Jesus Christ, and married 12 amazing years to Jonathan R Fox. She is the Momma of spunky Kathleen and chill William. She attended Johnson and Wales University and graduated in 2000, where she obtained a degree in Culinary Arts. She enjoys exercising, kids, camping, kayaking, sitting around fire pits with friends, and absolutely loves being a homeschool Momma. She is also involved in the American Heritage Girls as the leader of an Explorer group.

Anna Gugliotti

Anna, originally from Peru, holds a degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Spanish and Italian, and the University of Chicago Graham School of Continuing Liberal and Professional Studies. While attending college, Anna obtained her teaching experience working as a tutor at the University of Illinois, later teaching at College of Du Page (Glen Ellyn, IL). Anna has lived in Europe where she taught Spanish and English. She also used her languages working for the Banking Industry in the administration of the representative office of Banca Intesa (Italian Bank) in Chicago.

Living and working in different parts of the world has helped Anna understand the importance of knowing more than one language. She has developed her own techniques and keys to learn and teach a language.

Currently, she is homeschooling her two children and serving the homeschool community of Harvester Teaching Services.

Chuck Guidetti

Originally from South Florida, Chuck is the Youth Leader at Harvester. He holds a Master of Divinity from Knox Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science in Church Ministries with a Minor in Youth Ministry from Southeastern University. He loves opening God's word with high school students and teaching them how to study the Bible and be more like Christ in all that they do.

Gina Hamilton

Originally from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Gina Hamilton graduated from Bloomsburg University with a teaching degree. When it was time to experience something new, she relocated to Northern Virginia and has lived in the area for the last twenty years. She worked with Alexandria City Public Schools for several years and earned her Masters of Education from George Mason. Gina has had the opportunity to serve and teach in various capacities while raising her family. Together with her husband, Chris, the Hamilton family consists of two teenage boys who attend South County Middle and High School and two seven year old girls who attend HTS, a beloved golden-doodle, and countless fish. Sunny days, people, children's artwork, walking the beach, bicycling, and spending time with family and friends are a few of Gina's favorite things!

Corinne Hayes

Corinne is the wife of Harvester PCA's Pastor Mark Hayes, the mother of five, and grandmother of two. Mark and Corinne have graduated their four children from homeschool. Corinne has served as the Financial Administrator for HTS for over 10 years. She has also taught Bible classes at HTS, Sunday school at Harvester, and served in the infant nursery for 20+ years. Her dream ministry would be to hold and love on needy babies in a hospital nursery—she never in a million years considered that her launching pad would be with the birth of her first grandchild! Corinne is frequently seen and heard in the hallways of HTS giving the clarion call "Study Hall or Class!"

Craig Hubler

As the founder and chief instructor of Martial Arts Ministries, Craig is committed to teaching Tae Kwon Do from a Christian worldview void of all Eastern philosophy. He is a third degree Black Belt and has spent the last 17+ years training. With a B.S. in Health and Physical Education, he keeps safety and effectiveness as a priority during all classes. Having taught for over 12 years, he has experience with a wide range of age groups (3-60 years) and enjoys children and adults alike. His goal is that the students will enjoy the challenge and learn perseverance, diligence, and the joy of working with excellence toward the goal.

Stacey Ipsan

Stacey Ipsan graduated from The College of William and Mary in Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English. After ten years in the world of broadcasting and journalism, she retired to stay home with her family. She and her husband of 25+ years, Michael, have homeschooled all four of their children. Cycling through American Literature, Shakespeare, British Literature, and

World Lit, Stacey looks forward to her next year at HTS, studying the classics through a Biblical perspective and sparking in her students a passion for and enjoyment of great literature.

Emily Kriebel

Emily grew up in State College, PA and graduated from Penn State University in 1981 with a degree in Rehabilitation Counseling. During her college summers, she counseled at Pioneer Girls camps in Arizona and Ohio, which led to a job as house mother to 5 little girls at the Presbyterian Home for Children in Black Mountain, NC. While working in NC, she met her husband Wayne at a wedding in State College. They began a long distance courtship, which eventually led to marriage, seven children, and a 20+ year home school adventure. As a family they have been through many dangers, trials, snares, and joys, and the Lord has shown Himself faithful all the way, in spite of their many imperfections. Emily got her feet wet teaching Shurley Grammar for 3 years at HTS and then discovered the wonderful IEW program. She loves getting to know the HTS families and looks forward to a new year of writing adventures!

Scott Larrimore

Scott Larrimore is a 28 year veteran of the US Air Force where he led the development, engineering, acquisition, and operation of many national defense space activities. He holds a Bachelor degree in engineering from Princeton University and graduate degrees from Purdue and George Washington Universities and is professionally certified in Project Management. When not teaching, Scott is an aspiring technology entrepreneur, avid explorer, and volunteer for the Arthritis Foundation. He and his wife, Cindy, have homeschooled their middle-school aged daughter since 2015.

Denise McMullen

Mrs. McMullen is a military wife and mom of two girls (now in middle & junior highschool). Her education includes a B.S. in Biology Education (Messiah College), M.S. in Microbiology (Shippensburg University), with post-grad work in Mathematical Modeling. Before beginning her own homeschooling journey, Mrs. McMullen taught public high school Biology for 14 years, plus served as a Science Olympiad coach & science fair judge. She has also employed her knowledge of Biology working as a dietary aide, microbiologist, and water analysis chemist. Her first church homeschool coop teaching experience was to teach anatomy to K-8th grade students in 2002, and she has served the Body of Christ as a youth group leader, Girls Club leader, VBS teacher, and church nursery volunteer. She looks forward with joy to sharing her passion for Biology with the scholars at HTS, learning more about God through His handiwork. Psalm 104.

Annie Nardone

Annie Nardone is a teacher of young minds, a lover of literature and the arts, and a culinary enthusiast who delights in finding the extraordinary in the midst of the ordinary, taking every opportunity to share her passion for culture, history, and the arts with everyone around her. She sees art museums, Civil War battlefields, colonial graveyards, primary sources, and bizarre food markets as sources of infinite education and possibility—the world is too vast and fascinating to be taken for granted. Having obtained her B.S. in Art and Graphic Design at the University of Wisconsin, Annie has homeschooled her three children, Chloe, Isobel, and Lex since her eldest began preschool in 1995. Since then, she has spent over ten years teaching enrichment classes in science, art, critical thinking, and the humanities at HTS. Annie's newest adventure is pursuing a Masters Degree with the University of Houston. She most recently wrote and photographed a historically accurate cookbook that is published by Bright Ideas Press as a companion volume to *The Mystery of History II*. Annie makes her home in northern Virginia with her husband Sonny and her two younger children, four leopard geckoes, a fish, and an infinite number of books.

Lucy North

Lucy North graduated from Texas A&M University with a BS and MS in Health and Health Education, with undergraduate concentrations in Biology and Chemistry. After 5 years of working in clinical oncology research, she left the working world to move across the country with her Army officer husband (the first of five states, so far) and start a family. They have been married eight years and have three boys, ages 7, 5 and 2, and one aged, world-weary dog. She is looking forward to starting the homeschooling journey with her sons and looks forward to sharing the excitement and wonder of the physical sciences with students at HTS.

Elaine Porter

Elaine graduated from George Washington University in D.C. with a degree in Electrical Engineering, and from St. Thomas Aquinas College in N.Y. with a degree in Mathematics. She worked as an engineer at the Naval Research Laboratory for 15 years. After marrying her husband, Bill, she resigned to raise her three children (Ariana, Nikolas, and Leon). The Porter children attended Trinity Christian School (TCS) in Fairfax until three years ago. Elaine and her husband are homeschooling their sons, while daughter Ariana currently attends WSHS. Elaine taught AP Calculus, Statistics, Pre-Calculus, and Algebra at TCS and Northern Virginia Christian Academy (NVCA) in Fairfax for 13 years and has operated her own tutoring business for 15 years. She has discovered a deep love for teaching math, and believes that this is God's plan for her. Elaine grew up in Nyack, NY, and in Greece. As a result, Elaine speaks, reads, and writes fluently in the Greek language. She holds a first degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do and works part time at Elite Martial Arts in Springfield. She teaches Sunday School and co-chairs the

Missions and the VBC committees at her church, St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church in Falls Church.

Mike Said

Mike received his BS in Engineering from California State University Fullerton and a Master's Degree in Management from Florida Tech. He has worked as a Systems Engineer and Test and Evaluation of Systems professional for the Department of the Navy. Mike desires to instill a knowledge and interest for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) for junior high and high school students. Mike's goal at HTS is to use an Introduction to Engineering class to interest youth in the applied sciences and show them the art and science of building things to make people's lives better. Mike has been married to Paula for over 30 years and they have three children and one grandson, all of whom were homeschooled at some stage in their education. Mike is also a deacon at Harvester PCA and has been involved with other HTS ministries, including serving as HTS' Boy Scout Troop 1318's first ScoutMaster.

Joan Silver

Joan Silver graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a degree in Elementary Education. She has taught in public and private schools, as well as English as a Second Language and adult education. She also homeschooled her three children K-12 and coached competitive speech and debate for nine years. Joan has a passion for ministering to women. She completed Precepts Bible Study Leaders training and enjoys leading Bibles studies and discipling women. She served as the president of the Protestant Women of the Chapel in England and the Philippines. Joan completed Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation lay counseling training and has counseled at the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center in Washington, DC. She served as Harvester PCA's office manager and financial secretary. As an Air Force wife for more than 20 years, Joan spent years living abroad, travelled extensively, and accumulated a wealth of life experiences.

Barb Spinello

Barb Spinello is a homeschool mom of two children, Jessica and Ryan, and has lived in Springfield, Virginia most of her life. She attended Liberty University and graduated with a degree in Elementary Education (NK - 8). For two years after college she was a short-term missionary school teacher for various levels in Loures, Portugal. After Portugal and before becoming a mom she was a middle school math and science teacher at a local Christian school. She has taught math (6th grade math, Pre-Algebra, and Algebra 1) for several years in the classroom as well as privately tutoring and working at a local learning center. Barb has a passion for students to succeed in math and to understand and master the basic concepts in order to be fully prepared for Algebra and beyond.

Cathy Stone

Cathy Stone is the wife of Bob, a retired Army officer, and the mother of five children and grandmother of three boys and one girl. Cathy met her husband at the University of Florida (GO GATORS) where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Journalism. She and Bob have been married for over thirty years and during that time have been stationed abroad and up and down the east coast. She's been a member of Harvester PCA for 15+ years and involved in HTS for many years. She loves teaching children, and homeschooled all five of her own. Her passions in life are her family, drama, college football, hockey (GO CAPS), and coffee.

Jennifer Tricarico

Mrs. Tricarico has three children whose ages range from high school to early elementary. She has taught or co-led womens' Bible studies for over 6 years and has also taught Bible to toddlers up to 8th graders between her church and our HTS community. She is an avid student of the Word herself, completing in-depth studies of almost every book of the Bible over the past 15+ years. Jennifer's passion is prayer for and with youth. Further, Jennifer has had the great privilege of using her gifts in photography and graphic arts to bless yearbook production teams when her children were in private Christian schools and for the years they have been homeschooling with the HTS community. As the "Tools for Successful Math" instructor, Jennifer's zest for life and learning will make even the resistant math student look forward to math games and drills! Jennifer has a Rock-Star drummer for a husband (really), a spoiled dog, and a weakness for all things chocolate. She drives to HTS with too many bags all the way from Fairfax, VA. Jennifer holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in English from Virginia Tech.

Mark Van Gilst

Mark C. Van Gilst retired as a career Federal civil servant from the United States Air Force with 36 years plus of service plus over 4 years as an active duty officer with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. He worked as an engineer and also as a logistics manager for the Air Force, repairing and maintaining various aircraft, engines, and other systems. Also while in the Air Force, he held a number of senior positions. He has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, a Master of Science in Engineering Management for University of Missouri – Rolla, and a Master of Science in Management of National Strategic Resources from Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University. Mark and his bride Carol married in 1977 and they have three children and two granddaughters. Why he wants to teach: tell the children the Gospel, to teach and model what it means to have a personal relationship with God, and a desire for his students to accept Jesus as their Savior with each student having an active personal relationship with God. His approach is to teach how real science, math, history, etc., all show that God does exist and the Bible is

true. Romans 1:20. “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.”

Patty Winske

Patty Winske is a wife to Dan and Mom to Ariyanna, Jillian, Emily, and their pup Brody. She has been homeschooling Jillian and Emily for over three years. She has been home with her girls for fourteen years and has loved every minute of it. Before that, she was a Dental Assistant/Dental Hygienist. Mrs. Winske was a dancer and gymnast in her younger years from elementary through part of high school. She was also on a competitive dance team. Her passions are dancing wherever she is, being silly and fun, her family, and helping women build their confidence by doing Mommy make-overs and playing with make-up.

Susan and Richard Yates

Susan and Richard Yates both attended the University of North Florida where they studied fine arts. Susan received a Bachelor of Arts in Photography and Art History. Richard received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. Together they have combined their creative talents to operate their graphic design studio in Alexandria since 2002. Both Susan and Richard are also exhibiting artists in the area. They currently homeschool their son and have been a part of the HTS community since 2014. Together they bring a unique set of skills from their professional experience in the creative services industry and the fine arts to teach and inspire students to become successful artists.