

James McGowan

When attending any athletic event at Martinsburg High School there is one person you will always encounter. Prior to selling tickets and running the clock for varsity football and basketball games Jim started his volunteer services with the jv level and holding the “sticks” as part of the “chain crew”. Prior to MHS getting turf he prepared the field for all football and soccer games. Jim has been a part of Martinsburg High School Athletics for 29 years.

Jim retired from General Motors after 30 years of service giving him the opportunity to devote more time to Martinsburg High School and his beloved bulldogs.

Jim is very active in his community. He has been a War Memorial park Board member for ten years; Shenandoah Community Health Center board of directors for 14 years and Civitan member for 15 years where he has held numerous offices and Eastern Panhandle Transit Authority board for 34 years where he has also served many offices. He was also very instrumental in reviving the Mountain State Apple Harvest Festival 30 years ago.

He has been an active member of Saint Luke’s United Methodist Church for over 50 years. He has held numerous offices with the church and is the current chairman of the Staff/Parish relations committee.

Jim has been married to Loretta Collins McGowan for 48 years. They are the proud parents of one daughter, Susan. She along with her husband Jay Fields are both alumni of Martinsburg High School as well as employees at MHS. The biggest joy of Jim’s life is his grandson, Brady, who has big plans of being a 2020 Martinsburg High School graduate.

Jim McGowan MHS is you!