



## Maureen Marwick, 2018

Maureen is being honored today for her remarkable sense of welcome and hospitality, and for providing access to smaller group opportunities within the Women's Alliance. These efforts have had a marked effect of expanding the membership of the Women's Alliance to over 120 women.

Born in Edinburgh, Maureen's life was impacted by World War II with the death of her father, one of the first Spitfire pilots in 1939. Then, when she was 20 years old, her mother died suddenly and unexpectedly. She moved to London, where she began a career in women's magazines as a secretary to an art director at *Woman's Own*. After her move to New York City, her career culminated in editorial positions at magazines such as *Vogue* and *McCall's*. Her first assignments in the U.S. were to "British-based" events such as the opening of *My Fair Lady* and a Beatles Tour. Then she moved on to high-profile editorial positions.

Retiring in 1997, the year she joined All Souls, Maureen brought her energy, sense of style, and welcome to the Women's Alliance and many congregational events – whether providing flowers for the tables or attracting interest through organizing smaller groups to outings such as movies, the Bronx Zoo, the South Street Seaport, or the home of Alexander Hamilton. In 2015, she received the Deacon's Award for volunteer services to All Souls, a reflection of her energy and success in creating many events for the congregation... and she continues to do so. To quote Maureen: "I have been very lucky in coming to the USA when I did, but maybe I have been luckiest since my retirement, in becoming a member of the All Souls family."