

## Deacons ~ Class of 2024



### **Candi Harker**

I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1999. I have been happily married to my best friend, Orris Harker for 29 years. We have a 24-year-old daughter, Jordan and a 19-year-old son Duncan. I have been a self employed hairstylist for 29 years. The past 5 years I have been a cosmetology instructor and I am currently teaching at Jenny Lea Academy. In the past I have taught Sunday school, kept the nursery, taught VBS, decorated for VBS, chaperoned the Middlers Retreat and spent an amazing week at Montreat cooking for the best group of young people. If you can't tell, I LOVE kids!!! My hobbies include my pets. I have two 11-year-old yellow labs, Lilly and Tank; two golden doodles, Ivy Rose and Murphy; one sassy cat, Luna Moon; and a Leopard gecko named Speck. We love camping in our travel trailer named "Happy." But my most favorite place on earth is Disney.



### **Barbara Maston**

I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2008. I have been married for 50 years to my wonderful husband, Larry. We have two children, Jason and Emily. Both are married. Emily is the mother of our two grandchildren, Addie and Maston. I am a retired librarian. I have previously served as a deacon and have been a long-time Monday worker in the Clothes Closet. I have been on the Congregational Life committee and am a member of the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and Prayer Shawl Knitters. I enjoy reading, music and travel.



### **Mary Ruth**

I grew up in this church, joined in Junior High, met Ridley in this church and married in this church. I am an Ole Miss graduate, lived in Rochester, NY, and St. Louis, and moved back to Kingsport in 1971. Ridley died in 2021 after being in Texas 4 years. I moved back in July, 2021. I have been active in various churches in varied locations, and it is a pleasure to be back at home. It has been fun to have been a volunteer in many organizations and to have traveled in many countries. It is my hope that I will be a good deacon, and I welcome suggestions.

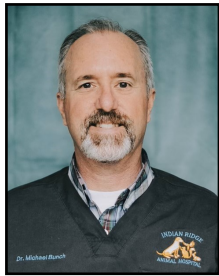
# Profiles of Slate of Officers

*Elected August 2022*



*First Presbyterian Church*  
Kingsport, Tennessee

## Elders ~ Class of 2025



### **Mike Bunch**

I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 2000. During that time I have served as an elder and Chairman of the Finance Committee. I have remained on the Finance Committee as an at-large member for several years. I have served as a member of both a Pastor Nominating Committee and the General Nominating Committee. My wife Karen and I have 2 sons Taylor and Cooper. I have been employed as a Veterinarian at Indian Ridge Animal Hospital since 1994. My hobbies include watching all UT sports, enjoying time with my family, reading, and bicycling.



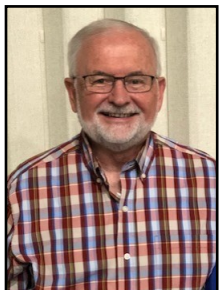
### **Carol Dixon**

My husband James Dixon and I joined First Presbyterian in Kingsport approximately 15 years ago. I am widowed now. I have 5 stepchildren, 10 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. I am retired and a former IT business owner. I have served on session several terms in three Presbyterian Churches, chaired pastor search committees and administration committees, was President of Presbyterian Women, led Disciple Bible study and Alpha bible program. My interests include oil painting, biking, hiking, kayaking, golfing, and pickleball. I am active in several organizations including the Southwest Virginia Community Foundation, Gate City Community Garden, Scott County Community Choir, and Kingsport Art Guild. I travel often to visit friends in Philadelphia, Chicago, Phoenix, and Maui.



### **Sarah Good**

I have been a member of First Presbyterian for 42 years (since birth). I am married to John and have three daughters, Kellan, 15; Lleyton, 13; and Rowan, 10. I am an English as a Second Language teacher for Kingsport City Schools. I have served our church as a Deacon, VBS director and Sunday school teacher, and in the Breakfast Ministry. I am a member of the Breakfast Club Sunday school class. I enjoy being outside, running, yoga, reading, and spending time with friends and family.



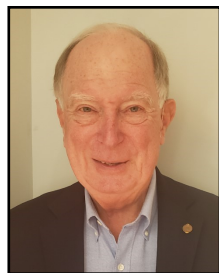
### **Richard Meyer**

I have been a member of First Presbyterian since July 2021. My wife's name is Nancy, and I have a daughter, Melody. Melody was married this past year and has two step children aged 18 and 5. I am retired from Walt Disney World management. I'm currently serving on the Fellowship committee and volunteer for the Clothes Closet two days per week. I am also a member of the Knuckleheads men's group. Previously, Nancy and I were members of the Presbyterian Church of the Lakes in Orlando, Fl. (39 years). While at PCOL, I was Elder on five occasions and Deacon on two. We were both very involved in Fellowship, Worship and I ran their fall fair for 15 years. Both of us worked VBS most years. Our men's group "Ironmen" met every Tuesday and we did a lot of repairs around the church and helped the elderly and widows. My interests are model trains, RVing, and going on "date" nights.



### **Debbie Waggoner**

I have been a Presbyterian church member 36 years. I am retired. I am a widow with no children, but lots of kids I have helped with volunteer work. My hobbies include cooking, gardening, decorating, tons of volunteer work, and traveling. I helped furnish the nursery with a big garage sale, cooking for Wednesday Night suppers and cooked for years for our church circle ladies. I am a member of the Membership & Evangelism subcommittee.



### **Greeley Wells**

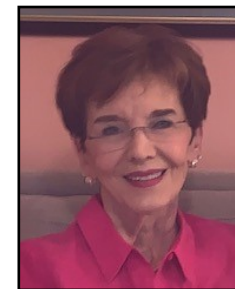
I have been a member of this church for about 30 years. We moved to the Knoxville area in 2011 and were members of Fountain City Presbyterian until we returned to Kingsport in 2020. I have served on the Diaconate at least one term and as an Elder for 2-3 terms. I have been a member of several committees of those bodies and on various special committees created by the Session. My wife, Sue and I have two grown, married children, John (Jill) and Laura Singley (JJ), who live in Boston and Atlanta respectively. Our grandchildren are Jack and Casey Singley and Claire, Madeleine, and Lucy Wells. I am retired after serving as District Attorney General for Sullivan County. My interests include loafing around the house, reading, travel, and some volunteer work.

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### **Sarah Barbour**

I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 16 years. During those years, my husband, Mark and I have raised our three boys, Will, Owen, and Sam in the church. In the past, I have been a deacon, have taught Sunday school, have helped out with Bible school, and through the years have helped out with various youth activities to name a few of the activities that I have enjoyed. One of my favorite activities in recent years was being the cook for the youth at Montreat! Currently, I am a member of the Christian Education Committee, co-lead the New Horizon's Sunday school class, and enjoy planting flowers at the church and helping out with the church gardens. Outside of church, I enjoy spending time with family, cooking for the family, attending Sam's sporting events, hiking, gardening, sewing, playing tennis, and working out. The church has provided our family with much spiritual guidance and support through the years, and I hope that I can provide the same for my deacon group!



### **Pat Bryan**

I have been a member of First Presbyterian Church for 49 years. I grew up in Etowah, TN, and came to Kingsport to work for Eastman after graduating from the University of Tennessee and am an Eastman retiree. I have been involved at First Pres as a Sunday school teacher, in Women's Bible Study, adult Sunday school, high school youth, hospitality committee, fellowship groups and a volunteer in the church financial office. I have two sons and a daughter-in-law —Todd and Emily of Santa Barbara, Ca., and John Parker of Phoenix, AZ. I enjoy walking, hiking, the gym, traveling, and working in my yard. Other interests are local history and antiques - furniture and clocks.



### **Lorrie Cooper**

My name is Lorrie Cooper and I've been a member of FPC for over 25 years. Scott and I have been married 43 years. We have identical twin daughters Ashley and Amory. Amory and her husband Bobby have 2 sons Arlee and Grayson. I am officially retired from AGC where I worked for 23 years, but I help at our family's manufacturing business GSM which is currently celebrating its 10 year anniversary. I have taught Sunday School, helped with VBS, coordinated the PALS program and the Sunday night youth dinner program, and served on the FPC Daycare board. You might know me from a local non-profit organization because I spend much of my time volunteering: some of these currently include TriCities Rotary Club, Second Harvest Food Bank, Visit Kingsport, Fun Fest, Kingsport Sports Commission, and Jr. League of Kingsport. I've served on the Board of Directors of 30+ local non-profits over the years since we moved to Kingsport. We live in Grande Harbor on Boone Lake so my interests and leisure activities are mostly water related. I also love to work in the yard, to scrapbook and to dabble in monogramming.



### **Carolyn Doerfert**

I grew up in Rochester and moved to Kingsport in 1967. I have two kids, Kirsten and Fred and "bonus" daughter Diana. All wonderful! I have one grandson and two grand-nephews. I spent 30+ years as a Red Cross disaster nurse, traveling from Hawaii to the Virgin Islands...going to "bad stuff," hurricanes, tornadoes, terrorism, plane crashes, etc. I know I survived the onslaught of trauma because of a wonderful husband and a church that enfolded me in their arms and prayers. I volunteer at the Red Cross. I cook, sew, read, enjoy my beloved cat, Teddy, and each Sunday finds me in the early service.



### **Laura Drayne**

First Presbyterian Church has been my church for my entire life. I was baptized and married here. We have raised our son, Robby, in this church. Our son and his wife, Emily, have two children and we are excited about the arrival of the third in November. We are fortunate to be able to spend lots of time visiting them in North Carolina. I am a retired public school teacher for Sullivan County in the elementary grades. This has allowed me to enjoy more time with my horses, gardening and tending to our dogs—but best of all being a babysitter to our grandchildren. My service in First Presbyterian Church has been Deacon, Elder, Sunday School teacher, supply provider for Interfaith Hospitality Network, assisting in Bible School, working as secretary at KCMC, involvement in the youth program and preparing Communion elements.



### **Gary Hallen**

I, along with my wife Mary Beth, have been a member of FPC for over 45 years. We have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren. Nine years ago, I retired from Eastman, after a 37-year career. I have previously served multiple terms as deacon, elder and Sunday School teacher. I enjoy much travel, walking, reading, and other volunteer work.