

2021 OFFICER BIOGRAPHIES

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Paul Booker – I reside in Haddonfield with my wife Marsha. We have two daughters, Lindsey and Abby who are married, a son Owen, and three grandchildren, two who are fraternal twins. I am a cradle Presbyterian who has been a member of our church since 2006. This will be my fifth term on Session at FPC Moorestown. I have served and chaired the Personnel Committee and currently co-chair the Worship Committee. I was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee and have participated in the training of Stephen Ministers. Prior to coming to FPC, I also served as an elder, moderated the Board of Deacons and served on the Committee on Ministry for West Jersey Presbytery. I summer in Ocean Grove where I serve on the Board of Trustees of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association and the Board of the Ocean Grove Beach Foundation. I enjoy my grandchildren, reading on the beach, surfing, skiing, trying to play golf at least once a year, and in the fall, following the Ohio State Buckeyes. My favorite possession is a rusty old beach cruiser bicycle that I enjoy riding in the wee hours of summer mornings.

Leonard Fitts – My wife Sherrell A.T. Fitts and I reside in Moorestown. We been members since 1988 or 1989. I have served as an elder, as an usher, have worked with the Strawberry Festival and as a Board Member of West Jersey Chamber Music Society. My outside interests include working with educational and community groups.

Kristen Perkowski - I am very humbled to have been asked to serve on the Session of FPC Moorestown. My husband Brian and I have been members since 2007. We live in Westampton with our boys, Alex (14) and Kyle (11), who have enjoyed their time growing up through the youth choirs, Sunday School and youth groups. I previously served on the Worship Committee and have been an active member volunteering my time with the Strawberry Festival and Rummage Sale. In 2019 I was fortunate enough to be a chaperone on the Denmark Choir Trip with my son Alex. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Wednesday night women's bible study group and feel this group has played an integral part in developing my faith and relationship with God. I also am an active member of my hometown, serving on the Recreation department committee for the past 8 years, previously was on the Tarnsfield Swim Club Board, and enjoy helping out with the school PTO, especially with fun things for the kids like field trips and field day, and have served as a classroom parent throughout the years. I enjoy spending time with my family, doing anything outdoors or playing games, reading, scrapbooking, and have developed a fairly recent love for exercising and running. I just completed my first half marathon in November!

Sarah Rotter - I came to FPC Moorestown in 1994 with my parents and have been a member since. My husband, Jeremy and I have attended together since 2005 and we are raising our two children in the church. We live in Mount Laurel with our new dog, Sugar! I have served as a Deacon at FPC Moorestown and am currently a part of the Worship Committee. I enjoy running in God's beautiful creation and love to read to learn more about others and our world. I am a teacher at Moorestown Friends School and am so glad for the community there and the desire to see God's light in everyone.

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Gil Warren – My wife Becky and I live in Marlton and have been members at FPC since the early 1990s. We have a grown son Kyle who lives in Providence, RI. I have served as a trustee in the past and am currently finishing up my first term as an elder, serving on the Stewardship Committee and as chair of the Nominating Committee. I have also been an usher for many years and was a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee. My outside interests include hiking and biking with Becky and most sports both playing (softball and golf) and watching (just about anything).

Jim Wiggans - I have been a member of FPC Moorestown since the late 1990s, prior to moving to Moorestown in 2000 with my wife Carol and family. Carol, also a member of FPC, is currently a fourth-grade special education teacher at the UES. We are blessed to be parents of three adult children, all of whom are now married. One is local, with the other two in Virginia and Michigan. I have previously served in a number of roles at FPC. These include being a long-time usher, an assistant treasurer, member and president of the Board of Trustees, and a member of the property and investment committees, among others. I currently serve on Session as chair of the Personnel Team. Carol and I are also friends of the Second Congregational Church in Londonderry, VT, where we visit on an occasional basis. We enjoy spending time with family, travel (at least pre-COVID), and outdoor activities which include hiking, kayaking, and skiing. Additionally, I am continually trying to improve my golf game.

Merritt Wikle - My spouse of 30+ years, is Melissa. We are both from Huntsville, Alabama originally. We met via a mutual friend in Houston, working there in the late 1980s. Our family is an “emptying nest.” We have 2 sons, Austin (28) and Ryan (21). Ryan attends the University of Alabama. Austin now lives and works in Houston, Texas. We live in Moorestown. Melissa relocated to the area for a job opportunity in 2016. I moved here in 2018, after Ryan’s graduation in Amherst/Buffalo NY. We joined FPC Moorestown as official members in 2019. I have ushered at the contemporary service. I currently serve as part of the Technology Committee, and have done a little helping with related campus maintenance/improvements. I also have helped and enjoyed our now-virtual "Lent1/COVID/Lent2/+" continuing small group. I grew up Episcopalian and was a Vestry member of our church in California. We joined a United Methodist Church in Tampa, and I was on Council in our Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Western NY. We have lived and worked all around the USA (10 States for me so far). Melissa has an Accounting/business background, and I’m retired from Engineering/business. My outside interests include family, new and old friends, travel, some DIY stuff, SEC football, and a few 'on-off' hobbies.

Joyce Peacock – 2-year term. – I reside in Moorestown, and joined FPC Moorestown at the birth of daughter Diana in the mid ‘70s with my late husband Ken. Adult Choir was my initial entrée and still tugs at my heart. Over the years I have been a part of various women’s small groups, a volunteer in the church office, as well as offering the KPML series. Currently, I am part of the Prayer Team and have a long-standing interest in discipleship. I enjoy the blessing of being involved in the life of my 9-month-old grandson, Nevin, along with Diana and John, participating in book groups, and look forward to more open gatherings with friends, enjoying the arts in person, and seeing God’s creative handiwork while traveling.

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Alice Conley – My family consists of my sister Barbara who lives in Connecticut and my godson Angel. I currently live in Delran and have been a member of FPC Moorestown since 2016. I am the athletic director at Camden County Technical Schools-Pennsauken Campus aka Penn Tech. This will be my second term as a Deacon and I have also been involved with visuals for the contemporary service as well as communion cleanup. My outside interests include nature, hiking and sports.

Janet D'Angelo – I have been a member of FPC since 2005, however this has been my family's church since 1995. My husband Christian and I were married by Pastor Miller in 1996. We live with our son Richard in Moorestown. I work as a Clinical Dietitian at a short-stay physical and medical rehabilitation center and as a consultant dietitian to two assisted living communities. Outside of work I am content to be home with my boys but also like reading, my book club, getting together with family and friends (and seeing what they are up to on social media when apart), and enjoy a quick workout almost every day. I have learned and grown so much studying with some of the wonderful women of FPC during many Wednesday night Bible study groups over the years. I have also participated in Lenten book groups, adult Sunday School, Presbyterian Women events and studies as well as attending the Ken Peacock Lecture Series and other speaker events here at First Pres. I was blessed to serve with a great group of Deacons from 2013-2019 and look forward to the chance to serve again.

Kourtney de la Cruz – I am up for my second term as a Deacon with FPC Moorestown. My husband Fausto and I live in Moorestown and have three children Sofia (6), Nico (4), and Guillermo (2). I became a member of the church in 2001 after going through the CREDO class as a freshman in high school. I represented our church as a missionary in both Mexico and Honduras after college and have served on the Mission Committee since returning home almost 7 years ago. I am thankful to have my children involved in the ministries of the church and look forward to building deeper relationships among the congregation and community.

Steve Drzaszcz - I was born in Linden, NJ and have been a resident of Burlington Township for 10 years. I married my wife Liz (Vespucci) in 2012. We became members of FPC Moorestown in 2014. I am the father of one daughter (Helena, age 4) and we also have one geriatric black lab (Max who is 13 years young). I have held several volunteer positions at FPC, including singing in the Contemporary Worship Band, and serving as a member of the Technology Committee. I work in Mount Laurel full time as an IT Security Professional. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, road trips, and photography.

Sarah Harper - I'm married to Rob Harper and we have one child together, Alexandra (7) and two children from a previous marriage, Kristen Harper (27) and Robert Harper (23). Rob, Alex and I live in Mt Laurel. I've been a member of the church for only a few years, but have attended FPC Moorestown for many years. I grew up in the Presbyterian Church with parents who actively served in the church and I'm honored to follow in their footsteps. I've served on the Missions Committee for the past year and excited to join Deacons to expand my service through the church. In my personal life I have my own strategy consulting and executive coaching business. My hobbies include running, reading and spending time with family and friends.

Gail Sorin - My husband is Gregory Sorin, our sons are Aaron and Ryan. I live in Mount Laurel and have been a member of First Presbyterian Church in Moorestown since 2009. I served on the Board of Deacons from 2012 to 2018 where I co-chaired the hunger committee during the last four of those years. I have co-taught Sunday School for various grades, the most recent being the second and third grade class. I have had the privilege of taking part in Companions 1 and 2, Design for Discipleship and numerous other Bible and Lenten Studies. I currently work as a dental hygienist. When not working you can find me walking, biking or gardening.

Sharon Uibel – I have been a member since 1999. My husband Michael and I reside in Delran. I am mom to Kayla Uibel who is currently studying in her junior year at James Madison University. I have taught the art component of VBS every summer except possibly three since joining the church. I have also taught Sunday School to the 4th-5th grade group, served with Joel Krott's West Jersey Chamber Music committee and am involved with a Wednesday morning Bible Study. I taught 3rd grade for 26 years in the Pennsauken School district and retired 7 years ago and continued my teaching journey as an art teacher in the summer program at MFS. I hold a Masters in Education and a Music Education degree from Immaculata University and Marygrove College. Currently, I teach art from my home studio and The Markeim Arts Center in Haddonfield where I exhibit my paintings in oil on canvas and watercolor. I'm an avid runner participating in the Marine Corps marathon three times, various half marathons and dozens of 5Ks including Moorestown's Scott Coffee run!

Susan Winner - I am a lifelong resident of Moorestown. I attended Moorestown schools starting in kindergarten and graduating from Moorestown High School. I went to Florida Southern College. After graduating with a degree in Elementary Education I came home to Moorestown and married my high school sweetheart, Bob Winner. Bob was also born and raised in Moorestown. He grew up on his family's dairy farm on Centerton Road and he returned there after college to farm with his father. That is where we lived, worked and had our children, Amy and Jeffrey. It was a busy wonderful life, Bob was farming 350 acres with 350 dairy cows while I was teaching second grade and we were raising our children. I have attended First Presbyterian Church since I was a little girl. It is the only church I have ever been a member of. Bob had also been a life-long member. Bob and I were married at First Presbyterian in 1971. Our children were baptized at FPC Moorestown and attended Sunday School. I taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School for many years. My faith grew in fellowship with other young mothers as we attended Bible studies, retreats and women's groups. I also served as a deacon. Bob and I sold the farm to Burlington County and moved to Marlton. After Bob's death in 2018, God has been my source of strength and the church has been my source of fellowship. It is with great joy that I will be serving as a deacon to this community.

TRUSTEE

Bill Conner – My wife Denise and I are residents of Moorestown and joined FPC Moorestown in 2002. Our son, Matthew is a 7th grader at Moorestown Friends School. In addition to being a member of the trustees, I am also an active member of the investment committee. In my current role as treasurer, I work closely with the administrative staff to assist with projects including the development of supporting financial models. Other outside interests include a lifetime of playing tennis and mountain biking with the family.

Rich Corbin – I have been attending FPC Moorestown my entire life. My parents, Sally and Dick Corbin, began attending FPC Moorestown in early 1969 and I was born soon thereafter and baptized at the church. In 1984, during my freshman year of high school, I became a member of the church and in 1994 married my wife, Melissa, at FPC Moorestown. We have two daughters, Hannah, a sophomore electrical and computer engineering major at Rowan University, and Caroline, a sophomore at Moorestown High School. Both girls have been involved in various church activities (choir, Sunday school, and youth groups). In addition to Hannah and Caroline, we raised Melissa's sister, Stephanie Rose, in the church and she and her family continue to be active. Throughout my years at FPC Moorestown, I have been involved in various activities starting with the youth choir. In high school, I served as a teen representative on the church nominating committee. More recently, I was an assistant treasurer, coordinated the church's involvement with the Interfaith Hospitality Network, and helped teach Sunday School with Melissa. I worked as a consultant and operations manager for Booz Allen Hamilton for 17 years. In 2010, I made a major career change and became a fitness instructor. Since 2015, I have been employed by the Moorestown Department of Parks and Recreation where I teach fitness classes and currently manage the township's parks and athletic facilities. In my spare time, I enjoy golfing, especially with my two daughters, and volunteer as the assistant coach of the MHS girls' golf team. I also enjoy travelling with my family, hiking, and a new hobby discovered during COVID - bird watching.

Paul Lewis - I was born in Philadelphia and raised in Trevoise, PA. My father was a deacon and founding member of the Feasterville Baptist Church. I am married to my wife Ginny, now for 52 years of which the last 47 years we have resided in Delran, NJ. We have three children and four grandchildren all of whom live out of state. We have been members of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown since 1998. I have served as an usher since joining and have recently been helping with the church's Rummage Sale since 2015. Since retiring in 2011, I seem to keep busy without trying. I am an avid reader, am in a morning senior bowling league and have Phillies partial plan season tickets. During warm weather, I enjoy gardening and landscaping around our house. My wife and I enjoy travel several times a year to visit our children residing in Texas, Colorado and Pennsylvania.