

# University Presbyterian Church Nominating Committee Report

Presented at the  
Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, September 29, 2019, at Noon

**The nominees in this report are presented by the Nominating Committee  
to serve the congregation of University of Presbyterian Church.**

## **Elder, Class of 2022**

(see pages 1-2)

Mellicent Blythe  
Katherine Bouldin  
Jeff Howard  
Alison Kavanaugh  
Ken Krzyzewski  
Vicki Lotz  
Laura Piver  
Virginia Pridgen\*  
Lee White

\*Youth, one-year term

## **Deacon, Class of 2022**

(see pages 3-4)

Lee Ann Buck  
Mickey Herrin  
Chuck Osborne  
Ken Pearce  
Bill Sanford  
Katherine Savage  
Josh Singleton\*  
Jim Snapper  
Kristen Stewart  
Tracy Woody

**The 2019 Nominating Committee puts forth the following names  
to serve on the Nominating Committee 2021 terms:**  
**Class of 2021:** Nancy Pfaltzgraff, Matt Marvin, Elizabeth Gibson, Jean Lusted

We recognize and thank the Nominating Committee for their work in identifying such a capable group of nominees. A special thank you to the current committee who worked together to write the short biographies of the nominees in this report.

## **Current Nominating Committee 2019-2020**

Woody Burns, Melinda Evans, Elizabeth Gibson, Jay Klomp maker, Jean Lusted,  
Tracy Lovelady, Nancy Oates, Nancy Pfaltzgraff, Matt Marvin

**Staff Liaison:** Kim McNeill

**“I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID TO ME,  
LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD!”**

**~PSALM 122:1**

## Nominees For Elder Class of 2022



**Mellicent Blythe:** Mellicent has a deep appreciation for UPC's pastors and staff, programs and preaching, and the people who have become her church family. She is grateful for their generosity and outreach in the church and local community and beyond. She recognizes that she shares in the responsibility of keeping UPC moving

forward. Since joining the church nearly 15 years ago, she has taught Sunday School and belonged to the Mental Health Task Force. Her committee involvements have included Outreach, Children and Youth, and Adult Education. A licensed clinical social worker, Mellicent is an implementation specialist with the N.C. Child Treatment Program and a clinical assistant professor at the UNC School of Social Work. She also volunteers with the Compass Center for Women and Children. She and her husband, John Blythe, have two teenage children, Anna and Will.



**Katherine Bouldin:** Katherine joined UPC with her parents Tom and Betty Bouldin in 1992. She and Brian Sugg celebrated their marriage at UPC in 2017. Katherine currently works as an accountant with Deloitte. Having grown up and been confirmed in the church, she is immensely grateful for the guidance and role models provided

by all the outstanding ministers and leaders of the church. Katherine notes that her participation in the Children's and Youth Choirs, and spring musicals were a highlight of her childhood. She enjoyed serving as the youth representative on the search committee for our Minister of Music, Tom Brown. She is especially appreciative of the many intergenerational friendships she has formed at UPC whom along with the ministers and leaders she credits with helping her grow spiritually. Katherine is currently a member of the Administrative Committee and looks forward to additional service opportunities as a Session member.



**Jeff Howard:** Jeff has been involved with UPC since he was a child. He was baptized and confirmed at UPC and was also a member of the Children's, Junior, and Youth Choirs, as well as PYC. Now Jeff and his wife, Amelia, are raising children of their own at UPC. Kelsey is four years old and Tucker is

less than one year old. Jeff has served UPC in many capacities through the years: teaching Sunday School, serving on the Outreach Committee and as a Trustee, and volunteering with the Appalachian Service Project (as a youth and adult) at least 10 times. Jeff serves our broader community as a captain with the City of Durham Fire Department and as owner/operator of Central Carolina Home Inspections. Jeff welcomes the chance to serve the UPC faith community once more as an Elder.



**Alison Kavanaugh:** UPC is truly a family to Alison, her husband, Patrick, and their three children, Maisy, Charles, and Ella. They value the church members and staff as people who enrich their lives with their love, friendship, and help and who provide their children with a place where they can be known, welcomed, and accepted

as they grow up. Alison is dedicated to giving back in some way to the church home that has nurtured her since she was a campus ministry student here. She is thrilled to be part of the leadership of this wonderful church as we grow into our new phase of church life with our new pastoral staff. Alison has served as a Sunday School teacher, elder, Montreat trip leader, Godly Play storyteller, VBS volunteer, and more! Alison is a Pediatrician and UNC Pediatrics at Southpoint and Adjunct Assistant Professor with the Department of Pediatrics, UNC School of Medicine.



**Ken Krzyzewski:** Ken is looking forward to being able to give back to our church family that has given so much to him and his family. Ken and his wife, Marsha, have been members of UPC since 1997 and have one son Jacob (Jake) who is 22. Ken loves the people, space, music, and splendid organ of UPC and has made many lasting

friendships at UPC that he deeply cherishes. Ken is involved with many UPC activities: Stephen Minister, handicap parking assistant, trustee, usher, ASP, and Confirmation Mentor. During his Volunteer Day in December, 2018, he painted the hallway leading to the lower floor of Dunham Hall! Outside of the church, he has been involved in Scouting (Den Leader), HOA Treasurer, and coaching basketball. He was a former member of St. Joseph's in Endicott, NY. He has been employed for the last 20 years at Cisco in RTP and is currently a Manager (Technical Support).

## Nominees For Elder Class of 2022, cont.



**Vicki Lotz:** Vickie has been a member of UPC since 2007. Prior to joining UPC, she attended various local churches, as well as First Presbyterian Church and Trinity Methodist Churches in Gainesville, Florida. She likes the many opportunities UPC offers for community service and for personal spiritual enrichment. She has served as a Deacon,

Stephen Minister, PWC Coordinating Council member, VBS volunteer, Nominating Committee member, and Mission Study Team member, which have afforded her opportunities to interact with church members of all ages. She volunteers at the SECU Family House, UNC Hospitals, and the Chapel Hill-Carboro City Schools. She was led to serve as an Elder as she feels the next few years will be exciting times for our church as we change leadership and will be a challenging opportunity to be a part of our spiritual growth in determining God's call for us both in our community and among ourselves. Vicki is retired from her job as Associate Director, University Career Services at UNC, and she has two daughters Corrie (44) and Laci (42).



**Laura Piver:** Laura has lived in Chapel Hill for over 50 years and has been a member of UPC since 1974 (she thinks!). Previously, she was baptized, confirmed and married at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., and has been a member of Hamburg Presbyterian Church in Hamburg, NY and another local church. Laura has three adult children: Michael, Alan, and Sarah, all of whom "grew up" in UPC. She has been an Elder twice before, once serving as Clerk of Session; co-chair of the Every Member Canvass; and a Trustee. She has served on one of our Search Committees, as the Communion Prep Chair, and on the Re-imagining the UPC Garden Committee. Outside of the church, Laura has been active in Project Graduation, the P.E.O. sisterhood, and the UNC School of Nursing Alumni Board. Her career as a nurse includes working at UNC Hospital's Medicine/Surgery Outpatient Clinic; the NC Sudden Infant Death Counseling Project; Chapel Hill Family Medicine; and Comprehensive Family Medicine. She feels that UPC is a caring church, one that has been a vital part of her life during times of both joy and sadness. She loves the impact our youth programs have on our young people and believes that UPC is a leader in both our community and our denomination. She looks forward to being of service to UPC during this time of transition by lending some historical perspective and by representing her generation.



**Virginia Pridgen (Youth):** Virginia loves the community of our church family and the respect, love, and care we extend to one another as we learn and grow in our faith. Virginia is extremely honored to have been nominated as an Elder of the church for 2019-2020 saying, "I am always looking for a way to give back to people who do

so much for me all the time. I cannot wait to dedicate my time and energy to improve the lives of others." Virginia was confirmed in 2017 after joining UPC with her family in 2014. She attends regularly with her parents, Dallas Pridgen and Kristen Parks, and her sister, Bess. Virginia participates in Sunday School, youth musicals, Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC), the PYC Justice League small Group, and the recently formed UPC Earth Care Team. Outside of the church, you can find Virginia volunteering with PORCH, El Futura, or UNC hospitals and running or swimming in her spare time. Virginia attends Chapel Hill High School where she runs cross country and participates in track and Students for El Flores Club.



**Lee White:** Lee and his wife, Julie, have been members of UPC for the past 15 years, having lived in the triangle area his entire life. They have two sons, David and Charlie. He has been very active at UPC as a Sunday School teacher, committee co-chair for the Faith Forward Campaign, service volunteer, and confirmation mentor. He has also been a part of the Appalachia Service Project for eight years. Lee is excited about working with Jarrett and Meg, our new pastoral leaders, as they set the new vision for UPC. He really enjoys the community of friends at UPC and shares this passion with his children, teaching them the importance of community.

## Nominees For Deacon Class of 2022



**Lee Ann Buck:** Lee Ann has been an active member of UPC for the past 18 Years. She has been a deacon, elder, and Sunday School teacher, and most recently, she has been organizing and serving communion. She lives in Chapel Hill with her husband, Scott. They have two adult children, Ben and Evan. Her passion for our church includes

the Appalachia Service Project, cooking at Montreat Youth Conference, and serving communion. She loves the music, sermons, Vacation Bible School, and the amazing preschool where she is a teacher. Lee Ann looks forward to contributing to the spirit of our community serving as a deacon.



**Mickey Herrin:** Mickey was baptized at UPC soon after birth when his parents lived in Chapel Hill while his dad was in law school at UNC. He attended college at UNC and moved back to Chapel Hill with his family in 2007. It's really fun for him to have come full circle when his family joined UPC in 2016. He loves the friendly staff and

members at UPC and the entire feeling and theme of "Welcome." Mickey had been wanting to become more involved as a member of UPC and is happy to have this opportunity. He grew up in the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, NC, and was a member and deacon at another local church. Earlier this year, he served as a Confirmation Mentor and really enjoyed the process. He was a former member of the Board of Directors of Project Graduation in Durham, NC. Mickey and his wife, Beth, have three children: Lily, Mick, and Ava. All three children went through confirmation at UPC, and they are thankful for their excellent confirmation mentors! Mickey is Vice President with Legal Affairs at SportsMEDIA Technology Corporation in Durham.



**Chuck Osborne:** Chuck and his wife, Christie, have been members at UPC for almost 20 years. Prior to that, they were members at First Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Ga. Their three sons, Chad (19), Nicholas (17), and Jonathan (17), were all baptized and confirmed at UPC. It has been a joy for

Chuck and Christie to watch their sons grow and thrive with the love and support of their church family. Chuck is Chief Financial Officer for Polarean Imaging. When not working, he coaches youth basketball with CH Parks and Rec, is treasurer at Sigma Chi House Corporation at UNC, and is a founding member of the Research Triangle Park CFO Forum. He is particularly excited about the future of UPC with new pastoral leadership, and as an almost empty nester, he's looking forward to getting more involved in the church. Chuck said, "The church has given so much to our family that I would love the opportunity to be able to give back to the other members of our church family."



**Ken Pearce:** Ken has once again said "yes" when the church called him to serve as deacon. He completed his prior term in 2010. A research professor at UNC's Eshelman School of Pharmacy and a member of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, Ken has found a sense of community and fellowship at UPC. Since joining the

church in 2003, he has taught Sunday School, chaperoned at Montreat, and participated in Appalachia Service Project trips. He and his wife, Charlotte (who completed a term as deacon in 2017), have a daughter, Hunter, and two sons, Garrett and Luke. When his children were playing sports, he coached youth baseball, basketball, and soccer.



**Bill Sanford:** Bill and his family have lived in Chapel Hill for 10 years and have been members of UPC since 2010. Bill and his wife, Katie, have three children: Clara (6), Davey (4), and Billy (2). Bill thinks our pastors and the music program are great, but he particularly appreciates the church's programs for children. Before joining UPC, Bill and

his family were members of St. Albans Episcopal Church in Annandale, VA, and another local church. Bill was involved in Habitat for Humanity and food pantry activities at his previous churches and has served as an Assistant Sunday School Teacher at UPC. Bill is a Cardiology Physician Assistant at Duke University Hospital. He is looking forward to his role as Deacon.

## Nominees For Deacon Class of 2022, cont.



**Katherine Savage:** Katherine joined UPC in 1966 and then helped to establish the Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill. She rejoined UPC in 1990. Katherine has served as an elder, Stephen Minister, and member of the Local Outreach Committee, AIDS Care Team, Pastor Nominating Committee, and multiple Mission Trip teams. She remains an active member of the Chancel Choir. Katherine has also served on various boards in the schools and the community, including the Orange County Board of Elections and Chapel Hill's first Human Services Advisory Board. At present, she is an election official in her precinct and just completed a term on the Carol Woods Residents Council. Her career has focused primarily on teaching from middle school to college), research, and writing, and she continues to do freelance editing and proofing. She and her husband, Toby, have three adult children and eight grandsons. Katherine said she "loves UPC's support of everyone regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey." She is motivated to serve as a deacon to continue her interest in person-to-person ministry.



**Josh Singleton (Youth):** Josh loves the welcoming nature of UPC, saying, "The congregation of UPC reaches out in every way to make sure all are included, loved, and supported." Josh has grown up at UPC, was baptized in 2004, and was confirmed in 2017. He is excited about serving as a deacon and sharing the love and support he has received from his church family with others, noting "God calls us to follow in his ways of love, kindness, and helpfulness." Josh attends regularly with his family—his parents, Scott and Jenn Singleton and his brother, Matt. He participates in the Youth Choir, Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC), and Sunday School. He has also served on the Youth Ministries Committee and more recently, the Choir Director Nominating Committee to help recommend Kathleen Jasinkis as Director of Children's and Youth Choirs. In his free time, you will find Josh singing at Carrboro High School or playing and coaching Ultimate Frisbee.



**Jim Snapper:** Jim is a cradle Presbyterian and came to UPC in 1998. When asked what he loves about this church, Jim said, "UPC is my church home and church family. It is filled by people I respect and trust who exemplify lives lived following the teachings of Jesus. It is a place to find comfort while being

challenged to do more...a place for learning, music, solace, comfort, and hope." Jim has served UPC as an usher and offering steward and by helping to teach the occasional adult education class. He has a passion for Haiti and does regular trips there. He has also traveled with UPC to Guatemala. Most recently, Jim has served on the Congregational Retreat Committee, participated in the Men's Breakfast group, and taught adult education classes. He's married to Joyce Tenny and has two adult children, Emily and Sophie. Jim is the Consultant Professor of Medicine at Duke University School of Medicine and the Duke Asthma, Allergy, and Airway Center. He will soon celebrate 50 years in medicine.



**Kristen Stewart:** Kristen has been a member of UPC since 2003. She and her husband, Davin, have one daughter, Ada, who is a rising eighth grader at Phillips Middle School. At UPC, Kristen has served on the Children's and Youth Ministries Committee, including chairing the Sunday School recruitment and Nursery Sub-committees. She has volunteered at Vacation Bible School and Montreat and has served as a Small Group leader for PYC. In the community, Kristen has held leadership positions in PTAs and School Improvement Teams. Kristen feels she has received unanticipated blessings from her involvement at UPC: new friendships, exposure to new ideas, and opportunities to contribute to our faith community. She anticipates that in serving as a deacon, she will once again be surprised by grace in ways she has yet to discover.



**Tracy Woody:** Tracy has been a member at UPC since 2014. She leads Presbyterian Women's Circle 1 at UPC and is involved with and has led various adult education classes. Through these and other activities, she has found a strong sense of community and a positive push beyond her comfort zones. She also appreciates the amazing support for youth and the ministry of the choir at UPC. Tracy feels that God is leading her to serve on many levels—that is what led her to accept the nomination to serve as deacon for UPC. Tracy has two boys, Sam Ostrow (13) and Carson Ostrow (10). Tracy is an independent consultant in the biotech/pharmaceutical field. Prior to moving to Chapel Hill, she was a member at Blowing Rock Presbyterian where her kids were baptized and where she served on the board of the church preschool.



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