

## People of United Reformed: Nancy Tanis

**Name:** Nancy Tanis

**Spouse:** widow of Rev. Fred Tanis Jr.

**Years married:** 26 years

**Children:** Peter (33) and Andrew (35)

**Parents:**

Barbara and Walter Hickey

**Siblings:** 2 brothers (Nancy is #1 of course!)



### Favorite Things

**Movie:** Wizard of Oz

**TV Show:** The Waltons

**Book:** The Harry Potter Series

**Kind of Music:** Christian, Country and Pop

**Song:** The Dance by Garth Brooks

**Hobbies:** playing my guitar

**Food:** Hamburgers

**Beverage:** Iced Tea

**When I have a day off the thing I**

**most like to do is** listen to mu-

sic—favorites include The Carpenters, John Denver, Vince Gill, and Chris Tomlin.



**My idea of a perfect vacation is** either being in the country or visiting my grandchildren.

### **Favorite Childhood**

**Memory:** When I was young I came running down the stairs and my mother said "Hold your horses!" I said "I can't! I'm holding me pocky-book!"



**One of the best things that ever happened to me** was meeting Fred at Luther College in Teaneck, NJ. Our love grew and we married 6 years later.

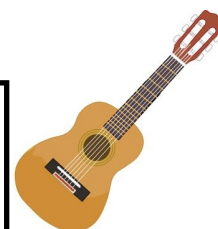
**One of the funniest things that ever happened to me** was when Fred and I were vacationing on Cape Cod. The sun was bright so I put on my sunglasses. Fred turned to me and said "Is that better?" And I said "Yes." He said "Too bad one of your lenses is missing!"



**One of the hardest things I ever had to face** was losing my husband at a early age.

**Something that very few people know about me is** that I entered a variety show on a Royal Caribbean cruise and sang a solo, "Over the Rainbow" with a live band and I received a notable mention—what a thrill!!

**If I had my dream job:** I'd be a back up singer for a musical group or a strolling mu-



Below: Nancy with Andrew and Peter, Laura and Janine and 'Nana's Girls'



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### Faith and Church Information

**Favorite Scripture:** Psalm 100:1 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

**Favorite Hymn:** Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Church's One Foundation, My Tribute

**Favorite Praise Song:** We Will Glorify, To God Be the Glory, Because He Lives

**Favorite URC memory:** Finding out I was related to the Herrschap family on my father's side.

**What first brought you to United?** Fred received a call from the Search Committee about the position as Minister of the Word.

**You have been influential serving on consistory and on varying committees—what would you say has been your biggest impact to your church family?** When I was called to serve as Elder and as Handbell Director.



**The thing I most appreciate about United** is the bond that we have here. Knowing that others here care and will support and pray for you during the good times and the bad times.

**Who had the biggest influence in shaping your faith and why?** My parents. They had a strong faith and passed it on to my brothers and I. They put God first in our home.

**The thing that God is teaching me right now is** how to listen to him when I pray. God wants me to have a closer relationship with him.

**My biggest question/doubt about my faith is** when God wants to lead me in a new direction and I need to be open to change.

**What difference has God made in your life?** God led me to many Christians who have helped shape my life—good people who were put in my life to encourage me and to show me how to better serve Jesus. I am more confident in sharing my faith and I continue to grow in my faith. God has put a song in my heart and has given me the voice to "make a joyful noise to the Lord." Music has been a special gift and I love to sing and praise God for his love.

Right:  
Nancy  
with her  
mother,  
Barbara  
Left: the  
early  
dating  
days of  
Nancy  
and Pas-  
tor Fred

