

BMPC 2019

Officer and Nominating Committee Candidates

Elder Candidates

Pamela Haynes Walsh

BMPC has been our church home since my husband, Brian, and I joined in 2000. Our daughters and granddaughter were baptized here and our daughters are confirmed members. I served as a deacon for two terms, was on the Youth Ministry Council and a Sunday School teacher for five years, and was an at-large member of the Nominating Committee. Currently I am a member of the Hunger Committee and the Outreach Council. A past moderator of Presbyterian Women, I also remain active in women's ministries. BMPC has been at the center of my faith journey for nearly 20 years. I'm blessed to be a member of this church community and to help people in the communities it serves.

Florence Zeller

My husband Steve and I have been members of BMPC since 1988. Our son Devin was baptized and confirmed here. I served on the youth ministry council when Devin was in high school, and for 10 years participated as a group leader in the Tuesday Tutoring program. I was honored to serve as a Deacon for six years, and now participate on the Hunger Committee, the Refugee Support Committee and the Stewardship Committee. It is a privilege to be asked to serve as an Officer of this great church

Madeline Briddell, Youth Elder Candidate

I am a junior at The Agnes Irwin School. I was baptized at BMPC but became really involved in the church about six years ago. I was confirmed in eighth grade, have been on mission trips, and attended the church summer camp several times. I am a part of the Student Serve Leadership team and sing in the church's youth band as well. I am so grateful for all BMPC has done over the years to help me develop my faith, and I look forward to the personal and spiritual growth that being an Elder will provide.

Jack Odiorne, Youth Elder Candidate

I am 17 years old and a junior at Harriton High School. I have been connected to BMPC for most of my life. My family is a big part of that connection, as both of my brothers were confirmed there along with my father. My Nana was an active member at the church and an inspiration for me in my faith. My mother also is a member at BMPC and is an usher. I attended pre-school at BMPC as a child and was confirmed in eighth grade. Since my confirmation, I have become more active in the church community, including going to Kirkwood summer camp for the past 4 years, participating in student serve the past 2 years, and a couple winter retreats among other activities. I have found church and the youth ministry as not only a part of my life but a part of my family. The youth have been so meaningful in shaping me into a better person, along with all the volunteers and leaders who look out for me as though they would with their own child. I look forward to strengthening the bonds I have with members of the BMPC community and creating new ones, along with strengthening my bond with God. I am proud and honored to be given the opportunity to become a more integral part of the BMPC community and look forward to making an impact whatever my role may be.

Deacon Candidates

Paula Adelhelm

I joined BMPC in October of 1969. I met my husband, Bill, at BMPC and we were married here in 1971. We have two children who were both baptized and married here and four grandchildren, two of whom were baptized here. I have been a member of the Sanctuary Choir since 1969, have served on the Nominating Committee, have served as a Deacon in the past, and was involved with the Peacemaking Taskforce. I look forward to serving as a Deacon again.

David Jones

My wife Leah and I joined Bryn Mawr Presbyterian in 2013. Our two children Jackson (6) and Sebastian (3) were both baptized at BMPC and have greatly enjoyed starting their relationship with Christ through Sunday school and the amazing children's programs at BMPC. I have enjoyed serving as an usher over the past few of years and look forward to both furthering my faith and serving Christ and the BMPC community as a deacon.

Andy Kuntz

I joined BMPC in 2007 when my wife, Kristin, and I were looking for a new church home after the birth of our first daughter. We were initially impressed with the beautiful sanctuary and wonderful music program, then knew that we had found our church home as we met other families and became involved in Children and Family Ministries events. We now have three children, Ashley, Kaitlyn, and Ryan, all of whom have attended (or are attending) The Weekday School. On Sunday mornings, I can often be found ushering or helping direct traffic in the parking lot. Outside of church, I am an orthopaedic surgeon with a specialization in shoulder surgery. I am honored to be asked to serve as a Deacon, and I look forward to personal and spiritual growth through this new position.

Sandie Nicholson

My husband Kevin (trustee, capital campaign) and I have been BMPC members since 1995. Our three children Patrick (recent college graduate), Sarah and Kyle (currently in college) were baptized and confirmed at BMPC. My past involvement with BMPC includes teaching Sunday School, Family Ministries Council, Vacation Bible School, and Y- Group (coordinated Christmas Angels program). I am currently on the Hunger Committee (running the casserole blitzes for the past 7 years), Mission Council, Anti-Racism Committee and volunteer at the front desk of the Ministries Center. I am thankful and honored to serve and look forward to learning and growing in this next part of my spiritual journey.

Kim Marsh

I moved to Bryan Mawr from Canada with my family in 2012 and began attending BMPC, as soon as we got settled. I have 3 sons in their early 20's and in various stages of college and work life. I'm a lifelong Christian, but being from New England, was a Congregationalist. The welcoming and warm greetings I received at church every week made me feel right at home and the beautiful music program sealed it for me - I had to become a member! It took me a bit of time, but I joined in late 2015 and immediately felt a calling to get involved. I've enjoyed serving as an usher since joining as it has given me a chance to both serve and meet more of our members. I was also drawn to the Worldwide Ministries committee, which introduced me to our ministry partners around the world and where I heard another

calling to travel with the BMPC Youth to Peru in 2016. That trip was truly a life changing event for me, as the abundance of God's grace and hope became a source of strength by which I now live. I am honored to be considered to serve the membership of our church as a deacon.

Anne Wendel

My husband, Bill, and I joined BMPC in 1990-91 after relocating with our two young children from Birmingham, Michigan. We were immediately drawn to the church because of its excellent children and youth programs, strong community outreach and unmatched music programs. I became active with Y-group, cooking the annual BMPC Thanksgiving meal, and occasionally assisting with Sunday school. Our children participated in choir, youth activities and Missions trips, and were both confirmed at BMPC.

I have worked as a nurse for 36 years in various capacities including hospital, industrial, home health and for the past 20 years in a fertility practice. I look forward to the honor and privilege of serving God and our congregation as a Deacon at BMPC!

Alexa Elder, Youth Deacon Candidate

I am a junior at Delaware County Christian School. My parents are long time members of the church and my mother is a Middle School Youth Leader and an usher. I have been a part of BMPC for my entire life and it is where I was baptized and confirmed. Throughout my years at our Church I have been a member of the Youth Choir and Handbells. For the past three years I have also been a part of Student Serve. I have gone on mission trips with our church to Peru and Mexico City. I am looking forward to this new part of my life with BMPC and seeing where my faith will take me.

Wes Yeakel, Youth Deacon Candidate

I am a junior at Radnor High School. In 2002 I was baptized at BMPC by Pastor Margaret Anne Fohl and went through confirmation in 2016. I have attended Camp Kirkwood, the Urban Plunge and several other BMPC Youth retreats. In addition to the great friends I have in BMPC Youth, my parents, sister, brother and grandparents attend BMPC.

Trustee Candidates

Kirstin Engelman

I joined BMPC in the Fall of 2000, and my children: Ruth, Theo and Eli are also members. My involvement in BMPC includes serving as a Deacon for six years including representing the Deacons on the Nominating Committee, participating in Y-Group, teaching both Sunday School for four years and Youth for two years, and volunteering to assist with the 'This Time, This Place' campaign. I look forward to the opportunity to serve BMPC as Trustee.

Craig Johnson

My wife Meg and I joined BMPC in 1997 after we moved to the area and wanted to find a church home for our then-young family. Today we are empty nesters as our son Connor, 27, lives in Washington DC and our daughter Daly, 24, currently lives in Hawaii but plans to return to Boston in the Spring; both were confirmands at BMPC. Professionally I have been a management consultant at Ernst & Young for almost my entire 35+ year career. I am currently completing my second three-year term as a Deacon, which has been a wonderful personal and spiritual growth experience to serve and support other members of our BMPC community, particularly connecting with older members and understanding their perspective and the importance of the church as a foundation throughout their lives. I have been a member of the Stewardship Committee for three years, and have been asked to serve as Co-Chair of that committee starting next year.

Tobin Whamond

In November 2015, my wife, Ashley, and I moved to the area from NYC with our three children (Georgia Jane – 12, Smith – 7, and Piper – 3). In early 2016, we joined BMPC by letter of transfer and Piper was baptized soon thereafter. At BMPC, I serve as an Usher and as a member of the Investment Committee of the Foundation. Ashley serves as a member of the Children and Family Ministries, enjoys Y Group activities and has volunteered for vacation bible camp. Our children enjoy variously being part of the youth choir, as well as Sunday school and vacation bible camp. It has been a great blessing to become members of the BMPC community. Outside of BMPC, we are active supporters of the Gladney Center for Adoption in Fort Worth, TX and HelpUsAdopt.org.

Nominating Committee Candidates

Lora Collett

I joined BMPC in 2012 with my husband Ted and our children. We have triplets (2 girls and a boy) who were baptized here. BMPC is a big part of our family life. I have assisted with Vacation Bible School and currently assist the third grade Sunday School class on a regular basis. My family and I also enjoy making new friends during the Wednesday night dinners. I look forward to giving back to the church that has given us so much as a member of this committee.

Susan Daley Gibson

I began attending BMPC in 2011, a few years after our family relocated here from the New York metro area. My husband, Patrick, and our four daughters, Anna, Siobhan, Maeve, and Bridget and I all feel very blessed and grateful to call BMPC our spiritual home. Our family has been very involved in youth choir, the tutoring program, Upward basketball, vacation bible camp, youth mission trips, camp Kirkwood, Stop Hunger Now, and youth elders. I have volunteered at Wednesday night dinners, as a Sunday school shepherd, and on membership council, the evangelism team, and on an associate pastor nominating committee. I look forward serving BMPC as part of the church nominating committee.

Fred Fletcher

A lifelong Presbyterian, I have been a member of BMPC for 25 years. A member of the Fine Arts Council, I sing in the Sanctuary Choir and have served the choir as treasurer and president. Professionally, I am a research scientist and work in R&D for a large international steel company. In 2015 I completed six years of service on the BMPC Trustees. I have been on the Property Committee for about ten years and I am especially active leading our stained glass restoration efforts.

Linda Himmelberger

A lifelong Presbyterian, I have been a member of BMPC for almost 40 years. I have served on the Session and the Board of Deacons. My previous involvement has also including service on the Congregational Life Council, New Member Council, Mission Council, as well as the Hunger Task Force and as an usher. Most recently, I have been a member of the Worship Committee, co-chairing the sub-committee which oversees communion preparation and set up. I am a general dentist practicing in Devon and looking forward to the opportunity to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Bob Martin

My wife Janet and I have been members of BMPC since 1987. I spent two terms (1998-2004) on the Board of Deacons, as well as serving over the years on the Youth Ministry Council, the New Member Council and the Nominating Committee. In 1996 I joined fellow BMPC members, along with congregants of St. Katherine of Siena Church of Villanova and Swarthmore Presbyterian Church in a 10-day Habitat for Humanity work trip in Belfast, Northern Ireland. I also worked under the leadership of Sam McKeel in the fund-raising campaign for the new organ and played the role of Man 2 in the church production of *Christ in the Concrete City* in 1998. I am a retired editor and writer at the Philadelphia Inquirer and now teach ballroom and Latin dancing in Springfield, Delaware County. Janet and I have two daughters, Lynn Martin Danner and Elizabeth Martin, both of whom were confirmed in the church.