

Steve Manecke, Administrative Elder

Steve and Rebecca Manecke are both from Wisconsin, and were childhood family friends. Steve moved to Indiana in 1970, graduated from the Indiana University Southeast in Business Management, became a CPA, served on the board of directors of First Independence Bank for 10 years, and recently retired after 40 years of starting, managing and selling physician practices throughout the United States. He currently enjoys seeing people become in tune with managing their finances God's way, as a Certified Budget Trainer for Crown Financial Ministries. He has worked with discernment and healing people's inner pain after receiving training from Presbyterian Reformed Ministries. He is a board member of HOPE Southern Indiana and has served as Secretary/Treasurer on the board of Return Ministries since its inception in 2015. Working as an integral part of managing church business and ministering to people, he has seen his life verse realized, "All things work together for good to those that love God and to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). Being given only a few months to live in 2002, he is still glorifying God with his life today!

Rebecca Manecke, was raised a Lutheran, and at nine, she had an encounter with the Holy Spirit that changed her life from just knowing about Jesus, to dynamically experiencing Him living through her. She has shared His power and love for over 50 years in leading people into God's counsel, prayer, discipleship, and worship. She has been a Certified Chaplain, Certified Life Coach, Inner Healing Minister, and completed a two-year Bible Training from Spiritual Life Training Center, Brooklyn Park, MN. She is a Graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Stout in Vocational Rehabilitation, Business, been a Certified Disability Management Specialist and owned/operated a vocational rehabilitation company for over 20 years, providing counseling, medical management and job placement for those with physical and mental challenges. Her greatest joy is seeing people come to freedom from bondages by knowing God's truth and being enlightened to live out their unique identity, that Jesus gives them, by hearing His voice. She lives knowing Jesus says, "My grace is sufficient for you [My lovingkindness ... is more than enough—always available—regardless of the situation]; for [My] power is being perfected [... shows itself most effectively] in [your] weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9 AMP)

Steve and Rebecca enjoy entertaining, sharing time with family and friends, gardening, building, and traveling. They are wonderfully blessed by their son, daughter-in-law and two granddaughters.