

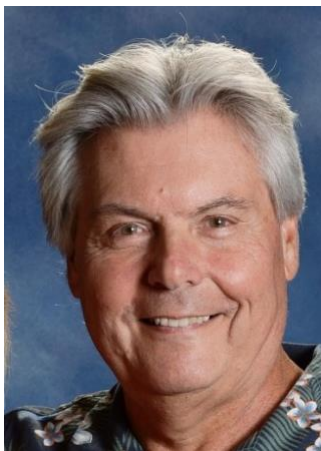
2021 Church Officer Nominating Committee Slate of Nominees ELDERS, CLASS OF 2024



Beth Askue has two grown sons, Graham (married and living in the Boston area) and Geoff (married with two children, living in San Francisco). Beth is a retired nurse practitioner and a retired massage therapist. Her hobbies are reading, playing piano duets, walking, and knitting.

She has been a member of Covenant since 1986 and is currently a ruling elder, chair of Mission & Social Concerns, and a member of Spiritual Development & Adult Learning. She is a co-leader of Spiritual Cinema and participates in Centering Prayer and the Wednesday afternoon Bible study.

Her reason for agreeing to serve again: I believe Covenant is on the cusp of something new – a personal transformation (who we want to be as a body of Christ) and a social transformation (who we want to be in the world). I am honored to have been asked to serve Covenant in this time.



Jim Buchanan is married to Cheryl and they have three sons, Rob, Wes, and Brent who all completed confirmation at Covenant. They have been members for about 30 years.

Jim has served as Chair of Mission & Social Concerns and Nurture & Outreach commissions and Chair of the Nominating Committee. As a previous Deacon, he worked with COMPASS, Adopt-a-Family, and was a former Treasurer. Also, he was a former deacon at Utica Presbyterian Church in Utica, Michigan.

He is retired from business roles in finance and sales and now enjoys time with family. Jim says it is an honor to accept the opportunity to grow and serve in faith.



Susan Imel is retired from OSU where she served as director of funded projects related to adult education and as an adjunct professor in adult education.

She has been a member of Covenant for 40 years, served on the 2020 Pastor Nominating Committee, a Deacon and an Elder and chair of several commissions, an active member of CPW, Chancel Choir, a VBS volunteer, a member of Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force and volunteer for CATCH lunches, and she delivers for SOS Food Pantry. Her hobbies/avocations are cooking, reading, and traveling.

Covenant has new pastoral leadership and, despite being closed for many months, has maintained its vitality. Serving on Session will provide an opportunity to help chart a course for Covenant's future at this important time in its history. In addition, I would like to work toward having Covenant become a Matthew 25 congregation.



Jennifer LuPiba is married to Pete and they currently have 4 children: Sally, 9; Corazon, 7, Lincoln, 5, and Grant Grace, 20 months. They been members for the past 12 years. Jen has been involved with Children's Ministry Commission, 2019-2020 Mission Study, and the Spiritual Development & Adult Learning Commission.

Jen is a Sr. Product Marketing Manager at Quest Software, a cybersecurity software vendor. Her hobbies are gardening, reading history or science fiction, playing with their dog, going on walks with the family, and playing the piano.

Jen wishes to serve to give back to the church and help make a difference.



Jared McCune began attending Covenant in 2010 when he and his wife Amy moved to Upper Arlington. They have been married since 2008 and are blessed with two children, Madelyn and Liam, 9 and 6. He is the chair of the Neighborhood Committee and has participated in greeting at the early service. Jared was also on the recent Pastor Nominating Committee that helped connect Covenant with Joel Esala. He says, "I am serving as an officer because Covenant is very important to me and my family. It has provided a sound foundation for my children to learn and grow in their faith and I want to continue to support that now and in the future."

Jared has a Mechanical Engineering Degree and an MBA from Ohio University. He works for the Olen Corporation as an Operations Manager and has been with the company since graduating from college in 2006.



Rusty Miller has been married to Gayle for 40 years and they have two grown children: Betsy (Rich) lives in Chicago with Ava (world's greatest seven-month-old grandchild), and Mac who is a terrific son, brother, and uncle. Rusty's hobbies/avocations are Covenant golf league, walking 5 miles a day with his dog Sushi, reading, world traveler, and 2-3 golf trips per year with his Covenant buddies.

He has been a member since the late 1980's, having served 3-4 tours on Deacons, working with CARES, COMPASS (liaison for 10+ years organizing their annual Christmas party and Adopt-A-Family programs), CROP Walk, and was Moderator; served 2-3 tours on Session as chair of Mission & Social Concerns, and this year Technology & Communications; chair for the Mission Study team prior to hiring Tracy and Jim; head usher; and SOS Food Pantry.

For 30 years, Rusty was the Ohio Associated Press Sports Editor (retired 2015) and was a sportswriter/columnist for several Ohio/PA city papers. Reason for reupping as an Elder: "We've made it through a period of extreme transition and challenges, and it's important that we don't rest. There is still much to be done!"

DEACONS, CLASS OF 2024



Karl Craven is married to Carol and they have 3 grown daughters of which Sara and Andy Clark are members of Covenant. Karl joined Covenant in 1973 and he has been an Elder, a Deacon, a choir member, a Chi Rho advisor, and a member of the Church Softball team and the Men's golf team. He is currently a Deacon and is a nominee for his second term.

He is the Planning and Development Director for the City of Westerville and enjoys reading, golf, and camping. He believes he has something to offer and provide for our Church's mission.



Charlotte Gross is the daughter of Robert and Janet Gross. She has grown up at Covenant and served as a Youth Deacon in 2014 and 2015.

Her hobbies are martial arts, knitting, and reading. She is a preschool teacher at Jeffrey Mansion Preschool in Bexley.

She agreed to serve as an officer because she wanted to make a tangible, positive impact within the church and the larger community.



Terry Kennedy Mancini is married to Joe Mancini and they have a son, Michael Andrews (Courtney) and grandchildren, Zachary and Finely. She has been a member of Covenant for 35 years, has served as a Deacon and past Moderator and an Elder (Personnel and Children & Youth Commission). She has taught Sunday School and VBS, is serving as a Liturgist, Usher, Greeter, member of CPW, SOS Food pantry volunteer, and helps with Hoge dinners.

Terry is a retired Policy Administrator from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Her hobbies are cooking, reading, gardening, and various community volunteer activities.

Her reason for agreeing to serve: "I believe that God has called me to action through being a deacon to serve my congregation and the community beyond our church. I believe I have been blessed in many ways, and it is important that I return those blessing to others. I also believe that if you are a part of an organization, it is incumbent that you be a full, active participant in that organization and not a sideline observer."



Tim Scott has been a member of Covenant for 22 years and enjoys teaching Sunday school. He has been an Elder and a Deacon previously, and served on the Adult Learning, Children's Ministry, and Nurture & Outreach Commissions.

He is married to Jean and has two grown children, Leslie and Lawyer. He enjoys hiking and watching black and white classic movies.

Tim works in Mainframe (Computer) Technical Support. He says he really enjoyed his last term as Deacon and wants to serve again.



Sarah Starr is a widow and has one grown daughter, Sarah Samantha Magee. She has been a member of Covenant for the past 10 years and has been a member of the Nurture & Outreach Commission for several years, where she is now the “Outreach Coordinator” for the Commission. A few years back she started to make deliveries for the SOS Food Pantry, and a year ago she became the coordinator for food pantry referrals where she matches drivers with people requesting food deliveries. Through the years she has participated in events such as Hoge, the Covenant Neighborhood Christmas Party, and several other events where, among other things, she baked lots of cookies. Also, she briefly sang in the Chancel Choir.

Her hobbies are writing poetry and reading. She is retired from The Ohio State University Research Foundation, Director, Office of Research Funding and Development.

Sarah loves Covenant and has had great satisfaction and enjoyment working with people in the church. She wants to participate in activities that will help the church grow.



Nan Winslow is a widow and has four grown sons, Charlie, Steve, Jon and Sam and has been a member of Covenant for 53 years. She taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and was a Deacon.

She and Chuck lived in Tokyo, Japan, for five years and in the 90’s lived in Chicago. For the last 20+ years she spends the winters in Vero Beach, Florida. But Columbus is home and she and Chuck have always loved and supported Covenant. Nan is thrilled with our new young pastor and would like to do whatever she can to help our church thrive.

ELDER, CLASS OF 2022



Mary Hemmer is married to Richard (Pete) and she has four grown children: Kelly Hoyt, Jeff Hoyt, Marybeth Ortiz, and John Hoyt. She has been a member of Covenant for many years and has been involved in Covenant Missions, served on Session 2+ times, a teacher for many Vacation Bible Schools, a member of Covenant Presbyterian Women, and a liturgist.

Mary is a retired teacher with a love of music. She says she is ready and eager to serve with our new Pastor Joel.

YOUTH DEACON, CLASS OF 2022



Jack Dougherty is the son of Bryan and Susie Dougherty and grandson of John and Donna Harder. He was baptized at Covenant in 2005 and confirmed in 2019.

He is a member of the Verge Youth group and enjoys playing baseball and golf. Jack is a Junior at Worthington Kilbourne High School.

Reason for agreeing to serve as an officer: "I would like to be more involved in some of the committees of the church."

CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE, CLASS OF 2023



Bryan Dougherty is married to Susie and they have a son Jack, 16 and a daughter Kate, 14. Bryan has been a member of Covenant since 2008 while his wife Susie is a lifelong member.

Bryan has his own civil and environmental engineering firm and works as a land development manager for Epcon Communities. He has served previously on the Nominating Committee and the Properties Commission. His hobby is golf.

Bryan's reason for agreeing to serve is to re-engage and interact with church members after a long COVID layoff!



Amy Kendall has been attending Covenant since 1994 and waited to become a member around 2004. She has been a Youth Group leader and chaperone, a member of an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Music Director Search Committee (twice), and the Nominating Committee. She is currently a member of Chancel Choir and Campanile Bell Choir and is finishing her second term as Deacon.

Amy is a Music Teacher/Owner of Crescendo Music Studio and provides private voice and piano instruction. She also has a second job in the retail industry.

Amy says she is always happy to serve at Covenant.



Pete McGeoch is married to Caroline and they have three grown sons, John (Becca), Andrew (Janet), and Thomas. Peter and Caroline are also proud grandparents of Frederick, John & Becca's 18-month-old son.

He has been a member of Covenant for the past 33 years and has served as a Deacon, an Elder, and has been a prior member of the Church Officer Nominating Committee. He is currently an Usher, as well as a sometimes Bell Choir ringer.

Peter is employed as a Tournament Rules Official with the LPGA, and in his free time enjoys golf, hiking, and reading. He says, "I am committed to helping the wonderful spiritual community here at Covenant."