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Elder & Deacon  
Nominees For The  
Classes of 2021 & 2022

# ELDERS

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## Karen Sanford (2021)

Karen Sanford joined MPC in 2008. Originally from Pottstown, PA, Karen grew up the daughter of a U.C.C. minister, going to Sunday school and church every week. Karen attended Villanova University where she played flute in the university band and graduated with a degree in Finance. That is also where she met her husband, Chad (a trombone player), who shares Karen's love of music and occasionally you can hear them playing at MPC. Marrying in 2000, Karen and Chad moved to Media in 2002, and have two children, Grace (11 years old) and Owen (8 years old). They also have a very sweet Golden

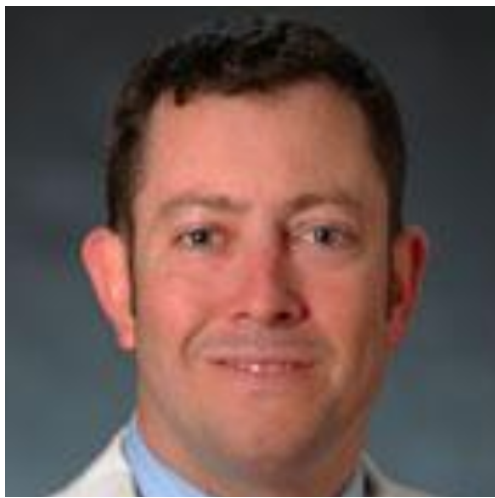
Retriever named Maggie. Karen works full-time at Vanguard and celebrates her 22 year anniversary there in June! She has held various roles in the Retail, Institutional, and Finance divisions of the company. Currently she serves in a project management role to improve governance of market data across the enterprise. In what little free time she has, Karen enjoys running (it's the only time she's alone) and sampling good food and craft beverages. Karen has served as an Elder since 2007 and is willing to serve another 2-year term. She is also a member of the Administration Committee. Karen is organized, detail-oriented, productive, and a strong communicator, all qualities she is excited to share with MPC. Quality of preaching, the welcoming atmosphere, and a strong children's program are what Karen values most at MPC.



## Shelia Chellappa (2022)

Sheila Chellappa has lived in Media since 1998. She was born and raised in a Christian family in India. Her paternal grandfather was a pastor and a first generation Christian convert in a majority Hindu country. She is a Physician by training, and worked for the Veterans Administration for 16 years. She recently retired as Chief of Staff of the Coatesville VA Medical Center. She is married to David Chellappa and they have 2 loving daughters

Rachel and Anita. Along with 2 wonderful sons in law they are blessed with 3 lively grandchildren. She loves people and relationships, and was ordained an elder at Media Presbyterian Church in 2014.



## Derek Donagan (2022)

Derek Donegan was raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia and attended Malvern Prep. He matriculated at Ithaca College majoring in Therapeutic Recreation. After being in the workforce for a few years, he was called to pursue a career in Medicine. He attended Temple University for a Post-Baccalaureate pre-medicine program where he met his wonderful wife, Mary. He was fortunate enough to pursue his passion for caring for people with Mary while attending Jefferson Medical College for medical school. Derek ultimately pursued a career as an Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeon and currently practices at the University of Pennsylvania.

While he is passionate and proud of his career path to date, Derek feels that his bigger accomplishment has been creating and raising a family. He is the proud husband to Mary and parent of 4 beautiful daughters; Abigail (7), Emily (7), Katie (5), and, the newest addition, Nora (4 months). He thoroughly enjoys watching them experience the world and developing into kind-hearted souls. Their enjoyment of sports (including soccer, swimming, and dance) as well as their excitement to learn has provided countless blessings. During the time at MPC, he has also enjoyed watching his children grow in Christ through their involvement with the MPC community. Although he has been involved at MPC for only the past 2 years and recently became a member, Derek feels that he has found his true fit with his Christian family at MPC. He looks forward to sharing his skill sets and adding value to the MPC community.



## Paul Tutton (2022)

Paul Tutton has attended MPC since the mid-1990's and is a lifelong local resident. Ordained as an Elder in 2003, he served as co-chair of the Member Care Committee. He has also served on the Property Committee and is currently on the Worship Committee.

He and his wife Sandy, have two sons, Stephen and Peter, and two granddaughters, Vivienne and Willow. Paul is a professional engineer who retired from a career in the power industry but continues to be active in his profession doing forensic work. He is a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children (CASA) in

Delaware and Chester Counties, a mentor with Valley Youth House, and is active with the Evangelicals for Social Action - Oriented to Love program. Paul accepted the Lord at an early age and was raised in the Reformed Episcopal Church; serving a Sunday school teacher, vestry member and seminary trustee. At MPC, he sings with the choir, plays with the brass, attends the Tuesday morning Bible study, and has served on mission trips to Mars Hill and Guatemala and numerous local service projects.



## Connie Hughes (2022)

Connie is a lifelong Presbyterian and was blessed to be raised in a Christian family. She joined MPC in 1988 and was an elder during the late 1990's and early 2000's.

After serving two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines, she began a long career with organizations aiding individuals with disabilities and their families. She has over 40 years of non-profit management experience with extensive hands-

on work in operations, development, communications and government relations. Now retired, her last positions were as President and Executive Director of two membership non-profits in Delaware. Connie has two children and two grandsons (with one on the way.) She enjoys gardening, traveling, and spending time with grandchildren, family and friends.



## Jeanne Menaldino (2022)

I am so glad to be a part of MPC! And, as always, feel so honored to be able to serve our church. I have been a member of MPC for 17 years. My involvement has included teaching in the High School Sunday School, mission trips to Guatemala and Mexico, serving as Elder and on Missions Committee (which I'll be helping with again), and Sunday school coordinator for the younger children. I am part of the Prayer Partners. My husband Stephen and I feel richly blessed by MPC. Our 3 children were confirmed here and were enriched with a

solid Christian foundation. They have blessed us with 4 grandchildren with another soon to be born. I look forward to continuing to be part of the MPC family!



## Don Naismith (2022)

Don Naismith has lived in Media over 35 years. His wife, Louise, introduced him to Media Presbyterian Church and they have raised their three sons - Mac, Luke and Sam - in the church. Don's father, the late Reverend Donald Naismith, was a Presbyterian minister and brought his young family to Philadelphia in the 1970's. Don rowed crew for Temple University and graduated with a Business Administration degree. He and his sister/business partner established Deals in Media 35 years ago.

Don just finished helping to facilitate the Alpha Program and felt blessed by it. He has served as an Elder on the Administration Committee during his previous term and is looking forward to the challenges God will present to him during his new term of service.



# DEACONS



## Maria Crann (2022, 3yr)

I live in Media, Pa with my husband Tom and Daughter Samantha. I own a cooking school and teach cooking classes to children as well as do private catering. Prior to opening the cooking school I spent 29 years as a Federal Agent with the government which I retired from in 2017. I enjoy spending time at the beach, traveling and hanging out with my family.



## Jill Lardon (2022, 3yr)

Jill Lardon was born and raised in Endicott, NY. She moved to the Philadelphia area after college and has lived in Upland, PA for 30 years. Her 31-year-old son lives in Springfield, PA and works as a manager at Wawa. He has also earned a third-degree black belt in Tang So Do.

Jill worked as a legal assistant for 25 years at a large law firm in Philadelphia. She retired in 2010 and now enjoys running her own small pet sitting business thanks to many referrals from Media Presbyterian Church Members.

Many things bring her joy, especially spending time with animals, gardening and being out in nature. She shops for the Media Food Cupboard and the Community Dinners and is a member of Circle 5. She would like to be of service with the Benevolence Committee and the STEP program at Media Pres. Church members have encouraged and supported Jill through some extremely challenging life experiences for which she will always be grateful. The love she's received is an inspiration for her to serve and give back. She has been attending Media Pres. for 17 years and officially joined in 2011. Jill loves the Media Pres Mission Statement: "Love God and Love Your Neighbor."



## Robin Kauffmann (2022, 3yr)

I grew up in Louisville, KY, where my family was active at Harvey Browne Memorial Presbyterian Church. My husband, Chris, and I joined MPC in 2007. We have 3 children: Ansley (14), Ben (12), and Chase (8). I work part time as a lymphedema and pelvic floor physical therapist at Penn Medicine in Radnor.

I have enjoyed teaching Sunday School, BLOC, and helping with VBS. I have previously served on Session and the Children's committee. Currently, I serve on the Youth Committee and look forward to where God will lead me next.



## Jim Gatch (2022, 3yr)

I'm from the greater Philadelphia area, son of Jim and Beth Gatch. I grew up in Southern New Jersey with my brother Jeff and sister Julia. I went to Holy Cross High School in Delran. My brother Jeff and I were Alter Boys at Our Lady Queen of Peace for 7 years.

I graduated from Duquesne University with a double major in political science and history. After college, I spent two years as an active duty Army Aviation Officer in Ft. Rucker

Alabama after being commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US. Army. I spent the following 7 years as an Army Reserve Officer at Naval Air Station Willow Grove where I was first a Platoon Leader and then Company Commander of 2/228 Aviation Regiment. I was responsible for 150 combat aviation troops as well as 12 rotary winged aircraft and 7 fixed wing aircraft. I loved flying and serving my country.

I lived in the Art Museum area of Philadelphia for 25 years where my dad owned a restaurant (Rembrandts) and love all the Philly sports teams.

In 1999 I began my technology career in Business Development with TMX interactive. I directed business development teams that have offices in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Dallas, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. I specialized in securing new business with Fortune 500 companies. I'm now Director of Client Strategy at EPAM, where I am responsible for providing critical solutions to challenges faced by our Life Science & Healthcare clients.

I'm most proud of my wife Sandi's choice to marry me and we are having a blast raising our two young boys Andrew & Nolan.



## Louise Naismith (2022, 3yr)

Louise has been attending Media Presbyterian Church for 50 years and has loved worshipping, studying Scripture, fellowshiping and serving her church. Along with her husband, Don, Louise has raised their three sons, Mac, Luke and Sam, in the church. Louise and Don are both Elders. Louise's Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Temple University's Tyler School of Art has come in handy during the years she served as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School station leader, Confirmation Class instructor, Adult Education teacher and NOAH Team member.

Currently, Louise is helping to facilitate ALPHA. Professionally, Louise owned a graphic design studio for 20 years. She is now employed as the Director of the Career Center at Penncrest High School. Louise treasures her Christian sisters in her Circle and praises God for the excitement and fresh Spirit evident at Media Presbyterian Church.



## Doug Crosby (2022, 3yr)

Since 1994, I have been influenced by God and His Creation. I feel His presence in my work as a landscaper, for which I previously took credit personally. In 2000, LuAnn and I focused our lives towards Christ by becoming active members at a nearby church where we participated in activities and leadership roles. LuAnn and I have been married for 42 years and have lived in Havertown for 38 years. At MPC you have seen me at the Community Dinners, and spring and fall church property cleanups.

I also serve on the Property and Stewardship Committees as well as MPC's Stephen Ministry program. I hope to meet and see more of you at other MPC activities. I look forward, with God's help, to serving as a Deacon at MPC and humbly thank the Nominating Committee for this calling.



## Peter Matson (2022, 3yr)

Pete Matson has attended Media Presbyterian regularly since January 2018 and became a member in April 2019. Pete grew up in a large family in Upper Darby and attended Monsignor Bonner High School. After high school, Pete spent time in the US Navy and received degrees from Drexel University and Temple University.

Pete and Aimee Matson have been married since 2002 and have three children, Paige (14), Carter (13), and John (4 months).





## Steve Menaldino (2021 2yr)

Stephen Menaldino has been an member of Media Presbyterian Church for over 17 years. He has been active in the church: Deacon, Session, Sunday school teaching, and different committees. He enjoys being part of the Sanctuary Choir and participating in the Prayer Partners. He thanks God for his rich Christian heritage. He has 3 grown children and has been married to wife Jeannie for 38 years. He thanks God for being part of Media Presbyterian Church.



## Lynn McCone (2021, 2yr)

Lynne McCone has Presbyterian roots dating back to her baptism as an infant in Edinburgh, Scotland. Upon traversing “the pond” as a child, her family joined a Congregational church in western Massachusetts where her parents established an ecumenical ministry with the local Catholic church, so Lynne became well versed in the catholic folk masses of the late 60's and early 70's. She was an active member of a Methodist church outside of Albany, NY during her teenage years, and was blessed when she and her husband, Tom, of 34 years, discovered Media Presbyterian

Church soon after the birth of their son, Brett, over 25 years ago. Lynne has been a member and regular parishioner at MPC for the past 25 years, and looks forward to a more active role serving the church and the larger community through our various ministries.

Lynne leads information technology professionals as Vice President of IT Application Services at Christiana Care Health System in Delaware where she has worked for 30 years.

## Other Nominee:

- Julie Havel (2021, 2yr)



# Nominating Committee At Large

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## Dave Richards (2020)

David (Dave) Richards joined MPC nearly 30 years ago when he and Janis were preparing to marry and begin their life together with MPC. Dave and Janis volunteered early on with the Youth Group leading up to Janis's employment as the Children's Music Director. As they raised their family at MPC, Dave was ordained as a Deacon and as an Elder of the church. As of late, Dave has returned to helping with the youth at MPC. He and Janis have hosted various youth retreats and they have attended many of the All Church Mission Trips to Mars Hill, West Virginia, and Banner Elk.

The family weekends at Harvey Cedars have been a priority along with helping during VBS throughout the years. Dave is known to hold any babies he can get his hands on in helping out the younger moms at MPC during VBS and other activities at MPC. Dave's favorite part of the MPC service (no reflection on our Pastors and their sermons) is the time of sharing and greeting others during worship. Dave can be seen volunteering as a greeter, usher, communion server, and worship leader. He is excited about working with the Nominating Committee team. Away from MPC, Dave enjoys refereeing soccer, playing basketball, spending time with family, and getting away to different destinations including their lake house in the Poconos.



## Tom Jackson

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 11 years ago! Tom grew up on a farm in western Ohio, and has lived in the Media area for nearly 20 years.