



Sophie Hudiburg (Youth, 1-year term) is a sophomore at South River High school. At school she is part of field hockey, winter track, and spring track. She is also a part of the Harvest for the Hungry club. She was confirmed in June and has been going to the church since baptism. She shares, "I love going to youth group and I love to volunteer with our church at places like the Light House. I am excited to get to know the members of the church better by being a deacon."

Trustees

Judy Blum (1-year term due to vacancy) and her husband relocated from Frederick, MD, to Annapolis 10 years ago. Shortly after she began to look for a church that was active in outreach. FPC "fit the bill" and she joined 7 years ago. She recently retired from the Community College of Baltimore County where she served as a Program Director and Assistant Dean to the School of Health Professions. She is now looking forward to being more involved in her community and church. In the past she has enjoyed the Covenant/Lenten Circles, participated in the Mental Health group of ACT, and is a weekly participant in the Adult Education hour. Currently she serves on the Anti-Racism Team and is scheduled to start work with the Wednesday morning FoodShare program. Husband Bill and she have two grown sons and a daughter-in-law. One resides in Salt Lake City and the other is in Atlanta. She shares, "I look forward to continuing to travel, hike, bike, kayak and play tennis and is honored to fill in a one-year term as trustee. I look forward to serving the church as needed."



Dave Lanenga and Jackie were married at FPC in 1968 and joined in 1969. He is a retired computer security analyst. In past years, he has served as deacon, elder, and trustee. He has been singing (and ringing) in the choirs continuously since 1979. After retirement, he served as church treasurer for 13 years. He spent five years as a STAIR tutor and looks forward to another term as trustee!

Dick Shakeshaft has been an FPC member for 20 years. He and wife Fina have a combined family of five adult children and five grandchildren -- all in the Washington DC area. Dick has served as a deacon and been on the Mission Committee for years supporting Habitat for Humanity, STAIR, Light House, Winter Relief, Intern Program and Haiti Reforestation including three mission trips. He is a graduate of the US Merchant Marine Academy and retired from an electric generation utility. Most recently he has been a sailing instructor at a local school and at the Academy.



Anne Weigt has lived in Annapolis for 20 years. Originally from Saginaw, Michigan, she went to school at Miami University in OH and veterinary school at the University of Tennessee. She continued her studies in Veterinary Ophthalmology at Virginia Tech. Anne started Animal Eye Care in 2001 with two partners and expanded the business into five hospitals that were sold to Eye Care for Animals in 2015. Anne has two children, Eric 23 and Anja 20. She and husband Lee enjoy living on Warehouse Creek in Edgewater. Anne works full time and sings in the choir, and also enjoys traveling, reading and horseback riding.

CLASS OF 2024 CHURCH OFFICER NOMINEES

Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Andrew Kort, Mihee Kim-Kort; Ed Gilhooly, Chair; Todd Pekel, former Elder; Maggie Leffler, Deacon representative; Emily Downey, Trustee representative; At-large Members Linda Barbour, Pam Mussenden, Marion Schilder, Martha Wooldridge

Elders (Committee)

Patricia Foye (Spiritual Formation) and husband, Bob, have lived in Arnold, MD for 30 years. Originally from Massachusetts, Pat was raised Congregationalist / United Church of Christ, which is similar to Presbyterianism. Prior to joining, Pat served in leadership as a member of church development. The United Parish of Bowie initially met in an elementary school and eventually raised funds to build a permanent home. Although challenging, Pat remembers this time as one of deepening her faith as she and others worked to establish a new church community. Since joining FPC, Pat has taught Sunday School, been a deacon, trustee and elder, and served on many committees. She is currently in Worship & Music and sings in the choir. Pat is an internal consultant for Johns Hopkins Health System and provides leadership and team development. She is also a certified executive and leadership coach. Pat and Bob have two sons and daughters-in-law who live in the area, and are blessed with two amazing grandchildren. Pat is looking forward to continuing to serve her church family and community as we work together to be God's love in the world.



Susan Gross (Communications) joined FPC in 2014. Since then, she has served as a deacon and been on the Communications Committee. She joined the Mission Committee and the Women's Book Club, and is a member of the FPC ACT Core Team. Raised in Dallas in the Presbyterian Church, she has lived in Annapolis since 1972 and joined Harundale Presbyterian Church. She became a member of FPC in the 1980s when her children were involved in youth activities. She was the PWC program director, part of a team teaching Sunday School, and helped with the "Junque Sale." Susan and late husband, Joe, believed in service; she has been a member of the city's Environmental Commission and Transportation Committee and was on the board of the Germantown-Homewood Civic Association, where she is still active. She was her children's Girl & Cub Scouts leader, and both she and Joe were involved in the local arts community, working backstage and promoting shows for theater groups and serving on boards. She studied liberal arts at Austin College before earning a Bachelor of Journalism from University of Missouri at Columbia. She has continued to take classes in writing. Professionally, she was a reporter and editor for the Capital newspaper, a freelance editor, feature writer and a writer/editor for the public relations division for Anne Arundel Community College. She retired five years ago. She has worked for legislators and continues to work for a delegate in retirement. She looks forward to promoting the church and appreciates this opportunity to serve.



Helen Krone (Clerk) joined FPC in 2012 after she and husband, Roger, moved to Annapolis from Berwyn, PA. They have three adult children in NY, DC, and California. Helen grew up in Fort Worth, TX and is a lifelong Presbyterian. At FPC, Helen has

served as elder for new members, and has been involved with the Lecture Committee, the Cuba Partnership and the Pastor Nominating Committee. Helen also serves on the board of Montreat Conference Center, and attends the Women's Conference with others from FPC. Outside of church, she enjoys time with granddaughter, playing tennis and pickle ball, traveling, and walking her dog.

Betty McGinnis (Congregational Life, 2-year term due to vacancy) has been blessed to be a part of a connectional church. She has served in numerous capacities of the PCUSA: FPC; Presbytery of Baltimore; Synod of the Mid-Atlantic; and General Assembly. She has enjoyed being a part of ecumenical and interfaith endeavors. Outside the church, Betty was an educator (public, private and university), and consultant for development projects. Presently, she leads World Artists Experiences, a nonprofit bridging people and cultures across the world using the arts as an international language. Betty is married, has four children, and eleven grandchildren. She enjoys family; simple, small things in life with kindness and caring; and the undervalued in the world who bring joy and hope. As part of the Congregational Life, Betty trusts in God's direction and hopes for surprises of joy, peace, and love in this ministry.



Karen Smith (Nominating) and husband Doug joined FPC in 2011, transferring membership from their church in Sudbury, Massachusetts, where they actively served. Her professional background is in education and non-profit management, beginning as a second-grade teacher in 1970, then moving into district administration and ultimately into non-profit management. From 1994-2003, she served as Executive Director of Tech Corps, a Boston non-profit, recognized for its work in assisting schools with technology. From 2005-2011, Karen was Chief Operating Officer of NCTAF, a DC-based thought-leader in education research and reform. Upon retirement in 2011, she became active locally, serving in leadership positions on the boards of the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra, Anne Arundel Women Giving Together, and the Anne Arundel County Library Foundation. Karen served as a trustee at FPC from 2012-2015, and volunteers for STAIR, Food Share, and ACT. Doug and Karen are the proud grandparents of four and enjoy seeing the world from land or water!



Caroline Kempton (Youth, 1-year term) is a sophomore at South River High School. She's been a part of FPC since she was baptized and was confirmed in June. She is an active member of the youth group and has participated in service projects such as preparing Light House dinners, making a garden at Baltimore church, and volunteering at VBS. Beyond church, she plays lacrosse, field hockey, and basketball for high school teams. She is involved in an environmental club and a club helping children fighting cancer. She is grateful for this opportunity and looking forward to serving.



Deacons

Vanessa Forisha is grateful for the opportunity to serve and thankful for the committee's consideration of her as deacon. She and her family moved to Annapolis in July from Texas when her husband, Andy, was offered the opportunity to be a mathematics instructor at the Naval Academy. Living in Texas, they were active



members at First Presbyterian of Richardson; she and Andy were married and their first two children baptized, in the church. In a few months their third child, Penny, will be baptized as well. Currently a stay-at-home, she was a teacher and Instructional Coach at the middle school level. She has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Texas. As a family, they are excited to be members of FPC and look forward to opportunities to serve and grow.

Becky (Dunn) Hagee was born and raised at FPC. After college, getting married, and being away for several years with husband, Jesko, in the Navy, they returned to Annapolis and FPC in 2001. Becky has been a Sunday school teacher, a youth advisor, and served on ACT, the interim associate pastor committee, and years running the auction to benefit youth programs. She recently served as co-chair of the music search committee and is on the PWC board. She runs a small business selling craft supplies and teaching card-making and papercrafts. They have two daughters: Rachel, at the UMD, and Allison, a high school senior.



Bill Hughes moved to Annapolis 20 years ago to accept a position at Anne Arundel Medical Center. After leaving AAMC and a 10-year journey in entrepreneurial health delivery, he retired in April. He is a new member of FPC, having joined in November. For the past few months he has volunteering with FPC Foodshare. Prior activities include Maryland Hall, Leadership Anne Arundel, an advisory board for the Anne Arundel County school system, and an economic advisory board for a previous County Executive. His interests include sports (Go Ravens, the O's and Kentucky basketball!), traveling and golf. He has a daughter, Meghan, finishing her graduate studies at Loyola Maryland.



Christina Laukaitis joined FPC in 2010 after moving to Annapolis. She and husband, Mike, have girls, Helena and Sarah. She has been an elementary teacher for 23 years in both private and public schools in MD, DC, Poland and Malaysia. Currently she works at Broadneck Elementary as a Literacy Specialist. At FPC, Christina serves on the Family Ministry Committee and assists with Crossroads. In the past, she has been a Godly Play teacher and served on the STAIR Board. Her interests include travel, cooking and music.



Marion Schilder (1-year term due to vacancy) has been an active member of FPC for 38 years and involved in many areas including elder, deacon, PWC moderator, and choir. Recently she led a grief support group with members. She feels her most valuable commitment has been to the youth and children's ministries with 20+ years of teaching on Sundays and in youth fellowship. She considers FPC to be a "second family" and is most grateful for all the love and friendships made over the years."



Matthew Heimann (Youth, 1-year term) has been attending services at FPC his whole life. He was baptized here and participated in many church events. He is a junior at Annapolis High School in the IB program. He volunteers at the SPCA and is interested in studying environmental science. He is thankful for the opportunity and looks forward to serving the church community.

