

## **CANDIDATE BIOS FOR OFFICERS 2019**

### **ELDERS Class of 2022**

#### **Rebecca Castellanos:**

Rebecca has been a member of this church since 2002. She and her husband, Diego, live in Moorestown. She is the mother of two sons, Andrew and Daniel. Rebecca has been a member of the Adult Choir since 2001, twice served as a Deacon and on the Personnel Committee for four years. She has served on the Music Committee and also on the Interim Pastor Search committee that brought Rev. Jim Capps to First Presbyterian Church. Becky has enjoyed taking part in several Bible studies and Lenten series and was also a chaperone for the 2019 Denmark choir tour.

#### **Kelly Eagles:**

Kelly Eagles has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for nearly 17 years. She and her husband Lorenzo joined the church prior to their wedding in 2003. Kelly teaches Sunday School, participates in Bible studies, and most recently served on the Pastoral Nominating Committee. When not at church, Kelly serves as the Child Study Team Director for Eastampton School District. However, her greatest joy comes from spending time with Lorenzo, and their children, Kaitlyn and Luke.

#### **Cheryl Gaskill:**

Cheryl Gaskill is a 25-year member of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown. Over the years, she has served in various capacities including as a Deacon, a previous Associate Pastor Nominating Committee member, Youth Group leader, Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School Missions leader and as a member of various Session committees. She currently sings in the Adult Choir, serves on the Music Committee, co-chairs the annual Rummage Sale and assists in maintaining our church's social media presence. Cheryl is a self-employed social media influencer and lives in Mount Laurel, NJ with her husband Warren and her three sons Ethan, Bryan, and Will.

#### **Paul Grossmann:**

Paul was born in Philadelphia, moved to Cherry Hill for K-4<sup>th</sup> grade (went to elementary school with Bruce Melson) and grades 5-12 in Moorestown (classmate of Nancy Chumney), graduating in 1971. He attended the University of Delaware where he

earned a BA (Econ) and an MBA, but most importantly, met his wife Margie. Margie and Paul have lived in the same house in Moorestown since 1980. They attended St. Matthew Lutheran for 15 years, where they baptized their four daughters, handled nursery duty and taught Sunday School. Paul also served on Church Council. They moved to FPC Moorestown in 1995 and have participated in many ways in the life of the church. Daughters Victoria, Genevieve, Aurora, and Cassandra attended Sunday School, sang in Choirs, enjoyed Youth Groups, and volunteered for Mission Trips. Victoria and Cassandra also worked one summer each as a College Intern. Paul has taught Sunday School, supported our Youth Ministries, attended Couples Retreats and Men's Retreats, volunteered for the Rummage Sale, been part of Lenten Small Groups, and directed traffic for Strawberry Festival. He has served on FPC boards of Deacons, Trustees, and the Session. Currently, Paul attends Becca Neindorff's Lenten book study and is a regular member of the Wednesday Men's Bible Study. He and Margie normally attend the contemporary service.

#### **Jenny Revucky:**

Jenny has been involved at FPC Moorestown since she was about 13 years old. As a youth (Jenny Wittmer), she participated in choir, youth group, mission trips, and Bible studies. After attending The College of New Jersey where she served as a small group leader for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, she returned to FPC as a youth leader. She is currently a member of the Adult Choir, serves as a Deacon, and continues to work with our senior high youth group. She had the privilege of traveling to Honduras with our students for a service learning trip recently. Outside of church, Jenny works as a school social worker for the Cherry Hill schools. She served on the recent PNC team that brought Stuart Spencer to First Presbyterian Church.

#### **Tamara Trzeciak:**

Tamara grew up in Wheaton, Illinois in a large Roman Catholic family. She is the oldest of six kids and now has 15 nieces and nephews! Her parents, David and Lydia, have been married for 48 years and continue to teach through example the importance of faith and family. Tamara has been married to her husband, Steve for almost 19 years. They live in

Moorestown and have four children: Christian (16), Isabel (14), Bethany (12), Jonathan (Jojo, 10) and their puppy Gus. The family joined FPC in 2010. Since then she has enjoyed being choir mom, chaperoning choir retreats, teaching Sunday School, volunteering for Vacation Bible School, serving on the Cookbook Committee, and planning this past fall's Celebration Luncheon. Tamara currently serves on the Personnel Committee and recently began to lead a preschool moms support group for our Step by Step Preschool with Kelly LePenske. She and Steve have participated in several Lenten book studies and Bible studies. She is a full-time mom and manages a very busy and lively household. In her few minutes of spare time she enjoys reading, eating out with Steve and watching the Food Network with her kids.

#### **ELDERS Class of 2020 (1-year term):**

##### **Pete Honeyford**

Around 1990 facilitated by the ministries of this church, Peter was born anew by God's grace and through that grace his eyes began to see and his ears began to hear. He is still a work in progress, but is slowly learning more the vastness of God's grace and love. He has attended FPCM since 1965, was confirmed here, was married here (Cyndie) and his children (Katelyn, Kelsey and Delaney) were baptized here. He has served as an usher, Deacon, Elder, a small group facilitator and Sunday School teacher. He regularly attends and has occasionally led the Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study.

#### **DEACONS**

##### **Chris Catanella:**

Chris was blessed to join the church in 2012, about six years ago. Since then she has had the pleasure of serving as a Deacon for three years. She currently heads up the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) here at FPC and coordinates all of the many aspects of this incredible community program. She enjoys teaching kindergarten and first grade Sunday School. Chris lives in Moorestown with her husband, Brian, and two boys, Brady and Bryce. Chris's parents, Pat and Hugh Joyner, also became members about two years ago.

##### **Mary Christensen:**

Mary Christensen has been a member of FPCM since 2006 and lives in Medford Lakes with her husband, Mark. They have four children and 8 grandchildren and counting! In addition to completing her first year as a Deacon, Mary is also currently serving on the Membership Committee. She is co-leading the Wednesday evening Companions in Christ/Lenten Study and is the Chair of the Prayer Labyrinth Committee. She enjoys reading, hiking, biking around town, and traveling - especially visiting those grandchildren.

##### **Jenna Cole:**

You might know her better as Jenna Dougherty as she was raised in the First Presbyterian Church since she was a little girl by her parents, Rick and Wendy Dougherty. She joined the Church in 2007 and was married this past October here at First Pres to her husband, Greg Cole. They recently bought a home in Moorestown near Roberts School. Jenna joined the Church in high school and helped her dad teach fourth grade Sunday School before she left for college. For the past two years, she has been a member of the Membership Committee and loves working and serving with this group of wonderful people! Jenna's outside interests include reading, running and working out, cheering on the Eagles, and spending time with her husband at his family's lake house and her family's lake house. Jenna and Greg are parents to two adorable dogs, Finn and Jett, and you can often find them walking them around town. Jenna is excited for this opportunity to serve the Lord and the Church and looks forward to beginning in June!

##### **Sheila Diehl**

My name is Sheila Diehl. I live in Moorestown with my husband Matt and two sons Callum (2) and Bryce (5) and dog Duke. I have been attending FPC Moorestown since the 5th grade and became a member in 2003. In my free time I enjoy exercising and spending time with other families in my neighborhood.

**Jean Donahue:**

Jean has attended FPC Moorestown for 22 years, and has been a member for over 12 years. She is finishing her first term as a Deacon (currently serving as the moderator), has served as Strawberry Festival chair, taught pre-K Sunday School, and has attended several Bible studies and Lenten series. She lives in Moorestown with her husband, Larry, and her daughter Katie, who is active in Wave, Chapel Choir, VBS and the nursery. Jean works for Aon as a reinsurance contract writer, and in her free time, enjoys being outdoors, swimming, gardening, and traveling abroad and to New Mexico to visit her daughter, Emily.

**Andrew Ehala:**

Andrew grew up in the Presbyterian Church in Medford and came to Christ at the age of 17. His parents, Richard and Germaine Ehala, are members of Christ Presbyterian Church of Marlton where his mother serves as the Clerk of Session. Andrew has been happily married since June 30th (still in the newlywed phase) to his lovely wife Jennifer and currently lives in Mount Laurel. Jennifer sings at our Contemporary services. After attending another church for four years Andrew felt called to First Presbyterian Church and has been a member since 2016. Currently he and his wife co-host a Lenten Small group with Caitlin and Matt Posey. While this will be his first time serving as an officer at FPC, he has always been involved in church. In college he was a Youth Leader for a local Presbyterian Church and at his previous church, he taught Sunday School and served as an usher. Andrew is a Middle School Special Education Teacher in Mount Holly. He grew up a die-hard Phillies fan and his passion led to his desire to be a head baseball coach at his school for the past four years. In his spare time, he likes to deep sea fish year-round with his father and he has been involved in Crossfit for the past 6 years. He feels blessed and excited to be a part of First Presbyterian and is very excited to begin serving as a Deacon.

**Paul Gordon:**

Paul looks forward to the opportunity to serve First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown as one of its deacons. He prays that he will do this in a way that is honoring to God and uplifting to the members of this congregation. Paul has a bachelor's degree in

philosophy from Eastern University and is a shop supervisor at Philadelphia Sign Company in Palmyra. Dr. Miller married Paul and his wife Rachel here at FPCM six and a half years ago, and the Gordons are currently bringing up three beautiful boys (Avery, Isaac and Freddy) in this church. Paul has been a member of this church for six years (2013).

**TRUSTEES****Adrienne Barr:**

Adrienne has been a member of FPC since 2005. She lives in Moorestown with her husband Dave and daughters Caitlin (14) and Audrey (11). During her time at FPC, she has been a part of various committees, boards, and Bible studies. She was the Hunger Committee chair and secretary during her time on Deacons, and she is currently finishing out her first term on the Trustee Board. She and her husband Dave have also been part of the rotational team teaching Middle School Sunday School for several years.

**John Miller:**

John lives in Mount Laurel with his wife Jessica Miller. He has three grown children, Ryan, Brandon and Lindsay. John was born in Woodbury, NJ and was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Woodbury as a child and teenager. He joined First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown in November of 2006 and has served as an usher most of the time since. Two years ago he accepted the position of Head Usher and is responsible for duties of all the ushers and as such is a member of the Worship Committee. His outside interests include family, theater, travel and golf. John enjoys reading the Bible most every day. He looks forward to serving the congregation in the role of a Trustee.

**Wendy Dougherty:**

Wendy is a lifelong Presbyterian as both of her parents, George and Jane Kennedy, were members in our church since 1956. She lives in Moorestown with her husband Richard. They have two daughters, Jenna and Cally. The family shared in the joy of Jenna's recent marriage to Greg Cole. Wendy was baptized, confirmed and married at First Pres. She has served on various boards and participated in many activities since 1990, including the rummage sale, Strawberry festival and the CROP

Walk. Wendy volunteered in the nursery for many tears and taught Sunday School as well. She enjoyed assisting with Children's Worship. Her family loves all kinds of sporting events and vacation in the mountain lakes of New Hampshire. They also enjoy relaxing at their cabin in the Poconos. Wendy is looking forward to her time on the Trustees.

### **Jon Sandeen**

Jon Sandeen and his wife Beth have three teenage boys Andrew, Robert, and William. They reside in Cinnaminson after moving here from Arkansas back in 2005. Beth is a teacher in Delanco and Jon works for NFI in Cherry Hill. The boys attend Cinnaminson High School where William is a sophomore and Andrew and Robert are seniors. After graduating this year, both Andrew and Robert will be attending Virginia Tech. The family has been members since 2006 and has been active in many different groups. Beth taught Sunday School for many years while Jon was a Deacon and is still active in supporting the IHN program. The family also volunteers whenever needs arise supporting the church's programs. When the family isn't involved in a swim meet or lacrosse game they enjoy the shore at Cape May.