



# ARDMORE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear Ardmore Presbyterian Church Family,

Our annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held immediately following worship this Sunday, November 1, 2020. This meeting to elect church officers will be held both in person and virtually this year. For APC to have a quorum, 30 members are needed in person for voting purposes so if you can come to worship in person on Sunday your presence would be helpful.

The Congregational Nominating Committee has met regularly and has prayerfully reviewed the church membership. We are grateful that the persons listed below have indicated their willingness to serve. Please hold them in your prayers.

This year we have asked the prospective church officers the following questions and their answers are what is shared under their names.

*When and how did you come to be a member of APC?*

*How have you been involved in the life of the congregation?*

*Please tell us three things about yourself (family, hobbies, career, etc.)*

*What is most exciting or life-giving about being a member of APC?*

## As Elders (Class of 2023):

### **Jody Brumbach (Returning for a second term.)**

I joined APC 32 years ago. I had been attending the Roman Catholic church (husband's background) with my young children and was not comfortable. I did church "shopping" and found APC to be warm and welcoming.

I taught Sunday School for many years and have helped with Wednesday Plus. I became a Trustee and an Elder when the two boards were merged. I have served multiple terms on the Session. I have served on many different committees and am currently the Moderator of the Fellowship and Outreach and Personnel Committees. And, of course, I play Handbells!!!

I retired two years ago, have two grandsons (ages 6 and 4), own a farm in Gettysburg (not much farming going on) and spend time at both the farm and our home in Havertown.

I view the congregation of APC as my family. Love and support abound!

### **Anne Conroy**

I moved from NY State to Waverly Heights in Gladwyne with my husband, Gene, in 2013. I chose to join APC because I thought the congregation was active and engaged, I loved the music program and was moved by the warmth and kindness of Rev. Hodsdon to my special needs grandchild. Gene passed away two years ago, but I have daughter who lives in Berwyn and a son who lives in Ithaca. I enjoy the Wednesday Noon Bible Study and I am a member of the Mission Awareness Committee; help organize the Advent Alternative Gift Market and am particularly rewarded by my work with the FIRST PLACE Task Force. I have always been involved as a board member and volunteer in various non-profit organizations, including serving as a member of the Session at First Presbyterian Church in Poughkeepsie, NY. For fun, I love outdoor recreation of virtually any kind.

Two things that are the most life-affirming: First, the opportunity to journey and grow in faith along with fellow members and experience this through our Christian education and the Spiritual Enrichment retreat and programs. Second, participating and singing with the Chancel Choir and our music offerings are especially meaningful. They move you and prepare us for worship in ways that words alone can't.

### **Elaine Giese (Returning for a second term.)**

I came to the church via the Preschool where all our daughters were students. We started attending Sunday services and learned that the church provided a loving environment for adults as well as children.

I was on the Board of Trustees and then transitioned to the Session when the trustees were incorporated into that group. I sing in the Choir, ring in the Handbell Choir and participate in Bible Study.

I like to read, cook and knit. I enjoy travelling and being at the beach. I love spending time with my family.

Sharing in the joys and concerns of fellow church members, supporting each other through all the challenges of life, worshipping together and watching each other grow in our faith are life giving blessings of APC.

### **Barry Jeffries**

After visiting several churches in the area, I began attending APC in 2003 and joined in the Spring 2004. I was attracted initially because of the worship and preaching led by Rev. Bill Proctor and Rev. Jonathan Fettig, and the kindness and warm welcome given by the congregation.

Over the past year I've served on the Pastoral Nominating Committee. The most longstanding involvement is with the Chancel Choir which began with our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary choir trip to Scotland. I have served as a Deacon and have an active involvement with our landscape and garden, working with the Building & Grounds Committee and various Shine-Ups to keep it in good shape.

I work as a site planner and landscape architect for the Montgomery County Planning Commission. My household includes my best friend, Islay, a sweet, Boxer girl. My hobbies include painting, drawing and sharing the gardens and nature of the Morris Arboretum and the Wissahickon Valley with our members and guests as an interpretive volunteer guide.

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### **Donald Poorman (Returning for a second term.)**

I attended APC as a child and was confirmed as a member of APC's Confirmation Class of 1969.

I am currently Clerk of Session and have served with that body for several years. I have also served on the Deacons and various committees of the church. I have sung bass in the Chancel Choir for 40 years.

I am blessed to be loved by my wife Sherina, my three daughters Holly, Carol and Anna, my two sons-in-law, and my six grandchildren. I am a lawyer and have served as an administrative law judge for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 30 years. I like local history, old cars and trains, and cycling (anything local, old or with wheels).

It is to be with others as they worship and share their faith in Jesus Christ. I feel the Holy Spirit is working in our midst when we experience the love of God together through praise, prayer, and study of scripture. I feel blessed to have been sustained in my faith by many faithful members both now and in the year's past.

### **As Deacons (Class of 2023)**

#### **Kristy Cobb**

I joined Ardmore Presbyterian in March 2002 with my husband, Chip, and my children RK and Kayla (Tyler wasn't born yet). Chip and I started attending APC shortly after 9/11 and instantly felt welcomed into the congregation.

I have served as a Sunday School teacher, a VBS volunteer and as co-leader of the Weekday Preschool Parent Group when my children attended the preschool.

RK and Kayla are currently attending the University of Pittsburgh and Tyler attends Haverford High School. I am a CPA and have worked for a public accounting firm, an insurance company, a chemical company, and currently as a business manager for a small Catholic school. I enjoy exercise and have been a group fitness instructor for 23 years.

I enjoy being an APC member and am thankful for all the opportunities for families and children at the church - from the Preschool, to Sunday School, to VBS and Youth Group. I feel that the church has helped my children grow up with a strong faith foundation.

### **Graham Fuller (Returning for a second term)**

I met Pastor Hodsdon when he was the Chaplin for the Merion Fire Company of Ardmore, where I volunteer as a fire-fighter. 2015 was the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Company and I was fortunate to have several dinners with him that year. I thought it would be interesting to hear Pastor Hodsdon preach and one Sunday came to hear him. His sermon hit home with me and I became a Sunday regular. I joined Ardmore Presbyterian Church on November 20, 2016.

I am fortunate to have served as an usher, something I truly like to do. I have also assisted as a leader with the Alpha Program at APC and I always enjoy the Shine-ups.

I am married to Beth Fuller; my son Matthew is 14 and my daughter Libby is 8 and we live in Ardmore. I am a project manager specializing in the transportation of commercial wind energy components from manufacturer to project site. I volunteer at the Merion Fire Company of Ardmore as an Assistant Chief.

The people are the most exciting and life-giving part of being a member of APC. Being involved with the people at APC is amazing. There are so many people doing so much good for those in our Church, our community and beyond. I am fortunate to give what time I can to work with this remarkable group of people.

### **Isla Grant**

Randy and I started coming to APC in 1993 looking for a church home for our two young daughters, Margaret and Robie then two and five. We joined the church in 1994 and I have served as a Deacon and a member of the investment committee for ARDPRES. I also taught Sunday School for several years.

I work as a Senior Trust Officer at Bank of America's Private Bank where I have been for over 20 years. The office is based in West Conshohocken though I've been working remotely since March.

I am married to Randy Lawlace and my daughter, Robie (known to most in the Church) lives nearby in Wyndmoor and my daughter, Margaret lives in Cincinnati, OH.

APC has been a wonderful community to belong to over many years.

### **Anne Toal McComskie**

I was baptized at APC and became an official member after going through confirmation in 2001.

As a kid I attended Sunday School, and as teen I attended youth group/choir and served as a VBS counselor. Currently I serve on the Fellowship and Outreach Committee and am a coordinator/administrator of the new APC website.

I am a graphic designer for Drexel University, and I also do freelance work. I enjoy doing design work that involves lettering or illustration. My husband and I got married 2x at APC! We just bought our first house and are excited to move in and make it our own.

I am excited to carry on my family history of being members at APC. I am a fourth-generation member! I really love APC's Christmas and Easter services, especially all the music associated with those seasons. I enjoy the community at APC and all the ways members can serve according to their interests and skills.

### **2021 Congregational Nominating Committee:**

**Tim Patterson, Peggy Shaver, Holly Vicki**

**Robie Lawlace (Session), Katherine Anne Matt (Board of Deacons)**