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Debbie Schmidt lives in Baltimore, Maryland with her husband, John, who is the Senior Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church. Debbie is a 'professional volunteer,' working with the women's ministry at Central and training volunteers for HopeSprings, an HIV/AIDS related ministry. She is also a past president of Presbyterians for Renewal.

Debbie's teaching ministry has been shaped by the years she spent with her husband working with college students in

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, by her experience as a missionary with the PCUSA in Japan for ten years, and by her role as a pastor's wife. The common denominator for her in all those experiences has been teaching the Bible in small groups and leading and teaching at retreats. As a wife, the mother of grown and married children, and a grandmother, she brings her own life experiences to bear on her teaching as she tries to make the Word of God clear and applicable to daily life.

Debbie enjoys walking in her neighborhood, knitting, and spending time with friends. She will also jump at any opportunity to go dancing with her husband!

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