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Elders currently serving are:

Class of 2020: Rachel Byrd, Victoria Chastain, Russell Davis, Bob Harper, Brent Law, Lynne Sloop, Howard Swinford, Kay Vaughn; **Class of 2021:** Stinson Adams, Andy Anderson, Terry Barton, Neill Blake, Jim Goodlet, Meg Hartin, Beverly Kelly, Nancy Tatnall; **Class of 2022:** Matt Burnham, Mary Margaret Doyle, John Knox, Jim MacDonald, Matt Sherwood, Debbie Smith, Ann Stoskopf, David Waldrep

Deacons currently serving are:

Class of 2020: Jennifer Blevins, Ann Booker, Marjorie Clarke, Cindy Dean, Charlie Etheridge, Carol Ferguson, Tate Harrison, Lee Jenkins, Patty Kendrick, Carrie Kennedy, Jeff Knapp, Nancy Law, Rod Martin, Cindy Myers, Bill Pardue, Laura Powell, Justin Rutland, Barbara Steele, Jean Tafoya, Olivia Tafoya, Bruce Vansickle, Alan Watkins; **Class of 2021:** Mark Barre, Paulette Basham, Nancy Bodiford, Ginny Brogan, Larisa Dukes, Jon Foster, Chick Freund, Fran Hammond, Karl Maassen, Joanne MacDonald, Beth Sessoms, Dianne Steedly, Karter Thomas, Sheila Tyler, John Waddle, Janice Wolfe; **Class of 2022:** Carolyn Anderson, Margaret Boone, Melodie Clayton, Bill Cline, Charlotte Estes, Cris Heagy, Marshall Hobel, Chuck Hutchinson, Theresa Jenkins, Elizabeth Lisle, Dan Newsome, Connie Shiplett, Lucille Spiva, Dan Storey, Sue Strauss, Laura Surace, Grant Trotter, Joan Vanderslice



SUGGESTIONS FOR RULING ELDER AND DEACON

As stated in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (Part II, Book of Order), a Ruling Elder should be a person of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. His or her manner of life should be a demonstration of the Gospel, both within the Church and in the World.

The Office of Deacon, as set forth in Scripture, is one of compassion, witness, and service after the manner of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary life, brotherly and sisterly love, sincere compassion, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

As stated in the First Presbyterian Church Procedures for Electing Officers, a person being considered for church office should:

Be a person of faith, dedication, good judgment, and spiritual maturity who witnesses to their faith, by being a leader in worship, and in the spreading of the Gospel, both within the church and in the world.

Be a person who demonstrates stewardship of time and money, as well as regular church attendance, by participating in activities resulting in service to the church and the community by sharing of their time, talents, and resources.

Be a person who regularly contributes to the church's General Fund.

Additionally, no member of the Nominating Committee may be nominated to the office of Ruling Elder or Deacon. No person may be nominated to serve concurrently on the Session or Diaconate with a member of that person's immediate household serving on the same body. Prior service as a Deacon is not considered to be a strict requirement for nomination as Ruling Elder. A paid staff member should not be nominated to serve as Ruling Elder or Deacon due to actual or perceived conflict of interest. The committee has placed a requirement on itself that it will not nominate a member of a committee member's immediate household to either office.

Officer Nominating Committee Members:

Elders Neill Blake and Matt Sherwood Deacons: Fran Hammond and Nancy Law
At-Large Members: Natalie Foster, Anthony Booker, Adam Rozen, Julia Rutledge, Kathy Swinford, and Susan Tibbitts

Paper forms may be mailed to First Presbyterian Church at 189 Church Street Marietta, GA 30060 Attn: ONC or placed in the drop box just inside FPC's front double doors. Forms may also be submitted online at fpcmarietta.org. **Deadline: June 5, 2020.**

Ruling Elder and Deacon Suggestions for Class of 2023

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