

Church Officer Nominating Committee Nominees to the Governing Boards

CLASS
2023

Elders



Amy Davis – Amy has been a member of the Kirk for 20 years. She is currently on the Outreach and Mission Committee. Previously, she served as a Deacon (Treasurer). She has been involved with many different ministries at the Kirk, including teaching Sunday School, VBS, assisting youth groups, and chaperoning youth mission trips to Belize and Puerto Rico. Amy also serves on the Advisory Board of Hope Against Trafficking and works with the residents on an educational book group and Bible study. She hopes to bring a wide range of perspectives from the congregation to Session, along with a focus on following Christ's example of loving all of His children with compassion and grace.



Jim Devlin – Jim has been a member of the church for 27 years. He is currently the Mid High Sunday School teacher, active Pontiac outreach volunteer, and involved in Bible study, Prayer Cordon, and Small Groups. Previously, he has served as an Elder and Trustee. He believes the answers to difficult questions come from prayer and hard work.



Julia Libcke – Julia has been a member of the church for 45 years. She is currently completing her second term as a Deacon, active member of the Membership Committee, an Alpha facilitator, and K-1 Sunday School teacher with her husband, Bob. She is involved in a Small Group for nurses, and volunteers with various outreach activities, including Focus Hope food deliveries. Julia grew up in this church, married, and raised two boys who went through youth group, choir, and confirmation. She brings a willing spirit and is thrilled to be part of the care of our members, as well as serving the community and those in need.



Rick Llope – Rick has been a member of the Kirk for nine years. He has served on the Stewardship Committee since 2018 and is currently the co-chair. Previously, he has served on Session (class of 2016) and the Pastor Nominating Committee (2017, *Team Nate!*). He and Ginny host a Small Group on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and he enjoys participating in various mission projects such as Lighthouse (SOS) and Life Remodeled. He believes our church leadership has an incredible vision for where we should go as a community of faith and looks forward to supporting that vision any way he can.



Kay Maxwell – Kay has been a member of the Kirk for 32 years. She currently serves on the Annual Giving Committee and Investment Committee. Previously, she served as a Deacon and President of the Trustees. She began tutoring with Kirk Tutors in 2019, and is a longtime member of Books & Bibles. She brings a compassionate spirit and a willingness to learn and desire to be led by the Holy Spirit.



Jim Tully – Jim has been a member of the Kirk for one year. He is currently serving on the Strategy Team, has been a volunteer for the Sunday Supper Band, sponsored the Accent Pontiac 5K Run/Walk through his foundation, participated in the CROP Hunger Walk, and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and Pontiac breakfast. He has over 30 years experience of teaching and administration from preschool to graduate school. He is also the founding director of the *Walk in Love Foundation*, which supports educational and cultural opportunities for young people.



James Blair (Youth Elder) – James has been a member of the Kirk for one year. He is active in youth group and community service activities through the Kirk. He brings his perspective as a youth in the church and enjoys working with others.



Clare Llope (Youth Elder) – Clare has been a member of the church for ten years. She volunteers every year for VBS during the summer, and volunteers for Hope Against Trafficking as often as she can. She has been a member of the choir for ten years. Clare loves being around people, volunteering, and giving back to the community.



Deacons



Karen Benson – Karen has been a member of the Kirk for 30 years. She is currently a member of Books & Bibles Small Group, has taught Sunday School, and worked in the nursery. She has volunteered for Lighthouse (SOS) at the Kirk and for Thanksgiving dinners in Pontiac. She has attended Women of the Kirk retreats,

participated and helped set up the Kirk Lenten art exhibit, and assists in researching and selecting art for the worship bulletins. She brings a passion for self expression, empathy, listening, and making thoughtful decisions.



Todd Galloway – Todd recently joined the Kirk as a member on Sunday, October 11, 2020. He has been an active member of the Chancel Choir, Small Groups, and has attended numerous Lunch & Learn sessions, as well as some Men of the Kirk gatherings and Dinner Church services. He brings a strong desire to serve God, a love for others, experience as a community organizer, and musical gifts.



Colby Haan – Colby has been a member of the church for two years. In his first year as a member, he was active in the Adult Ministry committee, and volunteered at several events. He has attended several Small Groups and plans to join more in the future. He believes that he can connect and be accessible especially to those who are similar in age, providing an outreach based in compassion.



Beth Herring – Beth has been a member of the Kirk for 28 years. As a child, she participated in the music program including choir and bell ringing. She enjoyed the youth group activities and went through confirmation at the Kirk while in high school. Currently, she participates in volunteer activities through the church with her children. She brings her skills as a trauma-focused mental health therapist and a parent that are helpful in working as a Deacon.



Jim Keeling – Jim has been a member of the Kirk for 26 years. He is currently part of a Kirk Small Group, a member of the Kirk Veterans, and is a Kirk Usher, serving on the same Usher team since 1995. Previously, he served as a Deacon, including one year as the Moderator, and one year as President of Men of the Kirk. He looks forward to focusing his energy to serve his community of faith as a Deacon for the next three years.



Hye Kim – Hye has been a Kirk member for 20 years. She is currently part of a Kirk Small Group, which has given her the opportunity to volunteer for Lighthouse (SOS) where she served food last year. She is committed to serving the community breakfast at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Pontiac, providing nutritious meals at no charge for the working poor and those experiencing homelessness. In the past, she has helped prepare and serve food at CARE House of Oakland

County and has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. Hye is fluent in Korean, and brings a willingness to take on new challenges and spreading God's message through her passion of cooking.



Patti Parks – Patti has been a Kirk member for 19 years. She currently serves on the Ministry With Pontiac Committee, active in Pastor Nate's Books & Bibles group, Devlin's Small Group, and a Bible study led by Susan and Scott File. In the past, she has served as a Deacon, Sunday school teacher, Camp Hosanna committee member, Blanket Fund chairman, and co-chaired the Adopt-a-Family committee. Patti is retired after 30 years of teaching, and brings the gift of time, love for children and learning.



Cathy Payton – Cathy has been a member of the Kirk for 55 years. She is a member of the Women of the Kirk, a senior high youth group advisor, and has volunteered on many junior and senior high mission trips. Previously, she has served as a Deacon, Elder, and Stephen Minister. She brings compassion, empathy, listening skills, and is a caregiver at heart.



Shannon Phillips – Shannon has been a member of the Kirk for 23 years. She currently serves as a member of the COVID Response Fund Committee. She also volunteers regularly to assist with and support the Kirk youth choirs. She brings a deep desire to make personal connections with members of our community.



Helen Stormer – Helen has been a member of the Kirk for four years. She is currently a Sunday School teacher, belongs to a Kirk Small Group, Kirk Singers, and volunteers with Focus Hope food delivery to Detroit Seniors. She has lived in many places in different parts of the world, and has an appreciation and compassion for who people are as individuals. She brings her gifts of welcoming and caring for others, just as she was welcomed at the Kirk.



Joe Jakubiak (Youth Deacon) – Joe has been a member for one year. He is currently on the Imaginarium Committee, an acolyte, and active in the choir and youth group. He looks forward to bringing a youth perspective and enthusiasm for helping others.



Annie Weaver (Youth Deacon) – Annie has been a member of the church for four years. She was part of the choir and youth group for two years, and is currently on the Imaginarium team. Her gifts include being thoughtful, faithful, and positive.

Installation Sunday is January 17, 2021

Trustees



Scott Baderoch – Scott has been a member of the church for five years. He is a member of Men of the Kirk, served on a committee chaired by Glenda Herb, and in the distant past, served as a Deacon at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago. He is a degreed Architect, which can be useful in understanding the challenges of the Kirk's magnificent buildings and grounds.



Chris Gaff – Chris has been a member of the church for 21 years. He is the proud parent of two treble boys who are active in the choir. He brings a love for the Kirk, a foundation of service to the community, and an education in law and running the family business that will aid in this position.



Julie Nummer – Julie has been a member of the church for one year. She is an active member of Books & Bibles, has attended several Kirk events, and volunteered at the 5K Run/Walk last year. She enjoys being involved with church outreach activities, and organized, led, and participated in several group activities at her previous church. She is eager to take on new service responsibilities and looks forward to doing so here at the Kirk.



Randy Pappal – Randy has been a member of the church for 20 years. He is currently a member of the Personnel and Strategy Committee and an Usher. Previously, he served as a member of Session and on the Board of Trustees. He brings his faith and love of the Kirk.



Jeff Reitmyer – Jeff has been a member of the church for 24 years. He has served as a member and as chair of the K-5 Families Committee, member of the Church Officer Nominating Committee, and was a shepherd for the Journey's Sunday School program as well as a substitute Sunday School teacher. He brings extensive knowledge of fiduciary/trust management, having been employed in various capacities in corporate fiduciary banking for over 23 years.



Crystal Thomas – Crystal has been a member of the Kirk for 40 years. She has served on the board of Women of the Kirk, and numerous committees including: 50th Anniversary, Health Ministry, Music, Communication, Membership, and the Veterans Committee. She set up the Open Door program, Women with Memories and Alzheimer's Support Group. She is an ordained Elder and ordained Deacon, and has served as Moderator. She has been Chairman of the Kirk Seniors since 2001 and edits their monthly newsletter. Currently, Crystal serves as a Docent, Stephen Minister, Care Giver, and Kirk Historian. In 2018, she was honored as Woman of the Year. She brings her knowledge and experience of the Kirk as the Historian and longtime member, as well as over 50 years experience as a bookkeeper.

Class of 2021 Church Officer Nominating Committee Members-at-Large



Arnie Kummerow – Arnie has been a member of the Kirk since 1984. He is currently serving as a coordinator for Men of the Kirk Breakfast/Bible study, committee member for Accent Pontiac, Adult Ministries Committee, Outreach and Mission Committee, and is providing care as a Stephen Minister. In the past, he has served on Session, Chair of the Music Committee, and as a member of the Chancel Choir. He brings an awareness of Kirk history, as his mother and father-in-law were founding members of the Kirk. He believes the building is not the *church*, but the people are the *church*.



Julie Webb – Julie has been a member of the church for 10 years. Currently, she is a Small Group leader and Sunday School teacher along with her husband, Ryan. Through the Kirk, her family volunteers at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Pontiac providing meals to those dealing with food insecurities. She is a former Deacon and Chairman of the Preschool board. She enjoys encouraging people to step out of their comfort zone and try something new.



Linda Weitzel – Linda has been a member of the church for 14 years. She currently serves on the CYFM Committee. Previously, she served as an Elder, moderator of the CYFM and Communion Committees, and member of the CONC and Worship Committees. When her children were younger, she taught and wrote curriculum for Sunday School, assisted with VBS, and volunteered at many family events. Linda brings her prior experience on the Nominating Committee and an open mind. She is excited to speak to others about taking a leadership role in shaping the future of our church.



Guidelines for officer nominations:

ELDERS • The Presbyterian Church USA's Book of Order (Part II 2015/2017) cites a Ruling Elder Defined (G-2.0301) as follows: "...persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit...chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life...exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church..."

The Session is the governing body of the congregation and is made up of 18 elders who serve for a three-year term, and two youth elders who serve a one-year term.

DEACONS • Deacons undertake ministries of care and compassion within and beyond the congregation.

The Presbyterian Church USA's Book of Order (Part II 2015/2017) cites a Deacon Defined (G-2.0201) as follows:

"The ministry of a deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of compassion, witness, and service, sharing in the redeeming love of Jesus Christ for the poor, the hungry, the sick, the lost, the friendless, the oppressed, those burdened by unjust policies or structures, or anyone in distress. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this ministry."

The Board of Deacons is comprised of 30 members who serve for a three-year term and two youth deacons who serve a one-year term.

TRUSTEES • Trustees shall be members of the church who demonstrate qualities of honesty and integrity, energy and business acumen, Christian dedication and responsibility. Under the law of the church and state, they hold and manage properties and, as authorized by the session, conduct business for the Kirk. Their business dealings should exhibit Christian faith and values to those with whom they deal.

Kirk in the Hills has a board of 18 trustees, elected for a three-year term.

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE • Three individuals elected from church-wide membership to serve on the Church Officer Nominating Committee for a one-year term.

MEMBERS OF THIS YEAR'S CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Anita Pinson • Moderator

Brian Sliwinski • Vice Moderator

Andrew Clopton • Trustee Representative

Buzz Brown • Men of the Kirk Representative

Grace Guthrie • Kirk Women Representative

Nancy Lau • Outreach & Mission Representative

Jeanne Weaver • Deacon Representative

Adam Devlin • Member-at-Large

Samantha Klein • Member-at-Large

Bob Libcke • Member-at-Large

