

## 2026 OFFICER BIOGRAPHIES

### ELDER

**Paul Booker** – Dr. Paul Booker and his wife, Marsha, have been members of FPC for more than 20 years. During that time, Paul has served on Session, including chair of the Personnel Committee and Worship Committee, as well as membership on the Pastoral Nominating Committee. A psychologist by profession, he has helped train Stephen Ministers and served as the speaker at our Couples Retreats in Cape May. He also has been a member of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. In the wider community, he serves on the Boards of the Methodist Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association and the Ocean Grove Beach Foundation. He and Marsha have three married children and they cherish their five grandchildren. Paul loves this church, his family, and his well-worn beach cruiser bicycle. In the early summer mornings, he can be found riding along the beach filled with the quiet joy of experiencing breathtaking sunrises.

**Evan Dempster** -- I grew up in the Presbyterian Church, originally coming to know Christ at First Presbyterian Church of Ambler in Pennsylvania. My experience as a middle school teacher and passion for youth programs and education have led to my serving on the FPC Moorestown Youth Committee and as a middle school youth leader. Outside of church, I have been blessed with a beautiful family that the church has gotten to know very well, my wife, Cara, and children Josephine and James.

**Rick Dougherty** -- I've been a member of FPC Moorestown for close to 35 years. My wife, Wendy, and I were married in our church, our two daughters were baptized and married at FPC, and our three grandchildren have also been baptized at FPC. I've served multiple terms previously on both Session and Deacons and currently am chair of the Long Range Planning Committee. I also attend the Wednesday morning men's Bible study, and while Stuart was away on his sabbatical, he asked me to take over leadership of the group. I've been retired for 3.5 years. Now instead of managing a large research budget where people actually listened to me, I, with Wendy, spend a bunch of our time watching 3 toddlers who most assuredly do not listen to me. When not chasing around grandchildren, I enjoy playing golf. Last year I played 80 times including 6 rounds in Scotland (my bucket list item). My wife and I have a lake house in the Poconos where we spend most summer weekends entertaining, relaxing, and boating. Finally, I've been an Eagles season ticket holder almost as long as I've been a member of FPC Moorestown.

**Rev. Kathy Eagles (Clerk of Session)** -- I was blessed to grow up in a Christian family. We attended an evangelical church that was both Christ-centered and biblically based. Even as a small child, I knew I wanted to serve God. While I was still in high school, I felt a call to full-time ministry. I didn't know exactly what ministry, but I just expected that, when God calls, you're off and running. I could not have been more wrong. Instead of "off-and-running", I ended up waiting for 40 years thinking it would never happen. While I waited, we raised our three sons and I got involved in church and community activities. To me waiting was a waste of time—not doing what I thought I should be doing. But the truth is, that while I was waiting, God was at work--transforming me from the inside out, healing my brokenness, exposing my misconceptions and misunderstandings, and refining me for his purposes. When the time of waiting was up, I was 54 years old. Even though I had never completed my undergraduate studies (interrupted while we were raising our boys), God miraculously opened the doors of seminary. Upon graduation, I was called to a small church in Bangor, PA and ordained as an American Baptist pastor. I retired from full time ministry in 2016 and interim ministry in 2023. My husband of 54 years, Lorenzo, a retired investment advisor, and I joined First Presbyterian Church in 2024.

**Leonard Fitts** – My wife Sherrell Fitts and I reside in Moorestown. We have been members since 1994. 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. A previous educator, my outside interests include working with educational and community groups.

**Paul Gordon** -- I have been coming to First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown off and on since I was in grade school. My wife and I were married here in 2012 and have been members for over ten years. It was at the point we became members that we started coming here regularly. Since then, we have been involved in various areas throughout the church. We have participated in Lenten studies, a long-term small group, and volunteering for meal trains and the Strawberry Festival. I served as a deacon for three years starting in 2019. My wife Rachel and I have four children: Avery, Isaac, Freddy and Caroline. I am a production planner at Amuneal Manufacturing Corporation in Philadelphia.

**Lissa Herman** -- I have been a member of FPC Moorestown since shortly after my husband, Rev. Dr. Richard Herman, became Associate Pastor in 2002. Although my childhood church was my second home, it was in Bucknell Christian Fellowship that I came to understand the limitless grace which God personally extended to me, and gratefully accepted Jesus as the Lord of my life. I earned a Masters in Early Childhood Education, and taught part-time for 19 years. In both of our previous churches I served in many capacities, including multiple terms as deacon, but the most rewarding work was co-directing the two-week summer camp at the Sharon church, which had multiple locations and 60+ volunteers. I served FPC as a Stephen Minister 2004-2024, and as a Stephen Leader for the past 15 years. I have played handbells at FPC for 23 years, and sang in the Adult Choir. I supported IHN, cook for Meal Trains and funerals, and volunteer at the Strawberry Festival and weekly at the church reception desk. Throughout our ministry, Dick and I have enjoyed having Bible Studies and many church groups in our home on a regular basis. We have led a Lenten study/supper group most years since 2002. Along with Lorenzo Eagles I worked to re-establish FPC's adult educational programming after COVID. Through teaching I have learned and grown a great deal, and our Sunday morning community brings me great joy. Dick and I are Anglophiles, and have made 13 trips to the UK. We have one amazing daughter, Beth Walker, and two wonderful granddaughters, Lydia and Hannah. We also are owned by Moorestown's most lovable dog, Maggie.

**Matt Livingston** – I grew up in Moorestown, and my wife Kim and I now live in Lumberton where we moved when we married in 1999. Kim and I have attended FPC all our lives and actually met as adults at FPC. We have two amazing boys; Owen and Evan. At FPC, I have previously served as a Deacon, an Usher, and helped lead the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade youth group for several years, and currently serve on Session and chair the Nominations Committee. Outside of FPC, I work as a Director at Bank of America, and in my free time, enjoy skiing, camping, hiking, biking and I serve as a volunteer with Lumberton Boy Scout Troop 2022.

**Frank Manion** – My wife Carol and I live in Moorestown and have been members of the church since 1982. Our adult children, son Ryan and daughter Erica, both grew up in the church. I have served three terms as a Deacon, one term as a ruling Elder, and as a Trustee. I also sing in the Adult Choir and serve on the Technology Committee. Carol directs the Primary Choir, and also serves as a Stephen Minister. We have co-chaired the Strawberry Festival twice. In the broader community, I was the church representative to Interfaith Caregivers and served as vice-president of that organization. I also helped organize the Moorestown CROP walk for a number of years and have served as a member of the United Way of Burlington County Fund Distribution committee. My outside interests are gardening, golf, and taking long walks with my wife. I have always had a strong desire for social justice and to serve others and enjoyed my past experience with Session. Consequently, with God's help I look forward to serving our congregation as an Elder.

**Kristen Perkowski** - I am humbled to have been asked to continue serving on the Session of FPC Moorestown. My husband Brian and I have been members since 2007. We live in Westampton and have two boys, Alex and Kyle, 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 (as co-leader) and the Rummage Sale. In 2019 I was

fortunate enough to be a chaperone on the Denmark Choir Trip with 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 love exercising and running.

**Steve Shaffer** -- A member of FPC Moorestown since 1994 and having served for one term as a Deacon and two terms as an Elder, I look forward to working as an Elder once again. I am thankful for my blessings and seek God's guidance in my life. My wife Susan is a deacon and my daughter Alexandra grew up in this church. Among my most meaningful experiences at FPC were mission trips to Mississippi and Haiti, ushering at early services, serving on search committees for associate pastor and for youth director, and of course directing and dodging cars during Strawberry Festival traffic control/parking. Recently retired after 44 years in a variety of jobs in three different independent schools, I have enjoyed my career working with young people. I was a middle school principal, teacher of English in grade 6-12, and high school basketball coach, among other duties. I am currently staying busy subbing and doing some volunteer work, and I still love to stay active, mostly by skiing, surfing, hiking, and scuba diving.

## **DEACON**

**Sharon Budka** -- Growing up, I went to Sunday School and worship on Sunday mornings, and prayer meetings and Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings. During my membership at the Second Baptist Church of Perth Amboy/Cathedral International (childhood through adulthood), I was trained to become a leader in the church. I participated in Youth Sundays and the leaders in the church made space for children and youth to be active participants teaching and helping with worship. As I aged, I served with various roles and positions within the church. I participated in the Youth and Gospel Choirs, Sunday School teacher, Co-leader of the Discipleship Ministry, Imani Liturgical Dance Troupe, and Missions Board. I coordinated and participated in two evangelism tours to Laguna, Nigeria through the Friendship Baptist International Mission. The two mission terms to Nigeria influenced my decision to return to the mission field. Cathedral International commissioned me to serve as a missionary in Nairobi, Kenya with the Africa Inland Mission. I served two years doing youth leadership development, and children's ministries. I returned to work with the State of New Jersey and retired from civil service in 2020. In the various churches I joined through the years, I served the congregations through the children's ministries and Sunday School. I began attending FPC Moorestown in 2023 and joined in 2024. I am married to Mark Budka, and I am the mother to Emanuel and Frehiwot (Freh) Budka. We have been residents in Moorestown, NJ since July 2015. I am looking forward to again serving as a Deacon.

**Mary Christensen** -- I joined FPC Moorestown 20 years ago. I live in Medford Lakes with my husband, Mark where we raised our four children. We're now blessed with ten grandchildren. I had the joy of serving as a Deacon years ago. Now, after a health break, I'm looking forward to getting involved again serving the Lord in our church community.

**Wendy Dougherty** -- I was baptized (1960), confirmed (1973), and married (1990) at FPC Moorestown. My children were also raised and married at the church, and now their children have been baptized here. My husband Rick taught 4th grade Sunday School at FPC Moorestown for 20 years, and is currently on Session, while also leading the Long Range Planning Committee. My faith journey includes having recently been a 6-year Trustee and Mission Committee member, and now I would like to continue as a Deacon, ready to serve our church further in a new capacity.

**Audrey Drummonds** -- Presently, I reside with close family in Newton, New Jersey. Born and raised in a Christian home by loving parents in Camden, NJ, I received Christ as my personal Savior at the age of 12. I recommitted my life to Christ in my early 30s. In my journey, I have experienced various home churches. I grew up attending Broadway Bible Tabernacle in Camden. However, Beulah Baptist Church, is where I grew in faith and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. I participated in Bible Study, Bible School Ministry, Singles Ministry, Choir Membership, Sunday School Teacher (Special Needs Children), and working with our teen ministry. I was married for 23 years, but now I have been divorced for 4+ years. I raised my precious daughter, Shadiya. Presently, I am a retiree from the Camden City School District. I worked for the Camden School System for 35.5 years initially as a Special Education Teacher and later, as a School Guidance Counselor. In addition, I worked on a part-time basis for Community Council Health Systems Mental Health Services located in Pennsylvania as a Learning Therapist. During my latter years with Camden City School System, I attended Philadelphia Biblical University (presently Cairn University) in Langhorne, PA and acquired a MS in Christian Counseling. Thereafter, I obtained my LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor). During this period, I had the opportunity to work part-time at a Christian based counseling agency in New Jersey. At present, I am founder/owner of a small-scale counseling agency, Things To Consider Counseling Services, located in Pine Hill, NJ. My agency has been in operation for 8 years. I love working with people and adapt well to diversity. Other interests include studying the Word of God, exercise (long distance walking, working out at the gym), listening to music, reading, traveling, and shopping.

**Steve Drzaszcz** - I was born in Linden, NJ and have been a resident of Burlington Township for 10 years. I married my wife Liz in 2012. We became members of FPC Moorestown in 2014. I am the father of one daughter Helena, and sadly recently bid farewell to our beloved 18-year old dog Max. I have held several volunteer positions at FPC, including singing in the Contemporary Worship Band, and am now chairing 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.

**Steve Emerson** -- My parents moved the family (myself and three younger brothers) to Moorestown in 1968 when I was 10 years old. We immediately joined FPC and for the next nine years my brothers and I attended Sunday School, youth group, and regular worship. I attended Westminster College where I obtained a BA in psychology. I later obtained my MA in Community Psychology. After marrying Mary in 1982 we moved to Alaska and settled in Fairbanks where we attended Community Presbyterian Church for 17 years. While there I served as an elder. We moved back to Moorestown in 2000 and re-connected with FPC. I am presently serving as an usher and as a deacon. I was a Stephen Minister from 2010 -2015 and assisted with the CREDO class for 3 years. Mary and I have been married for 42 years and have two sons Luke and Matthew. They are both married; Luke and Louisa live in Colorado and Matt and Kaleigh in Marlton. I worked as a social worker and therapist for many years including a 5-year stint as Director of Mental Health Services in Alaska. I was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2007 and subsequently retired to focus on my health. I currently work part-time for Parks and Recreation in Moorestown. I also serve as an ambassador for the Davis Phinney Foundation whose mission is to help people with Parkinson's to live better today. I enjoy reading, fishing, sports, gardening, and most importantly, spending time with family and friends.

**Laurie LaMonica (Moderator)** – I am a lifelong resident of Moorestown and was a member of FPC Moorestown when I was younger. My husband Anthony and our three children, Avery, Brayden and Addison, returned to FPC Moorestown and we became official members in 2015. Our children have been/are part of Sunday School, youth group, youth choirs and VBS. In 2019, I was a chaperone on the Denmark Choir Trip with my son Avery. During my time at FPC Moorestown I have taught Sunday School, served as Choir Mom, currently co-chair the Strawberry Festival and serve on the Mission Committee. I am a pharmacist and have been blessed to travel several times to Guatemala on a Medical Mission trip where we have treated over 1,500 patients each time. I have been part of many small groups which has

helped me nourish my relationship with God and make many new friends here at FPC Moorestown. I am very active in our community with my three children. I am on the Pheasant Run Swim Team Board where my kids swim during the summer, I am on the Outreach Committee of the Moorestown High School Alumni Association ('91), chaired many positions for our home and school and have been a Room Parent every year for the last eleven. I love spending time with my family, walking, reading and playing games. One of my favorite things to do is watching my kids play their favorite sports - I am the one cheering the loudest in my new rocking sports chair!

**Joshua Leonard** -- I have been attending First Presbyterian Church for about 3 years and officially became a member in 2023. My wife Nicole and I reside in Cinnaminson with our two daughters, Rosemary and Abigail. We also have a 10-year-old dachshund, Caroline. Last year, I assisted during the Strawberry Festival. I was recently blessed to be given the opportunity as an audio technician for the contemporary service. Sometimes, I also fill in during the traditional service. I was proud to serve our country in the Navy for 9 years, separating as a Chief Petty Officer in 2006. I currently work as a Senior Executive in the Treasury Department. In my spare time I like to read, travel, and exercise.

**Rachel Long** – My family and I moved to Moorestown in the early 1990s and began attending FPC Moorestown. Growing up, I participated in everything from choir to Sunday School and now my 3 daughters do the same. My husband, Matt, and I were married in the sanctuary and we live a few minutes down the road. I look forward to a second term as Deacon. I have taught mathematics in the Moorestown School District for 17 years and spent many seasons coaching soccer and softball there. When I'm not working, I cart my children from one sports field to another, coffee always in hand.

**Jenny Revucky** -- I have been involved at FPC Moorestown since I was a freshman in high school. I have served as a Deacon and an Elder. I sang in the Adult Choir for years and was recently part of the Music Director Discernment Team. You may see me running after my two young boys at Family Dinner on Wednesdays! I am excited to participate in the ministry of the deacons once again!

**Gail Sorin** - My husband is Gregory Sorin, our sons are Aaron and Ryan. I live in Mount Laurel and have been a member of FPC Moorestown since 2009. I served on the Deacons from 2012-2018 where I co-chaired the hunger committee during the last four of those years. I have 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.

**Mike Welch** -- I have been a member of FPC Moorestown since the fall of 1996 when I joined with my wife and our four children. I have been involved in a variety of events and committees at the church first being a middle school Sunday school teacher for 3-4 years. I went on the mission trip to Kenya in 2001. I chaperoned youth group weekend trips and choir retreats. I served two stints as an usher and currently am a team captain. I served a number of times at the Strawberry Festival. I served one term as a trustee and two terms as a deacon. I am returning to the Deacon Board as this is the board I feel best able to serve the community and our church. I am very thankful to this church family for these enjoyable and fulfilling service opportunities.

**Alex Wilkie** is honored to be nominated to serve as a deacon to help minister to the congregation and the wider community. He has been attending services since 1993 and became a member in 2013. He has taught Sunday School classes, assisted with Christmas play productions, and is on the board of the Mustard Seed Cooperative Garden. His wife, Janet, grew up in the church, has been a ruling elder and was the choir soprano soloist for many years.

**Anne Woolley** -- Having grown up outside Pittsburgh, I was called to a personal relationship with Christ through the ministry of Park Street Church, Boston, where I met my husband, Tad. We lived in Wellesley, MA, then outside Cincinnati where our two daughters were born more than 40 years ago. After thirty-eight years in the same house in Montgomery Township, we felt God tugging us to move closer to grandchildren in Philadelphia in July 2022. A huge move! Joining FPCM in 2023, I have volunteered for the Strawberry Festival; funeral committee; delivering plants; stripping palms; working in the garden; Meal Train; Operation Christmas Child and participating through a PW circle to help underprivileged families. Having lived in the land of the Dutch in Montgomery where a direct ancestor was baptized in 1747, I am enjoying getting to know more about the Quakers of Moorestown and making new friends at church. My interests include genealogy research; the DAR; advocacy for foster children; the Historical Society of Moorestown; enjoying our grandchildren; exploring the area; gardening and our pets. I look forward to greater fellowship at FPC through service in Christ's name.

## TRUSTEE

**Pete Honeyford** -- Pete is an insufficiently grateful recipient of the grace of Jesus. He is a long-time church member, and will be on his third term with the Trustees. He has been a Deacon and an Elder. With his wife, Cyndie, they have three adult daughters, sons-in-law, and several grandchildren.

**Joe Molloy** – I am honored to serve on my second term as a Trustee having been on both the budget and investment teams. In addition to Trustees, I have enjoyed supporting our Strawberry Festival, VBS, Church Has Left the Building, and other ministries. My wife Karen and I have lived in Cinnaminson for over 40 years, enjoy being retired, traveling, and following our four grandkids in their sporting adventures.

**Mike Ramage** -- My wife Ann and I have been members of First Pres since 1987. We are blessed with three children and 8 grandchildren ages 25 to 5. All three families live in the Philadelphia area. Ann and I met in high school in Indiana and got married while at Purdue. Boiler Up! I am a chemical engineer. We have been married 60 years. I enjoyed a long career with Mobil and ExxonMobil, retiring in 2002. Since then, I have worked/consulted on global energy issues with the National Research Council. I enjoy my time serving on the Board of Trustees and chaired the budget committee this past year.

**Tad Woolley** -- Anne and I have been married for 47 years and have two grown daughters with five grandchildren. When I was in college I was very involved with Park Street Congregational Church in Boston. It was through a College & Career small group that I became a Christian. I graduated college in engineering and built my career at many of the major computer companies, then shifted into software applications for the public safety market. We moved from Boston to Cincinnati, then to New Jersey, and I have tried to serve in each church we were a part of. Having lived in Central NJ for 38 years, Anne and I moved closer to family in Philadelphia in 2022, found Moorestown and FPC and became members in early 2023. At previous churches I have served in property management, and/or facility management. At our church in Central NJ, I served 18 years as a Trustee (Finance & Budget, Accounting, General Ledger automation, Facilities, Investing). Also I was involved with Small Groups, multiple pastoral search committees and chair of the By-Laws/Constitution revision that took 2+ years to complete. After retirement I was Treasurer of The Rockingham Association, the official friends group of NJ State Historic Site Rockingham. I've also served on non-profit boards in finance, as treasurer, assisting with audits and preserving their tax-exempt status. I enjoy adventures with Anne, woodworking, computers, gardening, finance, boating, reading and travel. I am honored to serve on the board of Trustees and the Technology Committee.