

# Voices OF CHERRY LOG

“A friend is one of the nicest things you can have, and one of the best things you can be.”

~Douglas Pagels



**Eileen McRoberts**

Eileen McRoberts was born and raised in Chillicothe, OH. After high school, she married Mac McRoberts. She worked as a medical technician, then spent 25 years in civil service. Eileen and Mac have two grown children: a son and a daughter, and two grandchildren. In the 70's, they bought land in Blue Ridge as an investment, never thinking they would retire there years later.

Eileen visited CLCC one weekend while Mac was away. She loved the friendly people, the choir and Dr. Craddock's sermon. She and Mac joined the church in March, 2003. She has served as Deacon and Greeter. Eileen enjoys hiking, reading and traveling.



**Amado Grabiell**

Born in Havana, Cuba; spent early years in Detroit. Family moved to Florida where he attended high school in Fort Lauderdale then studied marketing at the U of FL. Moved to Atlanta in 1982; met Steven while volunteering at Aid Atlanta; moved to the mountains in 1997. Works with Steven at Blue Ridge Design Workshop while studying Culinary Arts at NGTC to become certified pastry chef. Passionate about all kinds of gardening, dog Luke and creating the perfect french loaf.

CLCC: Attracted by reputation of openness, “Quickest hug I had ever received! A wonderful thing this church has given me is being able to hold onto dogma with light fingers.



**Ellen Grant**

Born in Hawaii to military family; grew up in Charlotte, NC; studied business and art at U of SC; with Atlanta architectural firm 9 years; manufacturing company, Kennestone 9 years where son, Justin was born; owned mountain cabin since 1989; she and Ed began Log Home Business 1997; Justin lost cancer battle 2011 while studying at UGA. Involved in Gilmer Arts, Chamber of Commerce; charter member of and recruiting for local Optimist Club

Hobbies: oil painting, gardening, cooking, ANY arts and crafts, pets Maggie and Pepper

CLCC: McCanns brought them and “we knew [it was right] the minute we walked in the door of the sanctuary”

**Anne Williamson**

Anne Williamson was born in Rockford, IL, the youngest of four children. The family moved to Wisconsin when Anne was 7, then to Florida, where she attended high school and college. After living all over the US, Anne moved to Blue Ridge in 1999 and in 2002, became a realtor with Coldwell Banker High Country Realty, where she met several people who attended CLCC. She visited the church for a while and loved the friendly, “everyone is welcome” atmosphere, so she joined in 2003 and has served as Deacon and Elder.

Anne founded the Blue Ridge Humane Society and has four dogs she calls her own. She enjoys kayaking, reading and spending time with her dogs.

