# **OFFICER CANDIDATE BIOS (May 5, 2024 Congregational Meeting)**

### **ELDERS**

## <u>Leonard Fitts – Elder – 3-year term</u>

My wife Sherrell A.T. Fitts and I reside in Moorestown. We have been members since 1994. I have served as an elder, as an usher, have worked with the Strawberry Festival and as a Board Member of West Jersey Chamber Music Society. My outside interests include working with educational and community groups.

## <u>Kristen Perkowski – Elder – 3-year term</u>

I am currently serving as an elder and am humbled to have been asked to serve a second term. My husband Brian and I have been members since 2007. We live in Westampton with our boys, Alex and Kyle, who have enjoyed their time growing up through the youth choirs, Sunday School and youth groups. I previously served on the Worship Committee and have been an active member volunteering my time with the Strawberry Festival and Rummage Sale. In 2019 I was fortunate enough to be a chaperone on the Denmark Choir Trip with my son Alex. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Wednesday night women's Bible study group and feel this group has played an integral part in developing my faith and relationship with God. I also am an active member of my hometown, serving on the Recreation department committee, previously was on the Tarnsfield Swim Club Board, and enjoy helping out with the school PTO, especially with fun things for the kids like field trips and field day, and have served as a classroom parent throughout the years. I enjoy spending time with my family, doing anything outdoors or playing games, reading, scrapbooking, and have developed a fairly recent love for exercising and running.

## **Kevin Fauvell – Elder – 3-year term**

Kevin and wife Kira have three children: David (28), Sheridan (26) and Joshua (20), all are members of FPC Moorestown. The Fauvells have lived in Moorestown since 1999 and formally joined FPC Moorestown in 2001. Prior to moving to Moorestown, they lived in Williamstown, NJ (1987-1999) and were members of FPC Blackwood. While attending FPC Blackwood, Kevin joined as a member of PC USA in 1989. He was ordained as an Elder in Blackwood, serving on the Session there from 1991-2001. In Blackwood he chaired the

Mission & Stewardship Committee, taught Sunday School classes for middle school and high school students and helped establish FPC Blackwood as a charter member of the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) in Camden County, serving on the Board of Directors for IHOC for several years. He chaired the Committee to conduct a Mission Study and the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee. Upon moving to Moorestown, Kevin worked in the community (Coach and a Board Director for Moorestown Lacrosse Club), Youth Rec Soccer, Youth Wrestling, and Flag Football coach. Completing his work in Blackwood for the Church Mission Study and the selection of an Interim Pastor in 2001 it seemed appropriate for the Fauvells to formally transfer their membership to FPC Moorestown. At FPC Moorestown, Kevin has taught Sunday School for middle school and high school students and led adult classes. He served two terms as an Elder here in Moorestown, one as a member of the Mission Committee and one as chair of the Youth Committee, and participated in the Search Committee for the selection of a Youth Director (following the departure of Lissette Sosa). He assisted as a Youth Leader for several years under the leadership of Dan Wonneberger.

## <u>Jean Kunkel – Elder – 3-year term</u>

Jean Kunkel is the wife of the late Roger McKichan Kunkel, and mother of Roger Jr. I have lived in Moorestown since 1989 and have been a Presbyterian all my life. While living in Philadelphia I was active in the First Scots and Presbyterian Church, also known as Old Pine Street. I am a registered nurse and enjoyed being on the Pastoral Care Committee of Pennsylvania Hospital for ten years. I was a member of Design for Discipleship and Disciple I and also served as a Parish Shepherd for 13 years in two separate parishes, and enjoyed being a Stephen Minister for eight years. I am on one of the Funeral Committee teams, deliver flowers, support INH, have been an usher and volunteer for the Strawberry Festival. I am a previous elder and currently continue as a member of the Missions Committee and the Board of Presbyterian Women. I continue to study the Word of God in two Bible studies and Presbyterian Women Circles.

## <u>Debbie Heller – Elder – 1-year term</u>

I became a member of FPC Moorestown in 1997 after searching for a church with a good music program. Next it was the "interview" with the Pastor, Dr. Jonathan Miller. I explained that I was newly divorced and had 2 small children, Allyson and Andrew. My former husband was Jewish but I wanted the children to know God, through Jesus. They would be getting teachings of Judaism as well as Christianity. Would I as a divorcee and my children learning both faiths be accepted into this church. Jonathan being the gracious Pastor he is, said he would be honored to have us be a part of FPC. Next it was the "interview" with Ruth Stotsenburg. She listened to my story and immediately jumped up and said, "Hooray! We get to celebrate the Jewish faith with a Bat Mitzvah and Bar Mitzvah! That closed the deal! We became members at the first opportunity. Allyson and Andrew were involved with the Choirs, Sunday School and Youth groups. As a member, I have been involved in many things over the years including DFD, 2 terms as co-Moderator of Presbyterian Women, 2 terms as a Deacon, Cofounder of the Floral Guild, American Red Cross Blood Drives, Leader of Circle 6 of Presbyterian Women, Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and many educational and mission trips.

### **DEACONS**

## <u>Steve Drzaszcz – Deacon – 3-year term</u>

My wife Liz and I have been members of FPC Moorestown for 10 years. As a member of the Technology and Communications Committee, I have been involved in helping move technology forward at our church. It is a joy to use my gifts to help improve the technology, like the live stream and audio/video at the church. Liz and I have been married for 12 years. Our daughter Helena is 7 and in first grade at Doane Academy. I work in Information Technology for a local leasing company. Some of my hobbies include singing and tinkering with technology. The Drzaszcz family is dedicated to serving and helping others grow their faith in the Lord. We are thankful for FPC Moorestown and our church family.

### Gail Sorin – Deacon – 3-year term

My husband Greg and I have lived in Mount Laurel for about 27 years. Our sons, Aaron and Ryan have graduated from college and are pursuing their careers. Our son Nathan is with God. I worked as a dental hygienist for many years and have recently "retired." I enjoy book club, most music but find I listen mostly to jazz and classical, the theater, travel and yoga. I have been attending FPC Moorestown for about 27 years and have been involved in various capacities. I served on the Board of Deacons for two consecutive terms, 2012 - 2015 and 2015 - 2018, taught Sunday School at different grade levels, helped with Vacation Bible School and have been in a number of different Bible studies throughout the years. Currently I attend the Elizabeth Group Bible Study, attended the introduction on Centering Prayer and hope to continue with the new group that has started up. I'm on the ushering team and I'm currently finishing 3 years on the Board of Deacons in which I am seeking to serve another 3 year term.

### Linda Lockart – Deacon – 3-year term

I am a relatively new member of FPC Moorestown, and began attending our church shortly after moving here from Delaware nearly three years ago. I became a member in 2023. I am a member of the Adult Choir and Presbyterian Women. I am retired from a 35-year career as a church music director, Kindermusik teacher and national teacher trainer, as well as a conductor of community youth choirs. In my free time I enjoy music, hiking, gardening, cooking, crafting, and most of all being a grandma to my four grandchildren.

### Keith Wright – Deacon – 3-year term

I started at FPC Moorestown with the Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study in 2022. I had been searching for such a group, and am glad that either Pastor Stuart or Pastor Wes are there every Wednesday as they keep things focused and are a wealth of knowledge. I decided to join the church in 2023. I grew up in Cinnaminson and have lived in Palmyra since 1992. I was widowed in May of 2023, so I carry on with our two felines - Ami and Scooter who

keep me going! I am a career runner and marathoner since high school and added triathlon (swim/bike/run) to the mix in my mid 50s. I have completed 65 marathons and 5 Ironman triathlons. I retired in 2019 after a 40-year career in the Pipeline Division of Henkels & McCoy, Inc. I was first exposed to Reformed Theology and the Presbyterian Church doing some graduate work at Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside, PA.

### <u>Susan Horn – Deacon – 3-year term</u>

I am a 20+ year member of FPC Moorestown. Over the years I have been involved in various aspects including previously serving as a Deacon for 6 years. Other involvement includes being a 20+ year member of the Thursday morning Moms' Group, teaching Sunday School and volunteering at the Strawberry Festival. My husband, Greg, and I live in Moorestown. We have two children, Josh (25), a graduate of The University of Alabama (Roll Tide!) and Rebecca (22), currently attending the University of South Carolina (Go Gamecocks!). I enjoy spending summers in Stone Harbor, playing tennis, traveling and volunteering as an English language tutor to adult ESL students. I look forward to serving others through the Deacons board.

#### TRUSTEES

## <u>Jeff Mason – Trustee – 3-year term</u>

I accepted Jesus as my savior as a young boy living in Havertown, PA attending Manoa Presbyterian Church. In 1995, I started attending FPC Moorestown and became a member in the early 2000s. I married Karen in this church in 2004 with Jonathan Miller presiding. I have 2 siblings, Jim in CA and Cindy in WA along with 2 nieces and 2 nephews. I joined the Deacon board in 2017 and finished my second term in 2023. I was a member of the Local Benevolence committee until taking the chair position in 2020-21. I also served as Recording Secretary for 5 years until rolling off in 2023. I have been a communion helper with Vicki Terry for 5 years. I was employed by Campbell Soup Company for

36 years before retiring in 2015. My hobbies include spectator sports, attending music concerts, collecting music and downhill skiing since learning in Europe in 1965. I was born in Hinsdale, IL and have lived in VA, PA, GA, OH, DE and NJ, Switzerland and Germany. I have traveled throughout Europe, Japan and Hong Kong.

## Jeff Legath - Trustee - 3-year term

I have been a member attending our church for about the last 20 years. I am grateful to be currently serving as chair of our Budget Committee after having recently served 6 years on our Board of Trustees, including serving as President of the Board during my last 3 years of Board service. I have also enjoyed serving as an usher for many years. I am married to Jenny Legath, and we have three children who have been baptized and grown up in our church: Jack (20), Will (17) and Cole (12). I am a corporate attorney and partner at Dechert LLP and focus on private equity and mergers and acquisitions. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and dogs, investing, driving, being a Philadelphia and Duke sports fan, and still trying to actually play basketball.