

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

April 19, 2026

Elder Nominations



Cate Betchman

I am a sophomore at Lucy Beckham High School. I was baptized at MPPC and have been regularly attending since I was a young child. My parents are Bo and Christine Betchman and I have a younger brother named Berns. I am very involved in school activities and enjoy my part time job at a clothing boutique. Serving as a youth elder means getting to represent my age group in church in a new way as well as growing deeper in my faith.



Margaret Agee

My husband David and I have been members of MPPC since 1985. I have been involved with teaching Sunday School, attending weekly Bible Study on Fridays, keeping the nursery, working with VBS, serving as an elder and a deacon, singing in the choir, playing handbells and being a Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader. Both of our children, Evan and Leanne, were baptized and confirmed at MPPC. When we moved to the mountains for eight years, it was the church we yearned to come back to every time we returned, and we rejoined as soon as we moved back. I am retired after working at WCSC TV for many years and owning my own business. We now love spending time with our two grandchildren! I am looking so forward to being an elder again. God has been faithful to me, my family and this church for so many years, and it will be a privilege to do His work again.



Kathy Berry

Carl and I joined and were married at MPPC in 1982. Over the years I have been a deacon several times, as well as being on the Women's Retreat Planning Team, Youth Volunteer Task Force and Finance Committee. My greatest joy at MPPC has been serving as a chaperone for the Montreat High School Youth Conference each summer for 25 years. What a blessing that has been. Our children Jessica and Christopher grew up in the church and were baptized, confirmed and married at MPPC. Our three grandchildren Carlisle, Piers and Winifred were all baptized at MPPC. I am honored to be nominated as an elder and look forward to the next three years.



Ben Black

My wife, Trish, and I have been members of MPPC since 1998. Our children were baptized here and attended preschool at the Learning Center, and we were blessed to celebrate our daughter's wedding at MPPC last spring. MPPC has strengthened my faith and helped me form meaningful relationships, through Wednesday night programs, Sunday School, and Lenten studies. I have served two terms as a Deacon, participated on committees including Nominating, Missions, Stewardship, and Finance. I have also assisted with Sunday School, middle school trips, the I-Beam program, and traveled to the LAMB Institute in Honduras on a mission trip. As a lifelong Presbyterian, I'm honored by the nomination to serve as an Elder and grateful to serve this congregation that has meant so much to my family and me.



Brian Collie

I'm a husband and father who has called MPPC home for nearly ten years. My amazing wife, Lauren, and I are the proud parents of two daughters, Rose and Evelyn, who I love and adore. I'm a real estate and business lawyer at Buxton & Collie, LLC, located here in Mount Pleasant. Since joining MPPC, I have enjoyed deepening my relationship with the Lord and with the amazing people who make up this congregation. I've served as a deacon and on the stewardship and finance committees, and I currently serve as a board member of the Learning Center. This church is home for my family, and we cherish being a part of this community. We are grateful to have found a spiritual home where we can grow together in faith with so many wonderful people.

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**Joel Heuring**

I am honored and excited to be nominated to serve as an Elder at MPPC. My family and I have been members of the

church since 2016 and have been grateful for the opportunity to grow in faith and community here. In the past, I have served as a Deacon and as a member of the Nominating Committee. These experiences have deepened my appreciation for the leadership and service that support the life of our church. My wife, Emily, and I have enjoyed being involved at MPPC over the years and look forward to continuing to serve the church in new ways. Our daughter, Burchell, is 11 and will be entering the 6th grade at Palmetto Christian Academy, and our son, Nash, will be in the 4th grade there as well. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and look forward to supporting the mission and ministry of MPPC.

**Mike Mozingo**

My wife Donna, and our son John joined MPPC in April 2002 by Letter of Transfer from Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church in Lexington, SC.

MPPC has been a wonderful spiritual home and is an important part of our lives. Over the years I have been involved in various Men's Ministries, including the Men's Hiking Group and the Friday morning Men's Bible Study. I previously served as a Deacon from 2020–2022. I am currently a member of the MPPC Endowment Committee, as well as being active as an usher and a team member of the Sunday morning breakfast ministry. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve in the role of Elder representing the membership of the Church.

**Sarah Wendell**

My husband Preston and I, along with our three boys—Taylor, Elliott, and Dixon—joined MPPC in 2013 and have been so

grateful for the friendships, Christian education, outreach, and spiritual home we have found here. Over the years, I have been involved with the Learning Center and with youth and children's ministries in various capacities, and I have previously served two terms as a Deacon. After many years practicing law, I now serve as Coordinator of East Cooper Faith Network. It's a joy and an honor to be nominated and to have the opportunity to serve as an Elder.

Deacon Nominations

**Sally Lewis**

I'm a sophomore at Charleston County School of the Arts where I major in visual arts. I've been attending MPPC

since I was in elementary school and was confirmed in 2022. I run cross country, track, and play basketball for Academic Magnet, and I like to paint and draw in my free time as well. I enjoy spending time with my parents, Kevin and Suzanne Lewis, and my older brother, Sam Lewis. Serving as a deacon would give me an opportunity to help out with my community, support those in need, and serve the church even further.

**Peter Barton**

My wife, Jessica, and I began attending MPPC after moving to Charleston in 2012 and joined shortly after. In recent

years, it's been especially meaningful to reconnect through our children Charlie (5), Madie (3), and Mason (1). The children's programming has been such a blessing for our family. I graduated from Clemson and run a strategy consulting practice focused on growth and transitions. I also own and operate a local home care agency supporting families when extra care is needed. This will be my second term as a Deacon, and I'm grateful to serve our church community. Being a Deacon is an opportunity to care for others in a meaningful way, to live out our faith through service, and to help strengthen the sense of community that makes MPPC a special place.

**Christine Betchman**

I look forward to serving as a deacon at MPPC so that I may give back to the community that has supported

and guided me through so many important life moments. I attended MPPC as a child, and my husband, Bo, and I were married here in 2008. Our daughter was baptized in this church. I have been a teacher in Mt. Pleasant public schools for most of career and I'm currently the librarian at Moultrie Middle School. Serving as a deacon at MPPC is a meaningful way for me to support our church family and the wider community. I'm grateful for the opportunity to show care, encouragement, and compassion to others, and to help strengthen the welcoming sense of community we share at MPPC.

**Maggie Broadwater**

I grew up attending MPPC with family friends and became a member in 2013. My husband, Ryan, and I live in Mount Pleasant with our sons, Thomas and Max. I am a graduate of the College of Charleston and MUSC. I work as a physical scientist and program manager

at NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, overseeing a competitive funding program supporting research initiatives focused on coastal and ocean health. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Deacon and I'm committed to supporting the congregation through compassion, service, and fellowship.

**Brian Catalana**

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a deacon in the coming years. My family and I have been attending the church for the past three to four years, and we officially became members a couple of years ago. During that time, we have built meaningful friendships and

developed a deep appreciation for the church community. My wife, Katie, and I have lived in Charleston for about 16 years and have two children, Griffin (11) and Logan (8). I work as a wine sales representative. By God's grace, I will celebrate 14 years of sobriety this June 8th. While my profession may seem at odds with my personal journey, I view my sobriety as a profound gift—one that has shaped my faith and given me a unique opportunity to support and encourage others who are pursuing or considering a life of abstinence. In my free time, I enjoy staying active—whether that's working out, running, surfing, or simply spending time outdoors with my family. I am truly thankful for this opportunity and look forward to serving and growing alongside this community in the years ahead.

**Kelly Cobb**

I have been a member of MPPC for over 20 years. I was first introduced to the church through the Learning Center where both of my children attended preschool and eventually I taught there part time. I have taught Sunday school and Bible school over the years as

well as chaired Bible School. I had the privilege of going to LAMB in 2017 and co-leading a trip in 2019. I have served as a deacon once before and look forward to the opportunity to serve again. I have two daughters, Amelia (26) and Kaki (24). My girls have grown up in this church enjoying everything from preschool, Sunday school, Bible school, and youth group. I am very thankful for all the opportunities this church has given my family.

**Susan Hamner**

I am honored to be nominated for the office of deacon and appreciate this opportunity to be of service to our church family. Mark and I joined MPPC shortly after moving here when our sons were young—35 years ago! I was involved in earlier years in keeping the

nursery and teaching in the children's Sunday School program, and in more recent years by serving on the Local Missions Team for a few years and as co-chair for two years. Mark and I both found our four years of participating in the Medical Mission trips to Honduras to be very meaningful experiences, both in serving the people of Trinidad de Copan and in spending time with our team members on each trip. I have also enjoyed participating in the Women's Retreats, Lenten small groups, and volunteering at Hope House. I am a registered nurse and spent many years working in education and Nursing Professional Development in Ambulatory Care at MUSC. I am currently retired and enjoy spending as much time as possible with family! I also enjoy spending time in nature, reading (including GAB and Book Binding), traveling, and more. I look forward to getting to know more of you through this role and in sharing the love of God with our neighbors, near and far.

**Laura Isaac Howle**

I am a lifelong Presbyterian, having been baptized and raised in the First Presbyterian Church in Myrtle Beach. I joined MPPC in 2015 after moving to Mount Pleasant. I'm an active member of the congregation — attending

Sunday School and participating in the Presbyterian Women's Circle. I have also served as a Stephen Minister. My husband, Steven, and I have two children, O'Neil (10) and Patrick (8), who were baptized at MPPC. I work as an elementary school counselor in a local school. I enjoy boating, tennis, reading, and spending time doing activities with my children. I'm grateful to be nominated and look forward to serving as a Deacon.

**Matt Kern**

I have lived in Mount Pleasant since 2012 with my wife, Ashley, our 7-year-old son, Corbin, and 9-year-old daughter, Ellory. As a Clemson University graduate, I have spent most of my career on the finance side of the tech-for-good space. In my free time, I

enjoy spending time with family and friends, staying active, playing guitar, and all things Clemson.



Marcene Looper

I grew up in Easley, South Carolina and attended the College of Charleston. I have served in Charleston County Schools for over 20 years as a teacher and school counselor, and I'm currently at Jennie Moore Elementary School, where I work closely with students

and families to support student well-being, personal development, and academic success. I am committed to ensuring that each child receives the personal guidance and encouragement needed to thrive. My husband, Dustin, and I live in Mount Pleasant and are raising our two sons, William (8) and George (6). I enjoy traveling, running, going to the beach, being with my family, and most recently learning how to play tennis. Serving as a Deacon is meaningful to me because it reflects my belief in caring for others, supporting members of the church community, and living out faith through service. I value the opportunity to help strengthen connections within the church and to provide encouragement and support to those in need.



Jena Nickles

I have been a member of MPPC since 2016. My husband and I joined the church when I was pregnant with our first daughter, and since then, this church has been such a meaningful part of our family's life. We have been blessed to baptize all three of our daughters—Hazel

Grey, Miller, and Hattie—here, and to grow in our faith alongside such a loving and supportive church community. Over the past several years, my husband and I have both grown deeply in our faith journey, and we feel incredibly grateful for the relationships and sense of belonging we have found at MPPC. I have enjoyed serving the church in a variety of ways, especially through children's ministry, and I have a special passion for the Learning Center, where all three of our girls attended preschool. It has been a joy to now serve on the Church Board for the Learning Center and continue supporting a program that has meant so much to our family. I am truly honored to be considered for the role of deacon and I'm excited for the opportunity to deepen my service, care for others, and continue growing in my faith while supporting the needs of our church community. I look forward to serving with a joyful and willing heart.



Robert Query

My name is Robert Query and I have been going to MPPC since birth and officially joined at the age of 13 after I was confirmed through service. I am a native of Mount Pleasant, SC. MPPC is very special to me since my wife and I were married here and our daughter

Ella Rose was baptized here. My father, Erwin Query, is an elder in the congregation, and his father before him was also an elder in the church. My mother has also been a member of the church for 47 years. I am extremely honored and grateful to have been nominated so that I can carry on the family tradition to serve my church family.



Shelley Scruggs

I have been a member of MPPC since 1998, when my husband Mark and I joined together after our marriage. We raised our two daughters, Emily (26) and Abigail (24), among the love and care of MPPC. I have worked in medical sales for over 30 years. Becoming a deacon

once again allows me to become more engaged at MPPC and to contribute to MPPC's strength and growth.

At-Large Nominating Committee

Lauren Del Duca

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