



Rev. Kyewoon Choi, Pastor.

Born and raised in South Korea, he came to America in 1985 with his newly married wife Sunwoo. He studied Economics in a Ph.D. program at Michigan State University for the next two years. Then, he graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ, in 1990 with an M.Div. Before he came to Manahawkin, he served God's people in two congregations: one in Michigan for seven years and the other in Little Silver, NJ for sixteen years, all in cross-cultural and cross-racial settings. Having a heart for local parish ministry, he is actively involved in mission trips with both youth and adults.



Lisa Mower, Preschool Director.

I began working as a teacher's assistant in a Pre-K class in 1988. I continued to work in the summer camp program throughout college and during my years as librarian at St. Catherine's School in Spring Lake. After only a few years, I left St. Catherine's to go back to the preschool as Pre-K teacher. My degree is in Library Science but my heart is in the preschool. I came to Manahawkin Methodist in 2008 after 3 years at home with my daughter.



Stephen and Wayzeta Strouse, Co-Music Directors.

Stephen and Wayzeta have been residents of the Manahawkin area for thirty five years. They met their Freshman year at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. Recently retired, they have each dedicated over 36 years to children, teaching music in the public schools. They have previously served as music directors at area churches, including Ocean Community Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian Church of Toms River and Forked River United Methodist Church.