



Elder & Deacon
Nominees for the
Classes of 2021,
2022 & 2023
Nominating Committee
At-Large Members for
2022 & 2023

Elders



LuAnn Crosby (2023)

My name is LuAnn Crosby and I live in Havertown with my husband of 42 years, Doug. I retired from Ridley School District in 2016 after 35 years as a high school math teacher and department chair, followed by 6 years as the district's Director of K-12 Curriculum and Instruction. My career was very rewarding as I loved seeing my

students grow. I am blessed to have continued many relationships with former students during their adult years. In my leisure time, I enjoy taking knitting classes as well as learning from instruction in floral design and the ceramic arts. Growing up, my parents and I went to Sunday school and church on a regular basis; I accepted Christ at Vacation Bible School when I was in elementary school. Church gave me a background in Christian beliefs that have guided me throughout my life. However, I strayed from church during my college years and for more than half of my married life. Although I always tried to maintain the values that I had previously learned at church, I only fulfilled the role as a C & E Christian during this time. In 2000, Doug and I changed our lives by becoming active members at a nearby church, where I enjoyed fellowship and personal growth. I was baptized again as a recommitment to my faith and, as a couple, we renewed our wedding vows for our Christian life together. As an active member of the church, I had the privilege to serve the Lord as a Deacon and leader of the Stephen Ministry team. Doug and I had the privilege of joining MPC in 2018 and shortly thereafter, joined the MPC Stephen Ministry Team. I have also been a member of a Sunday morning small group, the Childrens' Ministry Committee, and can regularly be seen helping with the Community Dinners. It brings me great joy to know that I am a child of God and unconditionally loved by Him, despite my many flaws. I am thankful for the blessings He brings to me and the guidance and strength He provides. I look forward to continuing to grow in my faith and servicing the Lord and His community, shoulder to shoulder with my fellow members at Media Presbyterian Church.



Jeanne Cunningham (2023)

Jeanne Cunningham was born and raised in Milmont Park, PA, attending Ridley High School and then Neuman College for a major in nursing. Jeanne was a member at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church from infancy through 2018 at which time she was lead to attend a service at MPC and immediately knew that she wanted to pursue

membership with her husband of almost 6 years, John. Jeanne is currently blessed to be home full-time with her three kids Lucie (4), Charlie (2) and Allie (almost 1) and has over 8 years of experience working as Labor and Delivery nurse with Main Line Health. Jeanne was active in her previous congregation working with the youth and serving on the council as the secretary for several years. At MPC, Jeanne takes a lead role in working with the Mother's of Young Children group. Jeanne is beyond thankful for the support she and her family received this past year through the illness and passing of her mother and she is excited to serve a church that served her so faithfully.



Eileen McLaughlin (2023)

I was born and raised in Delaware County. Brian and I met in High School at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield. We have been married for 33 years and have one son, Sean. Sean attended VBS and Youth Group at MPC for many years. Sean is currently attending Law School in Boston. As a family, we started attending MPC in 2008 and became Members in 2010. After 33 years in the Insurance Industry, I retired in 2018. For many years during my career, I worked for Insurance Companies adjudicating high exposure claims. I then became certified in Safety and Loss Control. After that I worked for Elwyn Inc, a Law Firm in Center City, and as a contracted employee for Merck, handling Quality Assurance, Injury cases, and Safety and Risk Management. Since joining MPC I have been a member of the Fellowship Committee, formerly the Member Care Committee. I am currently the co-chair of the Community Dinner and Life Center Missions. Last year I was blessed with the opportunity to attend the All Church Mission to Banner Elk. That trip was an extremely moving and gratifying experience and I cannot wait until I can go again.



Ronald Reese (2023)

Ron Reese has been a member of MPC for over 30 years, previously serving as both a Deacon and member of Session. He lives in Wallingford with his wife Sheila and daughter Maura. Adult sons Michael and James live and work in Philadelphia. Ron is a retired Partner and CFO of LL Funds, LLC, a Philadelphia investment management firm. He currently serves as a Trustee of Susquehanna University, his alma mater; a Board member and Treasurer of Lifetime Wells International, Inc., a MPC supported international water mission; and he is a Board member of Woofies Baking Company, a non-profit organization working out of the MPC kitchen that employs young adults with intellectual disabilities.



Robin C. Smith (2023)

Robin and her husband, Steve, came to MPC in 1995 when their oldest daughter was 6 weeks old. Along with being an Elder, Robin has served as a member of varying committees including Outreach and Evangelism, Membership and Nominating. Robin's great-grandparent's were medical missionaries in India and her grandmother was born and raised in India. Robin has a passion for missions and prefers opportunities to quietly support missions within MPC and other organizations but her favorite activity was assisting with VBS when her daughters were still around to also participate. Over the past 29 years Robin has been the director of the Division of Clinical Education at the Drexel University College of Medicine where she has the pleasure of working with the faculty, administration and staff at over twenty academic campuses and clinical sites. Steve and Robin have two adult daughters, Megan and Morgan.

Joanne Torillo (2023)



Art Kalemkarian (2021)

Art Kalemkarian is a life-long member of Media Presbyterian Church. He served on Session from 2012 to 2015 and is a member of the Property and Technology Committee. Over the past 20 years, he designed and integrated the church's audio visual and communications technology.

Art is celebrating 14 years of marriage with his wife Laura this year. Art and Laura adopted their daughter Hope in January 2019 and are blessed to navigate life with a joyful one year old. As a family, they enjoy reading, exploring new things and spending time with their orange tabby cat DeWalt.

Art earned a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Widener University and a Master of Business Administration at the Temple University Fox School of Business. He currently serves as Senior Director of Reliability Engineering Enablement at Comcast.

Outside of family, church and work, he supports various organizations to improve their audio visual capabilities, routinely completes large scale home renovation projects, enjoys watching the Phillies (well, not this year), has taught college engineering capstone classes and listens to Contemporary Christian Music.

Art is joining Session to enhance MPC's use of technology for virtual worship and teaching.

Deacons



Jeff Beaumont (2023)

I was born in Chicago but grew up in New York's Hudson Valley with stops along the way in Colorado and Indiana. Myself, my wife Suzanne and our two boys Graham (8 years old) and Hudson (5 years old) have lived in Media since 2015. We enjoy traveling and spending time on our boat down on Maryland's eastern shore. I currently work

as a Machinist and fabricator of

GE power systems components but have held positions in pharmaceutical and biotech development and aerospace manufacturing. I was raised in the Catholic Church but have attended Methodist and Presbyterian Churches with Suzanne since we met in 2002. We have been members of MPC since 2017. I have come to greatly appreciate the close knit family of MPC and the many programs it has to offer.



Renee Erickson (2023)

Renee Erickson grew up in Beaver, Pennsylvania, about 25 miles west of Pittsburgh. After high school she attended Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa where she met a fellow from Philly named Richard. After graduation and marriage, they established their home back in Philadelphia and had two children,

Ned and Lee. The family joined Media Presbyterian Church when their children were in elementary school, about 35 years ago. Renee has served at MPC in many ways – in the Women's Ministry, in the Sunday School, as a Deacon, as an Elder, as a member of lots of committees. Presently, she facilitates the Thursday morning women's Bible study and Circle 5, helps to teach the K/1st grade Sunday School class, is a Deacon, and participates in the prayer ministry.

In addition to being active in church activities and family life, Renee was a language arts teacher, first in the Marple Newtown School District and later at Benchmark School, where she was also privileged to create music and lead the elementary Drama Club. She enjoyed being a teacher and after she and Rich retired, they continued teaching in other places, including in China under the auspices of the Peace Corps. Their two children and their spouses have blessed them with 8 grandchildren whom they love dearly. The grandchildren do not especially like being "taught" by their grandparents 😊

Renee learned about Jesus from her parents and in her church. She was pretty well acquainted with the Bible from lots of Sunday School classes, and sermons, and church camps, and youth meetings, etc. But she encountered Jesus when she was a grown up through the hymn "Rock of Ages." These are the words that resonated with her and helped her to understand the completeness of what Jesus had done for her on the cross: "Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling . . . Could my tears forever flow, could my zeal no respite know, all for sin could not atone, Thou must save and Thou alone." What freedom. What joy. May it also be yours.



Kim Gilchrist (2023)

Originally from the Iowa heartland, Kim Gilchrist grew up in various Midwest states and the Allentown area. Originally raised Methodist, she changed to the First Presbyterian Church of Allentown during secondary school. After taking a professional position in the Philadelphia area, she joined the Media Presbyterian Church in the early 1990s and enjoyed the benefits of marriage, family life and

motherhood to three sons, Ryan, Sean and Justin. Kim attended Penn State University, studying microbiology and went on to graduate medical education at Hahnemann (Drexel) Medical University. She completed practice training in Denver Colorado and Pennsylvania working as internist in hospital, urgent work and private practice. She continues to practice voluntarily at Community Volunteers in Medicine, a clinic supporting the needs of uninsured. In addition, she has worked over 30 years in pharmaceutical research with several major companies bringing new treatments to patients in the area of HIV medicine, heart and lung diseases and cancer. She currently works at Pfizer supporting the medical needs of patients. She enjoys music, dance, athletics, gardening and spending time with family and friends in her free time.



Tonia Graham (2023)

Tonia Graham grew up in a Christian family in the United Methodist Church. Life was centered around going to church on Sunday mornings for both Sunday School and church service. Sunday nights centered on youth group during junior high and high school. Her mother often hosted the group to her home for an event called

breakaways which occurred once the youth group at the church ended. Tonia was President of the Youth Group, attended youth group mission trips, service and social activities, and church-sponsored trips for fun. She also received a scholarship from her church for college. Tonia continued to practice her faith at college by being very active in the Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech University. She attended Tuesday luncheons, Sunday night Vesper services, retreats, Bible studies, and service projects. Tonia served in various positions of leadership during her four years in college including President. The leader of Wesley had a large impact on her faith journey. After college, Tonia attended the second largest protestant church, Methodist, in Houston, Texas for three years. She participated in a Sunday School class. This class had over 100 members. Bible studies, service projects, social gatherings, retreats were all part of Tonia's first three years out of college. Her faith journey was further deepened, and she made life-long friends. Tonia then relocated back to her hometown of Shreveport to attend grad school after a layoff in 1992. She attended another Methodist church for five years. She participated in Bible studies, Women's Circle, and service projects. She led worship service many times. Tonia then relocated to Austin, Texas. Finding a home church was difficult. She found a small Methodist church in a suburb of Austin and attended this church as a member for three years. Tonia then met her husband at a work conference which was held at Notre Dame, his alma mater. Six months later, Tonia was offered a job in Philadelphia and relocated. She attended a Methodist church in Springfield, PA. She quickly joined the church, became a confirmation mentor, youth group leader, and member of a Women's circle. She regularly attended Sunday School and Bible Studies. Tonia also was president of her Women's Circle and President of the Women's Board. Tonia started attending MPC in 2009 which she joined in 2010. She has participated in VBS, Bible Studies, and supported Women's circle activities. Tonia has a strong faith and is ready to contribute more to her church family at MPC.



Brian McLaughlin (2023)

Brian McLaughlin has been a member of MPC for 10 years. He was born and raised in Rose Tree PA, married Eileen Harkins from Glenolden PA, and they have one son Sean. Brian is an engineer by trade {Electrical Engineering and Software Engineering}, and currently works in West Chester. Brian enjoys making music, painting, woodworking, home renovation,

home-brewing, spending time with his extended family, travel and photography. He has served MPC as a Deacon, a member of the Contemporary Music Worship Team; playing drums, the Worship Committee, cooking and serving food for the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County, and has participated in the mission trips to Banner Elk NC. Brian lists the contemporary music, the food ministries, the summer mission trip, and most of all the people, as what he is most passionate about at MPC.

John Wood (2023)

Evan Havel (2022)

Nominating Committee At Large



Tom Jackson (2021)

Tom Jackson has been an active member of Media Presbyterian Church since 2001. Tom has served two terms on Session, is an active volunteer with the Youth Ministry, has sung with the choir and praise team for much of his time here, and values the many opportunities the church offers to serve and worship the Living God. He met Dana

Riker at an MPC dinner, and they married in 2007! Tom grew up on a farm in western Ohio, and has lived in the Media area for over 20 years.

Cindy McPeak (2021)

I grew up in Media and was a member of Rev. Bob Kesel's first confirmation class. My husband Kevin and I were married here at MPC close to 30 years ago and had the amazing opportunity to reside in the manse while the church was seeking a new Senior Pastor. I have served as both an Elder as well as a Deacon and continue to volunteer at our Community Dinners. I help to manage my brother's medical office at Riddle Hospital and love to read and spend sunny days on the beach in Ocean City, NJ with my husband and 22 year old daughter Marin. I have worked along side many of my brothers and sisters in Christ on the Nominating Committee and consider it an honor to continue to serve in this capacity.

Lusi Browning (2022)



Rich Erickson (2022)

Rich is a long time member currently involved with the Prayer Partners, Mission Committee, Men's Book Club, and Film and Faith.