

Barb McGill found her faith and her passion for faith through children's choirs, children and youth ministry and through faith formation at both the congregational and regional level. Her joy of ministry extends to all ages and stages and to all walks of life. She demonstrates a passion for hospitality and small group ministry through her leadership in faith communities, the London Interfaith Peace Camp, Bridges Out of Poverty Circles Program and through her work with the National Church (Iridesce-The Living Apology Project). Barb has also served congregations as minister of pastoral care.

She holds a Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy and Montessori Teaching Diploma's in both Primary and Elementary. Most recently she completed studies in Diaconal Ministry at the Centre for Christian Studies and continues her studies through the Ontario Jubilee, Spiritual Direction Practicum II.

Barb believes that building respectful, strong and trusting relationships are the foundation of effective ministry, both within the faith community and the surrounding community. She has a warm, authentic and non-anxious presence that has proven effective. She approaches situations with openness, curiosity, and generosity.

Her call to education, spiritual care and social justice is lived out in nurturing the gifts, skills and faith of those around and through engaging these gifts with the ministry of the church, the larger church and the local context. Barb is part of the Ministry Team at First Grantham United Church, serving in full-time ministry. She considers it a privilege to serve alongside the people of First Grantham and the churches in the surrounding community of St. Catharines.

Barb currently lives in St. Catharines with her partner Shawn and has two adult children (Abby and Owen) who currently live in London, ON