

## **YOUR 2025 NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Gail Cole - Chair

Cheryl Rice -Vice Chair

Deacon - Betty Blass

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It has been said that a church is no stronger, no more energetic, no more faithful, no more creative, no more courageous, and no more committed than those who provide its leadership. Your Nominating Committee needs your prayerful support and suggestions to **identify those whom God is calling to lead** us at this crucial time when we are searching for God's will in all aspects of our church life.

Serving as an elder or deacon is a call from God to carry out the mission and work of the church. A responsible officer is a committed Christian, knowledgeable of and committed to Presbyterian doctrine and government, and willing to be trained for more thorough knowledge. A good officer is involved in the work and worship of the church, has a cooperative spirit and can be trusted with confidential matters. He or she must be prepared for service that is sometimes time-consuming and exhausting, but always rewarding. A good officer will recognize that others will look to him or her as an exemplary Christian disciple.

### **The responsibilities of elders and deacons are quite different!**

**ELDERS**, according to the Book of Order, should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and the world. Six (6) elders will be nominated for the Class of 2027 for a three-year term (January 2027 - December 2029).

It is the duty of Elders, individually and jointly, to strengthen and nurture the faith and life of the congregation committed to their charge. Together with the pastor, they should encourage the people in the worship and service of God, equip and renew them for their tasks within the church and for their mission in the world.

**YOUTH ELDERS** Up to one (1) will be nominated to serve a term of one year in the Class of 2027.

**DEACONS**, according to the Book of Order, are officers of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly love, warm sympathies and sound judgment are needed for this office. Deacons implement the Care Ministry Program of our church. Each Deacon establishes and maintains contact with 10-11 households within our congregation, shares in their joys and sorrows, and encourages members of their Ministry Group to care for each other. Six (6) deacons will be nominated for a two-year term, Class of 2027 (January 2027 - December 2029).

## 2025 Officer Recommendation Form Nominee Information

Please consider for the office of (circle only one): Elder Youth Elder Deacon

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

What information would you like the Nominating Committee to know as they consider this individual for the office of Elder or Deacon?

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SUBMIT BY **May 12, 2025**

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