
INTRODUCING . . . ELDER NOMINEES

The Congregation is called to meet in the sanctuary following worship on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**, to receive and act upon a report from the Nominating Committee for elders in Class of 2019. Nominations may be made from the floor provided those placing a name in nomination have obtained permission from the one being nominated. The nominees are placed in nomination by this year's Nominating Committee: Elders David Sahm (*Mod.*) and Marcia Miculek (*Vice Mod.*), and Cadie Davison, Allyn Jordan, Glenn Mathews, Don Spencer, Marilyn Wright (*members-at-large*).

ELDERS, CLASS OF 2019

MARLEE CRIACO



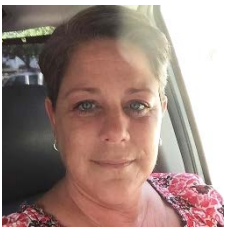
I've been a member of First Presbyterian since 1992. My husband, Pete, and I raised our 3 daughters in FPC-Bryan. I've had many responsibilities in this church: Church School teacher, deacon, elder, moderator and member of Christian Education and College Committees, Carpenter's Kids Program Coordinator, and member of Fellowship Committee. I also occasionally sing in the Chancel Choir and ring in the Handbell Choir. I never hesitate to say yes when the opportunity arises to take on the role of deacon or elder. Whenever I get an opportunity play a greater role in the life of the church, I feel it's an honor to have been chosen, and it's a role I embrace.

LIBBY DEMPSEY



I am currently a stay at home mom spending my days caring for two active kids, Preston and Lennon, and two lazy dogs, Guinness and Captain. I met my husband, Russell, at Texas A&M University where I graduated from in 2005 with a BA in English. I joined FPC-Bryan in 2006 shortly before Russell and I were married. I previously served as an elder at Covenant Presbyterian in College Station. We transferred our membership to First Presbyterian in 2012. I agreed to be an elder because I hope to become more involved in our faith community now that my kids are a little older.

SHELLEY ESPINOZA



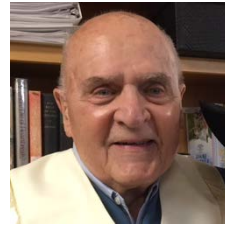
As a child, I always believed in God. I didn't, however, have much of an understanding of the Christian faith nor did I truly know if I could buy into the Holy Trinity. This changed in 2010 as my father lay on his deathbed. There was an "Aha" moment when my beliefs shifted. After visiting churches and baptized in 2011 at FPC-Bryan, I continue to trust in the Lord, acknowledging Him versus relying on my own thoughts and actions to guide me. I know that through His guidance and my trust I will continue to grow in my faith. I believe that serving as an Elder is an honor which will not be taken lightly, as I serve both the Lord and Church.

PAM GEISHAUSER



I was born in Texarkana, Texas. When I was 13 months old my parents moved back to their home in Evansville, Indiana. I went to the University of Evansville for three years, got married and had three children – Tommy, Steve and Julie. I also have four wonderful grandchildren. I married Tony Geishauser 5½ years ago which was the best decision of my life next to having my children. I was born a Presbyterian so I had no choice. However, when I got older I did have a choice, and I wanted to stay a Presbyterian, because I agree with the tenants that the Presbyterian Church preaches. I look forward to contributing whatever I can to FPC-Bryan.

CHET HARRIS



I was raised in Indiana. I completed my undergraduate work at Indiana University and graduate work at University of California. My faith journey started in the Army in combat and was reinforced while I was nutritionist for the NASA space program. The astronauts and I worked together, prayed together, and played together. They were men of faith. When I married Celeste, we built our family on faith. I served as Elder and Deacon in Presbyterian churches through 35 years in California and Kingwood. I look forward to serving here in FPC-Bryan and continuing to build on my faith in the Lord.

TAMMIE KEESEE



I grew up in Alpine Presbyterian Church in Longview, was baptized as an infant, and confirmed as a ten-year-old. When I left for college, I started working with kids in a Baptist church. After about 7 years there, I missed the Presbyterian worship style and went looking for a new church home, which is how I ended up at FPC-Bryan. I love animals and followed that passion into a career at the veterinary diagnostic lab on campus. Charley and I got married in June and have an adorable puppy, 'Nilla, who keeps us very busy. I want to serve as an elder because I have gotten so much support from this church and want to give back to the church however I am able.

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MURRAY MILFORD



I was born and raised in a small farming community in Dial, Texas (about 90 miles NE of Dallas), consisting mainly of Presbyterians and Baptists who often had joint services for special occasions. My parents, grandparents, and great grandparents, with the exception of one were buried in the cemetery across the road from the Presbyterian Church. I joined the Dial church as a preteenager during one of their traditional summer revivals held in the open air tabernacle near the church. I first served as an elder in First Presbyterian Church (Ithaca, NY) while on the faculty at Cornell University and have served here on several occasions since joining this congregation in 1968. I have agreed to serve again because having been asked to do so, I feel that others think I can contribute significantly as a church officer even at my advanced age. I pray that they used good judgment, and I will do my best with God's help to show that they did.

CHERYL PAGE



I grew up in the Christian (Disciples of Christ) church in Tulsa and Houston. After marrying Rick, we became members of various Christian churches before joining First Presbyterian Church Bryan in 1999. We have two children and 2 grandchildren. My career has included teaching high school mathematics, technical writing for a software company, and environmental engineering research at Texas A&M. I retired in 2014. While at FPC, I have served as deacon and elder, participated on several committees, taught the mid-high youth Church School class, and had a leadership role in the Seekers Class. As FPC Bryan celebrates its 150th year anniversary, I look forward to serving as elder during this exciting time.

PEGGY TELG



When asked to serve as an elder again, I gave the usual, let me think and pray about it. While inside I was thinking, me? Seriously? And then it hit me. This church is 150 years strong and I'm being asked to help continue its legacy! How could I refuse. My faith journey begins with this very church when I married Ken in 1971. Through Bible study, Sunday school, vacation bible school, and countless committees I've grown into a woman of strong faith and convictions. This church has not only guided but shaped me along the way. I'm proud to serve.

CINDY WINGERT



I was raised a Presbyterian and my great grandmother served as an Elder (several times) at the church. Even though she has been gone for over 30 years she continues to influence my faith. I admit to falling away from the church for a number of years, but I returned to the church when I divorced my kids' dad. I was blessed to have a wonderful pastor who understood both my reasons for being angry with God and helped me find my way back. Since then I have found comfort in the church and am grateful to be at FPC-Bryan!

Guided by the Spirit, the committee members continue their selection process to identify two more elder nominees to complete the list of twelve for the Class of 2019. Please keep the committee and those who may be considering this call in your prayers during the remainder of this process.