

# University Presbyterian Church

## Nominating Committee Report

Presented at the Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, August 29, 2021  
11:00 am

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

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.

*Nominating Committee 2020-2021:* Nancy Pfaltzgraff, Jean Lusted, Woody Burns, Patty Baum, Chelsey McElwee, Erin Kent, Elizabeth Gibson, Lee Scott, Matt Marvin, Donna VanEngen  
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# Elders, Class of 2024



**Mary Bozynski** loves how members of UPC support, give, and serve both each other and others in need (locally and globally). The mother of two teens and wife of Mark, Mary has been active in many of the church's activities. She's been a VBS group leader, Sunday School teacher, Women's Retreat planning team member, IFC chili dinner cook, Advent workshops leader, part of the tech crew for choir musicals, UPPS Committee member, small group leader, confirmation mentor, Montreat Music and Worship Conference

chaperone, Congregational Retreat planning committee member, Youth Subcommittee member, and member of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Professionally, she is a preschool teacher at UPPS. Despite her busy life, Mary said yes to serving as an elder because it will help her keep growing in her faith and give more meaning to her life as a Christian.



**Carolyn Karpinos** is grateful to be asked to serve as an Elder. She has been involved in numerous ways at UPC: as a small group leader for PYC, a member of the Mission Study Team and Pastor Nominating Committee, a Ruling Elder in the Class of 2018, and as part of the global and local outreach committees. She says, "the act of joining together with so many extraordinary souls to be part of a vibrant community of faith is one of the most joyful and affirming parts of my life." Carolyn has served the community in a

variety of ways, including the Board of Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation, Board of Family Violence Prevention Center, and Volunteer at the Refugee Support Center. She retired as an attorney who practiced law in Chapel Hill from 1995 to 2009. Before that she also taught piano, keyboard, and music theory and performed at Salem College and North Carolina School of the Arts. Carolyn is also a proud mother and grandma.



**Jay Klompemaker** loves everything about UPC: the staff, the facilities, the programs, the warmth of the congregation, and the profound influence it has had on his and his family's faith. Jay and his wife Mary Ann moved to Chapel Hill 49 years ago and joined UPC in 1972. Over the years Jay has served as an Elder, on the Nominating Committee, the Stewardship Committee, as Stewardship Campaign Chairman, Associate Pastor Search Committee Chairman, and UPPS Treasurer. When asked why he said yes to serving as elder this time, Jay

said, "This church has meant so much to me that it is only right and proper that I give much back." In the community, Jay serves on the Chapel Hill YMCA Board of Directors, Secretary of UNC Education Foundation Board of Directors, President of Extraordinary Ventures Board of Directors, President of the Oaks Homeowners Association, Chapel Hill Country Club Board of Directors, and Governor's Sports Development Commission. Jay and Mary Ann have three adult daughters: Susan Veazy, Caroline Klompemaker, and Elizabeth Moshier (who's also a member at UPC with her husband Mark and daughter Bella).



**Adam Lovelady** is honored and looking forward to serving UPC as an Elder. Adam, and his wife Tracy, have been members of UPC since 2014 after moving to Chapel Hill. Adam has previously been involved in churches in Virginia and Alabama. Adam loves the UPC community and how it has shown their family Christ's love in so many ways. Adam has been involved at UPC as a Godly Play and Sunday School teacher, Nominating Committee member and Vacation Bible School Volunteer. Adam wanted to become an Elder because, "in thinking

about UPC I think about the countless hands and hearts that make the many ministries possible. As I prayerfully considered the call, it was clear that this is one small way for me to serve and give back." Outside of church, Adam is an Assistant Professor in the UNC School of Government and enjoys spending time with his family which includes Tracy, Carter (12), Benjamin (10) and Andrew (5).



**Isabella "Bella" Moshier \*** has lived in Chapel Hill for her entire 16 years, was confirmed in 2019, and baptized in 2005 at UPC. Bella loves that UPC feels like a family and that everyone is inclusive and welcoming. Bella says, "When I heard I was invited to be the youth elder, I was honored that the nominating committee thought of me and believed I was responsible and knowledgeable enough to serve." Bella has been part of the choir program, PYC, a VBS volunteer, and a Montreat camper. More recently, she has organized a new council for the

church: the Youth Engagement Council. At school, East CHHS, Bella participates in many clubs such as the Be Loud Sophie Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, and the math team. Outside of school she is a dancer at Barriskill Dance Theater School and a member of the YMCA leaders club. Bella is the daughter of Elizabeth Moshier and Mark Moshier.

*\*youth elder, one-year term*



**Mike Olson** is pleased and excited to have been nominated to serve as an Elder at UPC. When he and his wife, Mary, moved to Chapel Hill in 1993, it wasn't long before they found UPC. They've always felt welcomed and found meaningful ways to participate in the life of the congregation. His two sons (Ian and Andrew) participated in a variety of UPC youth programs. He's been an active participant in seven summer trips with ASP and worked to organize ushers for Sunday services and Christmas/Easter services while serving on the Music and

Worship Committee, as well as serving many times as an usher. During his time at UPC, he has also served two terms as a Deacon. Recently, he and Mary Ellen have been content leaders in one of the congregational small groups. Away from UPC, he works as Principal Toxicologist for SafeBridge Consultants, Inc., an occupational health and safety consultancy serving the pharmaceutical industry, after 20+ years with GlaxoSmithKline.



**Sarah Owen** has been a member of UPC since 1996. During her 25 years, she's served in many capacities: as Elder, Deacon, Pastor Search Committee, Nominating Committee, Adult Education Committee, Capital Campaign Leadership Team, Transition Team, Women's Retreat Leadership Team, Chair of Children's Ministries, Confirmation Mentor, Member of Congregational Life, Montreat Chaperone, PYC Small Group Leader, and UPC Preschool Board. Her two children, Will and CC, grew up at UPC and she is grateful for the foundation

they received from such a spiritually dynamic congregation. The opportunities at UPC to experience a life of faith and the intergenerational relationships have nurtured and sustained the Owen family for years. Sarah considers it an honor and privilege to give back as an Elder...again! Sarah's background is in the hospitality field, and she is currently the House Director at Alpha Phi Sorority, a new house located on Rosemary St.



**Aaron Shah** has been a member of UPC since 2013. He has lived in Chapel Hill for almost 20 years and has three sons: Kareem (age 22), Ahmad (age 16), and Aaron (age 16). They were previously members of Binkley Baptist Church. Since joining UPC, Aaron and his family have been active participants in the choir, youth group, and have attended the Montreat Music and Worship Conference. In addition to the choir and youth group opportunities, Aaron also loves UPC's campus ministry and pastors. He is motivated to become an Elder "to support my

congregation to the best of my abilities." Aaron works at UNC Healthcare in the IT department.



**Brian Vandersea** is honored to serve as an elder at UPC and to have a role in the direction of this church. Brian and his wife, Karen, joined UPC in 2004. They were drawn to UPC by the insightful leadership from the pulpit and the friendliness of the congregation. He also appreciates the youth programs that his three daughters, Rachel (16), Caroline (13) and Sarah (11), are active in and which have given them opportunities to expand their faith. Brian has been an active participant at UPC as a Sunday School teacher and serving on the nominating

committee, the UPC Transition Team, and as a member and co-chair of the Stewardship Committee. During the past year, he and Karen have been Small Group co-leaders. Brian is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon with Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates and an Adjunct Associate Professor at UNC Adams School of Dentistry. He is a member of local dental societies and volunteers with the NC Missions of Mercy dental clinic.

# Deacons, Class of 2024



**Ed Billings** joined UPC in 2000. He and his wife, Lyn, and their adult children, Katie and Sam, have been active members over the last 21 years. Ed, Lyn, and Katie have all served as deacons in the past and Ed is glad to serve as a deacon once again. Ed has served as a high school Sunday school teacher at UPC. He has been a scout leader in Chapel Hill and led the Bike Loud cross country trip for the Be Loud Sophie Foundation. Ed stays busy as a realtor in Chapel Hill.



**Brent Chambers** is excited to serve as a deacon. Brent and his wife, Allison, became members of UPC in 1992. Brent and Allison have 2 grown daughters, Susan (Hamilton) and Elizabeth. He loves the community of faith and caring that UPC provides for his family and is especially grateful for his daughters' experiences in the children's and youth programs. Brent has shared his talents on a number of committees at UPC including the Outreach Committee, Peacemaking Committee, Adult Education Committee, and Endowment Committee. In addition, he has served as a Trustee, on the AIDS Care Team, on the New Hope Camp Board, and on Appalachian Service Projects. In the larger community, he serves on the Chapel Hill Association of Realtors Board and has volunteered with Fix-A-Home projects. Brent is retired after a 17 year career as a residential real estate broker. Previously, he worked with Management Recruiters of Chapel Hill (3 yrs) and MDK, Inc (20 yrs).



**David Lane** joined UPC in 1996 and has lived in Chapel Hill for over 65 years. He was previously a member of the United Church of Christ. Since joining UPC, David has served on the Worship Committee, Finance Committee, Nominating Committee, and as a Deacon. He loves the congregation's compassion (especially during difficult times), the ministers' thought provoking lessons, and the church's outreach to many different groups. He is motivated to again serve as a Deacon "to help get our church back to normal." David and his wife, Linda, have a daughter, Catherine, and four grandchildren (Josh, Austin, David, and Kennedy). David has worked as an optician, serving Chapel Hill and Carrboro since 1978. He is officially retired but still working part time.



**Ward Mann \*** has been a lifelong member of UPC. He has been actively involved at UPC through the youth choir, PYC, and going to the Montreat Music and Worship Conference. He loves UPC's fellowship and community of kind and caring people. He is also devoted to the Chapel Hill community and has volunteered at SECU House and packed food for the homeless. During the covid pandemic he has attended virtual services every Sunday and has actively participated in his UPC small group. He is motivated to serve as a youth Deacon "to make connections with members of the church and to serve God." Ward is a rising junior at Cedar Ridge High School and is looking forward to attending church in person with his family. *\*youth deacon, one-year term*



**Susan Michaelson** came to UPC in 2019 from The Brick Presbyterian Church in NYC where she served as a deacon and an elder. In UPC, Susan quickly found a spiritual home and finds UPC both welcoming and deep. To see the church's immediate response to new crises brought on by COVID reaffirmed her belief that through UPC, she, too, can do God's work. Susan has served on the Local Outreach Community and also participates in Women's Circle 5, Unraveled Small Group, Sunday worship in person and online, a dinner group, and has attended the Congregational Retreat. In our community, she is a literacy tutor with Augustine Literacy Partners and participates in Nia dance classes at the UNC Wellness Center. She and her husband John have two adult daughters, Annie and Lizzie. Susan is a retired educator and administrator with a particular interest in non-for-profit organizations serving educationally disadvantaged students with special needs.





**Colleen Minton** joined UPC in 2011 with her husband, Keith, daughter, Maddie, and son, Colin. They were drawn to the church by the many opportunities for youth. Colleen has cooked at Montreat for the last five years and loves how it has allowed her to get to know the other UPC families. She has also served on the Education Committee, organized the Advent Craft Festival, been a Confirmation Mentor, and delivered meals to folks within our congregation. Colleen ran two non-profit organizations in our community - Rainbow Soccer and the TerraVita Educational Foundation, and is the founding president of Les Dames d' Escoffier, a nonprofit organization for female leaders in the hospitality industry. She is involved with TABLE as a volunteer and board member, and currently chairs their capital campaign committee. Colleen has always appreciated the kind card or note from a deacon when she needed it and looks forward to providing the same for others as a deacon herself.



**Madeline Mitchell** has been attending UPC since she moved to Chapel Hill in 1977 and joined as a member in 1983. She appreciates the way UPC brings people of faith together to worship and to demonstrate our love for God, each other, and our community. Before moving to NC, she was active in a number of Methodist and Episcopal churches in Texas and Louisiana. She has previously served UPC as an Elder, Trustee, Stephen Minister, Sunday School teacher, VBS volunteer, Usher Coordinator, Communion Coordinator, and Office Volunteer. She has also served on numerous committees including Personnel, Data, Worship, and Children's Church School. In the community, she has volunteered with Meals on Wheels, Community Kitchen, Table and DemocracyNC. While her children were in school, among many volunteer activities, she was active on the PTA Council, School Governance Committees, and was Co-chair of the School Bond Education Committee.



**Carolyn Schwarz** was delighted to be asked to serve as a Deacon because she has always admired the work that the staff, elders, and deacons have done for UPC. Her involvement at UPC has centered around the youth choirs. For many years, she and her husband, Michael Peel, cooked meals for the youth who attended conferences at Montreat. Carolyn has been a member of UPC since 2000 and has 3 children: Hannah (30), Elisabeth (28), and Lewis (26). Currently retired, her last job was as an independent contractor working for GSK as a systems analyst. Her community involvement includes extensive work with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro public schools and PTA association as its president, among other positions. She originated and co-ran the Phillips Phitness Phair, a school/community collaboration to educate Phillips families about physical fitness and general health. She also volunteers weekly at TABLE bagging groceries.



**James Smith** and his wife, Pamela, joined UPC in the mid-1980's by letter of transfer. They were drawn to UPC by the welcoming atmosphere that was evident from the first visit. In the early days, James served on the old Board of Trustees, primarily on the Property Committee. Since then, he has served on the Session, Administration Committee, Stewardship Committees, two capital campaign teams, and was an active Stephen Minister for nine years. He and Pamela pair-up as frequent greeters and ushers at the early service on Sundays. This year (2021), James completed 16 years on the Endowment Committee, chairing the Committee for the last 15 years. James feels that his time as a Stephen Minister has equipped him to be a faithful and effective Deacon in service to a broader cross-section of the congregation.



**Judie Waters** has lived in Chapel Hill for 15 years. She loves the warmth and friendliness of UPC and its rich intergenerational composition. She has been actively involved in several UPC groups, including singing in the Chancel Choir since 2007, planning congregational retreats and Vacation Bible School, and serving as a greeter. Judie was an Elder for two terms at her former church in New Bern. Judie and her husband Hank are blessed with 4 children and 6 grandchildren. She is also a retired middle school math and science teacher in many places that army life took her family. Judie is eager to serve as a Deacon to meet new folks in the church, increase her connection with UPC members, and to serve the church's people.

# Nominating Committee



**Brian Curran** is glad to call UPC home since he and Claire were married here in 1992. Their daughter, Deirdre, was baptized and grew up at UPC. From attending Chapel on the USS Nimitz when he was in the Navy to his time as officer and chief with the Chapel Hill Police Department, Brian has served others his whole life. At UPC, Brian is a dedicated Youth Advisor, having attended countless youth trips to DC, Montreat, and Appalachia. He has served on the Session and as a Deacon, is currently on the safety and security committee, and has been on two UPC men's trips to Haiti. Brian has also served on the boards of the South Orange Rescue Squad and Habitat for Humanity Orange County. When asked what he loves about UPC, Brian said, "The church services feature wonderful music and excellent preaching. Youth programs are first rate. The church, itself, is service oriented and I have often been challenged to think of scripture in new ways and from new perspectives."



**Sandy Grubbs** sees the opportunity to serve on the nominating committee as the next step in her growth as a member of UPC. She looks forward to meeting new church members and learning more about others. She was involved in both Presbyterian and Episcopal churches as a child and young adult in Maryland. In 1997 she and her husband, Andy, became members of UPC. Their sons are Alec, (32) and James (24). At UPC, she has served as a Youth Advisor and as treasurer of her church circle. In the community, Sandy has been involved with the Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties and had the opportunity to participate in the Leadership Chapel Hill-Carrboro program. Currently, Sandy works full time with the UNC Kidney Center as a research nurse in their Clinical Trials program.



**Laura Horrigan** returned to North Carolina in 2019 from California with her husband, Shaun, daughter, Ella, and son, Patrick. A lifelong Presbyterian, Laura was a first member of the First Presbyterian Church of Ocala, FL, where she and Shaun were married, subsequently of First Presbyterian Church of New York and First Presbyterian Church of Durham. She and her family were drawn to the warmth of UPC and the dual missions of local service and global outreach. Laura has been active with UPC Godly Play and multiple community activities, including the PTA and School Improvement Team and the Compass Center. She is honored and happy to sit on the nominating committee and to get to know more members of UPC.



**Lisa Lord**, a UPC member since 1992, loves worshipping God as part of this faith community. She says that her faith continues to grow, thanks to inspiring and challenging worship services, Sunday School classes, small group meetings, and outreach projects for Haiti. Lisa has been involved in many activities at UPC, including serving as an Elder, participating in Haiti teacher workshops, serving on the Outreach, PCM, Adult Education, and Peacemaking Committees, assisting with Vacation Bible School, serving on the AIDS Care Team, and participating in Presbyterian Women. Before retirement, Lisa was a longtime 5th grade teacher at Club Blvd. School in Durham. She said yes to serving on the Nominating Committee because she appreciated her opportunities to serve on the Session, and she would like to work with the other committee members to identify future church leaders.