

## **Sheridan Botts**

Good morning, I am Sheridan Botts. Welcome to East Shore. When I come through the door on Sunday morning, I am greeted warmly by the people by the people here, and in return I greet others warmly. I volunteer as a greeter or usher when I can. When I come into the service, Reverend Maria Cristina's sermons inspire me, give context to an issue, and remind me to be a better person.

I am active in a variety of activities at East Shore, a way to be in small groups to get to know people a little better. I am in the East Shore Outdoors group, a book group, a friendship group, Women's Perspective, and the Seabeck Retreat in May. I volunteer my time and skills. I've been on the Nominating Committee, in the past the Board, Women's Perspective Steering Committee, the Personnel Committee, and I will again be on the Seabeck Planning Committee. I volunteer on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 3:30 here in the church office. I am doing administrative tasks. My favorite is scanning the story for all ages.

I find my friends through church, at East Shore. Most of my friends I met doing the activities and committees here. I am glad that East Shore is here for the day-to-day, week-to-week activities and for the times of crisis. East Shore is where we had our wedding, it is where we had memorial services to celebrate people's lives, and its where we gather when important situations happening in the world, to talk about it, to be comforted, and to commune.

And to have these available, I am glad to not only contribute my time and skills, but to contribute financially. Until very recently, we contributed monthly through deductions from our checking account. We just told Rebecca the amount and she did everything else. Now that I'm retired, we can take money from our tax-deferred accounts twice a year. And again, I just told Rebecca the amount and she communicated with our financial advisor to take care of the rest.

I am glad to be here to support East Shore now and in the future. Thank you.