

DCPC Class of 2025 Officer Nominees – Bios and Photos

ELDERS



Ann Hayes Browning has been a DCPC member since moving to Davidson in 2013. Ann is a Davidson College graduate and holds an MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill. She is retired from a 25 year career in financial services, primarily in Bank of America's private equity group. She then worked for land conservation non-profit organizations for ten years and continues to volunteer in that field. At DCPC, she has served as a Deacon (Moderator), member of the Planning Committee, Nominating Committee, Campus Ministry Committee, and Campus Ministry Funding Task Force. Ann and Ric have grown children, Wil (31) and Holt (29), grandson, Barron (2), and sweet Labrador, Cricket.



Marjorie Burris, a native Charlotteann, and her late husband, Lynn, moved to Davidson in the 70's and raised their family here. They have two daughters, Amy (Sam) and Johanna (Lee) and three grandchildren, Nora, Ben and Matthew. Marjorie and Lynn are both lifelong Presbyterians and joined DCPC in 1975. She is an ordained Deacon and Elder with recent involvement in Membership Ministry, Planning and Congregational Care. With Membership comes the joy of greeting and welcoming visitors, along with new and current members, to the church family. Congregational Care has allowed the opportunity of helping in the formation of the Healing- Support Bereavement Group. Stephen Ministry, Shalom and Presbyterian Women are other areas she is involved.

In past years Marjorie has been active in Community Missions, representing the Davidson-Cornelius Day Care Center as an active Board member for 25 years. She served as Co-Chair and a founding member of the Ada Jenkins Community Parish Nurse program. As Health and Wellness chair of Congregational Care she has organized the Be The Match campaign along with Davidson College students and Ada Jenkins; The Murdock Study for DCPC; and Alzheimer's Seminar for the Presbytery held at DCPC. Presbyterian Women remains a beloved interest with past activities as PW Moderator, Circle Chair, and officer in PW Presbytery Coordinating Team. Circle #3 remains a source of friendship, love and support for her. Marjorie enjoys her family and friends, reading, nature (loves dogs, deer, birds and squirrels), family history, music and searching for antique bargains!



John Cock DCPC member for 10 years or so. Graduate of Davidson College. Davidson resident since 2005. Devoted husband to Kelley. Father of 4 teens (including 3 at CSD — Meron, Caleb, and Preston— and one at NCSU: Lyndon). Son of John & Lynda Cock. Hailing from a long line of Methodists, including my father, who is retired clergy. I'm a consulting urban planner by profession.



Emma Dulin attends Hough High School in Cornelius. She lives with her mom and her older brother, Matthew, who is starting his junior year of college. Emma joined the church 4 years ago and has been in Youth Group since 6th grade. She is currently a youth Deacon with the S.A.G.E.S committee at DCPC. Emma created The Pink Bin Project in her second year of high school, a collection bin project for feminine hygiene products that are donated to those in need within the Charlotte-Davidson area. She hopes to serve the church in helping those in need and connecting with more members of the DCPC community.



J. Michael (Mike) Hogan and his wife Lisa (Li) are relatively new members of DCPC, having joined in 2020. Mike grew up near Rapid City, in the Black Hills of South Dakota. He earned his BA, MA, and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and he has held teaching, research, and administrative posts at the University of Virginia, Indiana University, and Penn State, where he was the Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of Rhetoric and the founding director of the Center for Democratic Deliberation. In 2016, Mike came to Davidson College as Visiting Professor and Chair of Communication Studies. During his academic career, Mike has published eight books and more than 70 articles, book chapters, and reviews on campaigns and social movements, foreign policy debates, presidential rhetoric, and public opinion and polling. He has served as a scholarly advisor to the National Constitution Center, and he co-directs a popular educational website, *Voices of Democracy*. Mike has won a number of scholarly awards, including two major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities. At DCPC, Mike has been active in the Men's Group and the Mindfulness Ministry. He also regularly teaches classes for Davidson Learns. In his spare time, Mike likes to fish and play golf, or go hiking in the mountains with Li and their dog Quincy.



Mary Muchane has been a member at DCPC since 1999 and served on the Session from 2009-2012. Mary was involved with the Christian Education Committee for over five years. She has taught elementary and middle school Sunday School and has co-led several confirmation classes. Mary is also a key participant in DCPC's Global Missions partnership with Sigona Presbyterian in Kikuyu, Kenya. Mary and her husband, Mur, have two sons, Michael and Mark, who grew up in Davidson. Michael graduated from Wake Forest University in 2019 and works in San Francisco; Mark is a first-year student at the University of Chicago. A geologist by training, Mary started her education in Nairobi, received her masters from the University of Sheffield, and her doctorate from Duke University. She worked for several years as an environmental scientist and now directs the Office of Grants and Contracts at Davidson College, a position she has held since 2005. Mary's hobbies include collecting rocks, cooking, singing, and reading biographies.



Tina Piephoff and her husband Cris have lived in Davidson for 24 years raising their two daughters, Caroline (25) and Sarah (22) in DCPC. Tina was ordained as an Elder at Plaza Presbyterian church in Charlotte in 1996. Tina grew up as an air force child living in many different locations during her father's career. She has worked as a Bookkeeper for the past 30 years working with several organizations. At DCPC she has led Day of Service, been a member of the A&P committee, taught Sunday School, was a confirmation mentor, served as a greeter and usher and was PW Moderator. She enjoys long walks, hiking with family and is currently exploring pottery.



Laurie Sepulveda and her family joined DCPC in 2020 and have lived in Davidson for four years. A native of South Carolina, Laurie attended Furman University before moving to South America to live and work for three years. It was there that she met and married her husband, Anibal. Laurie and Anibal have two boys, Matias and Diego, aged 15 and 12, and a spoiled labradoodle named Lucy. Laurie was ordained an elder at Kearsarge Community Presbyterian Church, the family's previous church in New London, New Hampshire. At KCPC, Laurie served as the head of VBS, was a member of the praise band, led the Tuesday morning bible study, and was a Sunday School teacher. Laurie currently teaches Upper School Spanish at Pine Lake Preparatory. She serves on DCPC's finance committee and is also on the Youth Group Kitchen Crew. Her favorite memory with DCPC is getting the opportunity to go to Puerto Rico with Matias this July and getting to know and serve that community.



Elizabeth-Ann Wieber grew up in a small town in South Carolina, where her father and grandfather were both Elders at her home Presbyterian church. She has been a member of DCPC for four years, and she has particularly enjoyed the Connections Sunday School class for parents of young children. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina and her Master's degree in public policy from the London School of Economics. She also conducted postgraduate studies in British politics for one year at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. Elizabeth-Ann has been a stay-at-home mother since moving to Davidson from Atlanta, Georgia, in 2017. Prior to that, for almost 20 years, her professional career focused on government relations, politics, and strategic planning. She has worked in the White House, for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She has also served as a board member for both the Junior League of Atlanta and of Charlotte. Together with her husband, Brian, she is

raising two beautiful daughters, Caroline (8) and Julia Grace (2). Caroline is in 3rd grade at Davidson K8, and Julia Grace currently attends DCPC preschool.

DEACONS



Patricia "Crissie" Abell is from Manassas, Virginia and attended Longwood University and Mary Baldwin College. She and her husband, Scott, moved to NC from Lexington, VA in 2018. Crissie was a middle school science teacher for over 20 years until she moved to Davidson. She coached and judged high school competitive cheerleading and college cheerleading. Scott accepted the position as Head Football Coach of Davidson College. They joined DCPC in 2019. Since retiring from teaching and moving to NC, Crissie has enjoyed volunteering at Blythe ES and serving on the DCPC BEST committee. She also serves on the Youth Committee and is the current leader of the Campus Ministry committee. Crissie loves working with the Davidson Students and served as the interim cheerleading coach for Davidson in 2019. The Abells have 2 children. Porter (28) also coaches football at Davidson, and Emily (24) teaches Kindergarten at Community School of Davidson. Porter was a college football player at University of Richmond, and Emily was a college

cheerleader at High Point University, so sports have always been a huge part of the family's life. Crissie enjoys volunteering in her daughter's classroom, crafting, and decorating cookies. She's started playing tennis and golf.



Kristin Clark joined DCPC in 2012, she has been the DCPC Weekday Preschool Director for 20 years. Kristin grew up in Houston, Texas where her family was very active in the Methodist Church. Kristin's early postgraduate career was serving as the Preschool Director at St. Peter's Early Childhood Development Center as well as coordinating and writing curriculum for many early childhood centers in Houston. Kristin attended Texas Tech University where she met her husband, Bill. The Clark family relocated from Texas in 2001. The Clark's have 3 grown children, Maddy an Attorney in Dallas, Texas, Lexy a Med School student in SC and William in undergrad. Kristin has served DCPC in various capacities. Over the years she has taught Godly Play Sunday School, served on the Search Committee to hire the Children's Ministry Associate, served on the DCPC safety task force, been an Usher, served on the Faith Formation Committee, served on DCPC Church Staff and most recently she has become a Stephen Minister. Working with young children and watching them begin their Faith journey is a blessing. Kristin feels very fortunate that her career is living her faith in action.



Fahad Firdausi has been a member of DCPC since he and his daughter were baptized at the church in 2020. He currently lives in Davidson, and serves on the communications, and social justice committees at DCPC. He likes volunteering with the Habitat for Humanity, and enjoys learning at being in community at DCPC. Fahad studied at UNC Charlotte, and has worked in roles in finance, commercial real estate, and software industries. He enjoys art, design, & history, and Jesus.



Will Frisbie and his wife Holly joined DCPC in 2020, after moving to Davidson from Winston-Salem. Before joining DCPC, Will & Holly were members of Centenary United Methodist Church, where Will served on Church Council, taught Sunday School, and volunteered with the Youth Group and Love Thy Neighbor Ministry. Will grew up in Annapolis, MD and graduated from Stetson University (BBA) and Wake Forest University (MBA), and for 20 years has worked at Truist and predecessor banks. Will and Holly have two girls, Sarah (21) and Mary Kate (18), both students at UNC-CH. In his spare time, Will enjoys F3 workouts, snow skiing and fly fishing in the NC Mountains, and traveling.



Whittier Samuelson Henry is a sophomore at Hough High School. Born in Princeton, NJ and baptized at Nassau Presbyterian Church, Whittier has been active in Presbyterian churches his whole life. Between JV soccer, co-directing the Bailey Middle School fall musical and participating in show choir, Whittier is quite busy keeping his parents busy.



Diedre Litzenberger joined DCPC in the fall of 2021. She was born and grew up in Western New York where she graduated from Houghton College with a Bachelor of Music degree. She married her husband, Bill, and they began following his career through several states. Their son, Jonathan, was born in Akron, OH, and daughter, Jennifer, was born in Pittsburgh, PA. Diedre has lived in several states and her church relationship has always been the anchor in her moves. She has served in several voluntary and paid positions within those churches including Library Committee, Administrative Assistant, Sunday morning Nursery school liaison, Sunday school teacher, Preschool teacher, Bible Studies, Circles, Quilting groups, Mission trips, VBS director, Children's choir assistant, Choir director, Handbell director, Director of Music, Stephen Ministry and Elder in the RCA, In March of 2020 Diedre and Bill signed a contract to build a home in Bailey's Glen, Cornelius the day before things "shut-down" due to the pandemic. While needing to continue carefully traveling while planning that new home they started checking out area

churches via livestreaming and fell in love with the way DCPC continued to be a very active entity even though challenged in many ways. At the first opportunity to visit live they decided that this indeed was the right fit for their worship. Diedre is currently participating in Tower Ringers, Stephen Ministry, Sages, Circle Group and Shalom Bible Study.



Graham Todd was born in Charlotte and attended Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Huntersville. After graduating from UNC Chapel Hill in 2006 he returned to Huntersville where he met his wife Haley while participating in the Americorps program with Habitat For Humanity. Graham has worked for Bank of America since 2011, currently in Human Resources data analytics. Graham served in the NC Army National Guard and was briefly stationed in Jordan. Graham and Haley joined DCPC in 2018 and live in Cornelius with their sons Wyatt and Roy.



Amanda Wheeler is a life-long presbyterian. Growing up in Maryville, Tennessee, I attended New Providence Presbyterian Church with my family and loved participating in youth group activities. My husband and I have been members of DCPC for four years. We have two sons, Caden (7) and Eli (4). We are regular attendees at the 8:45 service due to having early birds and not night owls. I have been teaching sixth grade at Bailey Middle School in Cornelius for eleven years (entering my twelfth year). We enjoy spending time outdoors and staying active.