

Pastor Nominating Committee Biographies

Patty Baum Haydon joined UPC in 2009 and has



been active in the Young Adults group. She has led small groups in the Presbyterian Campus Ministry, is a former member and Chair of the Congregational Life Committee, was an Elder in the Class of 2015, was a confirmation

mentor, and ushers when called. She and Alan Haydon were married on June 9 at UPC! Patty is excited to serve the church and congregation in a way that will enable her to use some of the parallel skills employed in her position as Senior Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions at UNC-Chapel Hill.

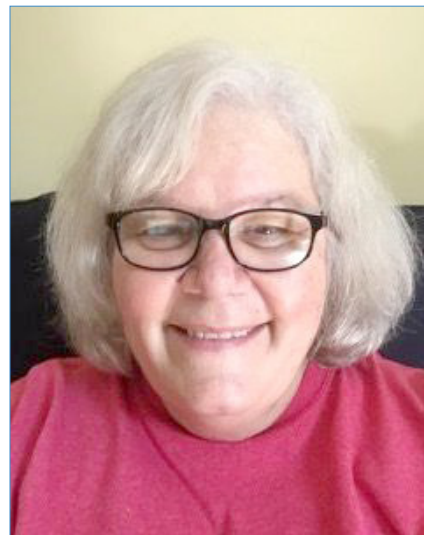
Brian Curran appreciates the preaching, the musical programming, and the sense of community that is present at UPC. He enjoys the depth and breadth of programming that is available for youth and adults and appreciates our excellent staff. He has served two terms on the Session and one as a Deacon. As well



as being a Presbyterian Youth Connection advisor with his wife Claire for several years, he has helped on numerous middle and high school trips and co-taught a confirmation class. He and Claire have a daughter, Deirdre, and joined UPC in 1994. Brian is a member of the Mosaic and Lux Libertas Masonic

Lodges and is a board member of both Habitat for Humanity of Orange Co. and the South Orange Rescue Squad. He also serves on the Conflict of Interest committee for UNC-CH. Brian served in the US Navy and for the town of Chapel Hill in the Parks and Recreation Department and the Police Department. He retired as Chief of Police. He believes that a commitment to a church encompasses answering a call when it comes and is humbled by the opportunity to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Carolyn Karpinos has served the church and the community in many ways. She joined UPC in 2010. After a trip to Haiti, she joined the Global Outreach Committee and has served as Chair, as well as working closely with both General and Local Outreach. She has been a confirmation



mentor, worked with the Presbyterian Youth Connection Justice League group, finds time to volunteer in the church office, and currently serves on the Session. Most recently, she was a member of the Mission Study Team and looks forward to serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee. Carolyn loves many aspects of UPC and is appreciative that there are many programs and avenues for faith enrichment to appeal to everyone in one way or another. She and her husband Ralph raised three sons, and during those years she was involved in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools PTA and the Public-School Foundation and volunteered for Meals on Wheels. She is a retired attorney and currently volunteers at the Carrboro refugee support center, is a conflicts attorney for the guardian ad-litem program, and is a legal aid volunteer attorney. Additionally, Carolyn taught Piano and Keyboard Theory at the North Carolina School of the Arts and at the University of South Carolina, and she played professionally for over 10 years.

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Mary Ellen Olson and her husband Michael joined UPC in 1994.



Their sons Ian and Andrew both had wonderful experiences growing up at UPC and enjoyed all the youth programs. Mary Ellen served for over 20 years on local PTA boards, volunteered at

PTA Thrift shops, and was a board member of a local swim and racquet club. At UPC, she has served as an Elder and recently served as Clerk of Session. She is also currently the moderator of the Presbyterian Women and a co-leader of Circle 5. She has taught Sunday School, directed Vacation Bible School, and volunteered at the Advent Craft Festival. She participated on the Appalachia Service Project mission trips for several years and has served on numerous committees, including most recently being a member of the Transition Team. Prior to raising her children and committing herself to volunteer work, she worked as a research biologist. Mary Ellen hopes this involvement will serve her well as she joins the Pastor Nominating Committee in its important transition work.

Scott Singleton and his wife Jen joined UPC in



2004. They have two sons, Matt and Josh, who have grown up in the church. Scott loves UPC and feels as if its members are truly his extended family. Since joining, Scott has been involved in Local Outreach, served on the

Presbyterian Campus Ministry Board, served on the Stewardship Committee, served on the Transition Team, taught Sunday School and confirmation class, has served as both Deacon and Elder, and volunteers with UPC choirs and at Montreat. Most recently, he chaired the Mission Study Team. Professionally, Scott is an Associate Professor and Vice Chair of the Division of Chemical Biology and Medicinal Chemistry at UNC-Chapel Hill. He is looking forward to serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee and hopes his experiences on the Transition and Mission Study Teams will be of some benefit to the process.

Karen Vandersea and her husband Brian joined UPC in 2004.



She appreciates the vibrancy and sense of family at UPC and the abundance of opportunities for spiritual growth. She and Brian have three daughters—Rachel, Caroline, and Sarah—who are all involved

in children's, youth, and middle school programs. Karen has served the church in many ways, including serving as Vacation Bible School planning team member and Chair, as well as VBS volunteer. She was on the Congregational Retreat planning team and volunteered as a confirmation mentor. She has been a member of the Membership Committee and Congregational Life Committee, and she was a member and Co-Chair on the Parents of Young Presbyterians Sub-committee and the Stewardship Committee. She has taught Sunday school, served as the Youth and Children's Co-Director during the Faith Forward Campaign, and was a member of Session. Her work experience includes teaching calculus and Spanish, working as a bilingual Spanish interpreter, and working for a math and curriculum development startup. Karen is honored to be asked to serve on the PNC and for the prospect of having an active role in the process.

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Hank Waters served in his former church as an Elder and as choir member. Since joining UPC in 2007, he has served on the Local Outreach Committee and the Congregational Retreat planning team. He currently serves on the Stewardship Committee and is a member of the Session, class of 2018. He enjoys participating in the local Ray Kaighn Men's Discussion Group, and he



and his wife Judie are enthusiastic members of the Chancel Choir. They have four children: Julie, Bryan, Beth, and Lee. Hank retired from the US Army after a 30-year career in the Medical Service Corps, serving in deployable medical forces, as Chief of Staff for the US Army's European and Medical Command, and ending his career as Chief of Staff for the Army Surgeon General. Hank looks forward to the honor and privilege of serving on the committee to help the future and sustainment of UPC.

Bill Whisenant and his wife Kelly have been UPC members since 1990. Their children Alison and Ross both had wonderful experiences growing up attending UPC. Bill has served in many capacities, including teaching Sunday School, serving as a member of the Session for one term, and serving as Chair of the Administration Committee and the Board of Trustees. Additionally,



he held leadership roles in the last two capital campaigns. He is currently the Assistant Treasurer for UPC. Bill is a former member of the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, and Public School Foundation, and he coached in YMCA and Rec leagues. He is a past President and current member of East Chapel Hill Rotary and works in the UNC Medicine Development Office and has experience fundraising for the School of Medicine at UNC Hospitals. Bill looks forward to being part of a group that does as good a job as the last pastor search committee.

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