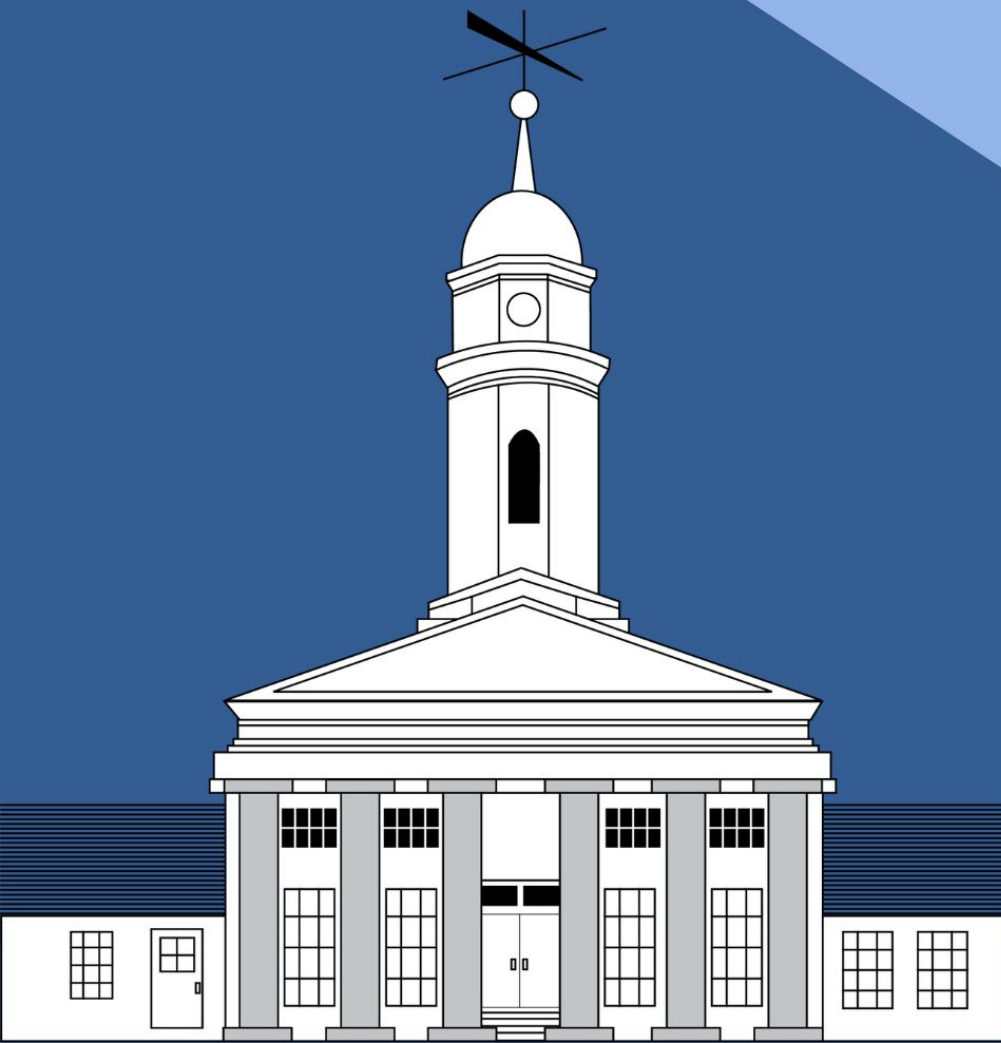


Media Presbyterian Church

DEACON & ELDER

BIOGRAPHIES 2025



Elders

Joe Consiglio (2028)



Joe Consiglio - My parents met in the church choir, so church was a part of my life from the beginning. I was raised Catholic, studied theology in college, and spent 27 years as a student or teacher in Catholic school. Concerns about the Catholic Church's treatment of children made me a Presbyterian. My wife and I wanted to raise our children in a loving Christian environment. We found MPC, and we've been members for nearly 20 years.

I've always considered my job(s) a vocation. I teach high school, coach cross country and track, and entertain families as Silly Joe. In each area, my purpose is to help kids and families enjoy being human.

Jim Gatch (2028)



Jim Gatch - I'm from the greater Philadelphia area and the son of Jim & Beth Gatch. I grew up in South Jersey with my brother Jeffrey and sister Julia. I went to Holy Cross High School in Delran and my brother Jeff and I were altar boys at Our Lady Queen of Peace for 7 years.

I graduated from Duquesne University with a double major in Political Science and History (Pre-Law) curriculum and went to college on a ROTC scholarship. After college, I spent two years on active-duty Army Aviation Officer at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. I spent the following 7 years as an Army Reserve Officer at Naval Air

Station, Willow Grove as a Platoon Leader, then as Company Commander of 2/228 Aviation Regiment. I was responsible for 150 combat aviation troops as well as 12 rotary wing and 7 fixed wing aircraft. I was deployed twice (Middle East/Central America). I loved flying and serving my country.

I lived in the Fairmount (Art Museum area) of Philadelphia for 25 years where my father owned a restaurant (Rembrandt's) and I'm an avid Philadelphia sport fan. My wife Sandi began our married journey in the city and attended Holy Trinity on Rittenhouse Square where both our boys (Andrew & Nolan) were baptized.

I've been in Healthcare/Life Science Technology since 1999. I've directed Business Development teams all across America and I specialize in securing new business with Fortune 500 HCLS companies for EPAM Systems.

I've been at MPC since 2017 with my wife Sandi and our boys Andrew and Nolan. We've come to love our church family here. I've had the privilege to serve as Deacon, Elder and I'm active in both Outreach and Benevolence.

Julie Havel (2028)



Julie Havel - Julie Havel is pleased to be presented again as a candidate for Session. Julie currently serves MPC as a member of Session, and has twice previously served MPC as a Deacon, first in 2013 and again in 2019.

Mike and Julie Havel began worshipping at Media Presbyterian in 2010, and then joined the church in 2012. Their sons, Evan and Ryan, participated in the Children's and Youth ministries, and have both been Confirmed at Media Presbyterian. Their daughter, Lexie, is currently active in the Children's program as a Third grader.

In addition to the formal roles of Deacon and Elder, Julie has participated in various ways in MPCs Vacation Bible School since 2013, played in the Bell Choir, has been a volunteer and leader

with the Youth Committee for the last 10 years, and joined in 2023 as a Fifth grader Sunday School teacher.

Tom Jackson (2028)



Tom Jackson - I'm Tom Jackson. I began attending Media Presbyterian Church regularly in 2001 and became a member in 2003. I met my wife, Dana Riker, at MPC in 2002. We married in January 2007 in the church. I have enjoyed serving in the church in many different capacities, often filling in where there is a need. Serving in different roles has allowed me to get to know and work alongside many members of our church. I have been an adult volunteer with our Youth Ministry for the past 10 years or so. I also have sung with the choir, sing regularly with the praise team, and have served in various mission roles over the years. I have served two separate terms on Session. I look forward to

working with our incoming Senior Pastor and seeing what God has in store for our church and how I can best help to bring His plans to fruition.

Jessica Johnson (2028)



Jessica Johnson - Jessica Johnson is a Full-time employee of Endless Pools for the past 25 years and a self-taught Baker for the past 15 years. When Jessica is not working or baking, she loves crafting and reading. Jessica is very involved in her community and her children's schools. Jessica has been a member of MPC since 2014. She was drawn to the church because of its Children & Youth programs. Jessica and her husband Larry have two children Makayla 19, and LJ 14. They also have a dog Miles, who recently turned 5. Jessica serves as a Sunday school teacher, is on the Children's Committee, and is co-chair of the Youth committee. Jessica has previously served as a Deacon..

Eric MacDonald (2028)



Eric MacDonald - Eric MacDonald was baptized and raised here at Media Presbyterian Church. After returning from college and a year at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, he attended Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, until feeling called to return to MPC around 2007. Eric earned his B.A. in elementary education and religion from Westminster College (PA), his M.Ed. from West Chester University and an Ed.D. from Widener University and has taught at Benchmark School for 40 years, and is stepping into the role of Head of the Middle School. Eric has been active in leadership in the Keystone State Literacy Association and its local chapter, KSLA Delaware Valley. He served on Session from 2015-2019 and 2022-2025 and continues to chair the Worship Committee. Most Sundays you

can find him singing with the choir in the choir loft. Recently he has served on the Transitional Pastor Nominating Committee, the Mission Study Team and the Pastor Nominating Committee. He loves history, music, reading, walking, and his two cats, Calvin and Wesley.

Dave Richards (2028)



Dave Richards - Dave joined MPC in 1990 and served multiple terms as both a Deacon and Elder under Pastor Borrer. Dave married Janis Vosburgh Richards in April 1990 at Media Presbyterian Church. They raised their two daughters, Cameryn is 30 and Brenna is 27, at MPC. The family dedicated approximately 15 years of service on the Summer Mission Trips in W VA, Mars Hill and Banner Elk, NC. Dave volunteers with the Youth group. Together, Dave and Janis have hosted several youth and confirmation retreats at their home in the Poconos. Outside of Church, Dave is happy to spend time at their lake house or partake in any outdoor activities like fishing, hiking, kayaking, skiing etc. Dave's latest hobby is road riding motorcycles with daughter Cameryn and Son in Law Chris Duran.

Dave is also a USSF and PIAA soccer referee so his fall season is very busy with High School matches. Lastly, Dave is COO of RichardsApex, Inc. which is a 4th generation family owned and operated business that manufactures and sells industrial metal working lubricants worldwide. The headquarters is in Manayunk and Dave has worked in Sales, Procurement and Logistics besides being an employee owner.

Deacons

Gary Alexander (2028)



Gary Alexander - I was born in South Philadelphia and at a young age my parents moved to Delaware County, where I have lived ever since. After completing 12 years of Catholic School, I also graduated from the Police Academy. Currently I work as an Operation's Manager for a manufacturing company, having spent over 30 years in the industry. I have a 37-year-old son who lives in Delaware County and a 35-year-old daughter who is married and resides in Delaware; they have yet to bless me with grandchildren. In my later years, I struggled with my faith and found it challenging to believe in anything. However, in 2019, I had a transformative experience that brought me to my knees, and I felt the Lord's saving grace. This new life as a believer has profoundly changed

who I am. Despite facing my share of struggles, my faith continues to grow stronger as I seek God's guidance, and he consistently answers my prayers. My faith journey is filled with love and joy, and each day I wake up feeling grateful for the gift of life and also ask God to use me to spread joy and the Gospel.

I began attending MPC around the end of the Covid pandemic, feeling led by the Holy Spirit to find my place here. From the moment I walked through the door, I felt welcomed and loved. As I prayed to become more involved in our church community, God answered my prayers, and about a year ago, I became a member. I now have the privilege of playing the drums for the worship team when needed and look to be part of the growth of our church and our family. I enjoy being active in music, sports, and being outdoors enjoying nature.

Wendy Allen (2028)



Wendy Allen - I am married to Deac Allen and have 3 college age kids. I work at PHS with students 18-21 in the Linking Learning to Life program. I have also been a longtime member of Media Recreation, which plans events for the community. Our family are members of Chester Heights Camp Meeting, where you can Escape the Noise of the World and Hear From God in the Quiet of Camp.

Crystal Garcia (2028)



Crystal Garcia - I have been living in Media, PA for about a year with my fiancé Joel. I am a proud mom of my two adult daughters Jasmine and Brianna who live in Myrtle Beach, and have 2 newly adopted cats: Harvey and Piper. I work full time as a Patient Service Representative for a Urology Office in Media. I grew up in New Jersey, and belonged to the Bound Brook Presbyterian church. I participated in Sunday School, Youth Group, Choir and Bell Choir. I have been attending Media Presbyterian Church since January of this year. It felt like home from the first service I attended. In my spare time I like reading, going to the beach, taking long walks and working outside.

Susan Howe-Consiglio (2028)



Susan Howe-Consiglio - Our family came to Media Presbyterian after moving to Media from Springfield. We heard wonderful things about the youth program and started attending services and joined the church soon after. Church has always been a part of my life. Whenever we moved growing up, my parents searched for churches that had great programs for children. I attended youth group and sang in the choir. I taught Sunday school when I was in high school.

Some of my favorite activities involve working with middle school students at Springton Lake. As a school counselor, there is never a dull moment. I also enjoy coaching field hockey and lacrosse.

At home, I like to garden and take care of the animals. We have five cats at the moment, a dog and several chickens. I love to travel, recently I went to Puerto Rico and have a trip planned for London this June.

Lynn Maharaj (2028)



Lynn Maharaj - I have been a member of MPC since 2000. My husband (Pravin) and I have been married for 42 years, and we live in Upper Providence. We have three grown sons, Justin, Jeremy, and Chris. Jeremy and Chris, as well as our grandchildren, live in the south, so Pravin and I are frequent travelers to Greenville, SC, and Charlotte, NC. I have worked at Delaware County Community College for many years and currently work part-time there as an ESL tutor. Some of my activities include reading, hiking, gardening, and traveling. I previously served as a deacon and am looking forward to this new chapter at MPC.

Brian McLaughlin (2028)



Brian McLaughlin - My wife Eileen and I joined MPC in 2011. I have been playing drums with the MPC worship team since 2013, and loving worshiping through music. So far in my time at MPC I have been blessed to serve as a deacon for 2 terms, and serve on the Worship Committee for many years.

I find that I am most at home working behind the scenes working in many of our Mission activities through the years, building or repairing houses during the summer mission trips to Banner Elk, working locally with Habitat for Humanity, preparing and serving meals for Life Center, volunteering at the Hope Cafe with City Team,

and delivering flowers on Sunday. My favorite activities include playing drums in a band, painting/drawing, woodworking, spending time with friends and family, and traveling.

Tom Palmer (2028)



Thomas (Tom) Palmer - I have been a member of Media Presbyterian Church for just over a decade. Prior to our time at Media, my wife Chris and I had been associated with the 1 st Presbyterian Church of Springfield for over 20 years. I was born in the Philadelphia region (Rosemont, Pa) and have always maintained this area as my home base. I am now retired from my work as an Information Technology professional and Management Consultant that spanned a career of 45 years. Chris and I have two wonderful daughters and five grandchildren who keep our spirit soaring. We are fortunate to have both of our daughter's families near enough to us to get lots of grandparenting opportunities. I was raised as a Catholic, attended Catholic schools through high school and had significant exposure to worship and religious education as a result.

However, my real faith journey took a significant stride forward when I became a Presbyterian. I found my ability to lean into my faith and spiritual self were greatly enhanced when I made that change. My time as a Presbyterian has included being a member of Session at Media Presbyterian Church and 1 st Presbyterian Church of Springfield. While at MPC, I have also been involved with the Membership, Property, and Technology committees. I participate in the Media Food Bank program that is supported by the Deacons. I am also part of the Technology team that records our services every Sunday. Outside of MPC, I am a volunteer at Tyler Arboretum. I enjoy being able to help take care of this local gem in our community. We are also members of Longwood Gardens and enjoy times with family and friends at both places. Travel is a significant aspect of our life at this stage. I find that my faith is strengthened through service. Prayers are always at the top of my list. Service to others has always been something that I find is incredibly important. I know this is why the Lord has led me to the opportunity to be a Deacon. I look forward to continuing to serve as a member of the Deacons at Media Presbyterian Church.

Belle Patton (2028)



Belle Patton - I have been a member at MPC since about 1985. My husband, Dave and I raised our children here and found life-long friendships here at MPC. Over the years I have served as an Elder, Sunday School teacher, Missions committee member and been on Deacons multiple times. The church is a huge part of my life! I am passionate about mission work and have participated in service opportunities in Mexico, North Carolina, and locally in Chester. Outside of church I enjoy time in the mountains, traveling, and spending time with my granddaughters.

Jim Schnabel (2028)



Jim Schnabel - moved to Media in October with his wife Carol, and joined MPC in March. They were members of Westminster Presbyterian Church in OKC where Jim was a teacher of special topics in adult Sunday School and was involved in food preparation for church events. He previously served as an elder at another Presbyterian church in OKC. He was born in New Orleans, raised Catholic, became a Baptist in college at LSU, and Presbyterian upon marriage. Jim is retired from medical practice in pathology, and followed his son Daniel who works and studies in Philadelphia. Jim's interests include doting on the family cat Bentley, reading, traveling, and animal welfare. He looks forward to contributing to Media Presbyterian Church as a deacon.

Dale Snead (2028)



Dale Snead - I'm a long-time MPC member, having joined in 1984. My wife Jo and I have two daughters; Jennifer lives in Albuquerque NM and Aimee is here in Media. I've been retired since 2005, and we recently moved into a new house in Upper Providence with our little Shih-Poo, Stella. I'm a returning Deacon (2015) and current Property committee, Choir and Senior Craftsmen member. I've also served as a Stephen Minister. In 1978, I publicly accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour at an altar call. I enjoy traveling and adventure touring by motorbike!