

## Officer Nominations Class of 2012

### DEACONS:

**Brenda Fishpaw** grew up in Charleston, West Virginia. Brenda moved to Atlanta, Georgia in December 2003 so that she could accept the position as Director of Sales at First Fidelity Financial Group. Prior to joining Morningside in March 2008, she was a member of Cockeysville Baptist Church where she served as Church Treasurer, Church Moderator, and a member of the Church Choir for over 15 years. As a member of Morningside, Brenda enjoys serving as a greeter, usher, and shepherd for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Brenda is the proud parent of two grown sons, Charles, an Account Manager in North Carolina, and Tony, a Project Manager and member of MPC. In her spare time, Brenda enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends.

**Van Jensen** grew up in Lewellen, a village of about 300 people in western Nebraska. He studied journalism at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he was editor of the college paper and graduated with honors. In addition to working for a publishing company and writing comic books, Van is currently working as a magazine editor at the Georgia Tech Alumni Association. Van has been married to Amy for three and a half years. At Morningside, Van has volunteered with the youth, assisted in designing materials for youth ministries, and he ushers on a regular basis. In addition, Van has been on two Pearlinton mission trips, joined the MPC Habitat for Humanity team, and volunteered at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. In his painfully rare moments of free time, he usually plays basketball or draws and paints.

**Jeanne McCarthy** was born in Miami, Florida, and graduated from Florida State University. She moved to Atlanta to obtain a master's degree in nursing from Emory and later an MBA from Kennesaw State – never making it back to Miami. Atlanta became home. In 1991 Jeanne moved with her partner, Emilie, to the Morningside neighborhood and became members of Central Presbyterian Church. However, in 2005, the call of a community church and the opportunity to learn from Joanna Adams nudged them to join Morningside Presbyterian. At Morningside, Jeanne has been a “shepherd” for Shearith Israel Women's Shelter for 3 years, taught Sunday School for the 4 year olds, and currently serves on the Environmental Action Committee and delivers lunches for Meals on Wheels. She enjoys reading, walking, camping, hiking, traveling and being bossed around by her cat, Baxter. She is the Vice President of Clinical Consulting at J.A. Thomas and Associates.

**Bill Smith** was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He graduated from Edmonson County High School. In addition to attending Campbellsville University for two years, Bill studied at Nashville School of Preaching for two additional years. He has done lay preaching for thirty-one years. Bill ran for the State Legislature in West Virginia, and has been a public policy advocate for the homeless for over twenty years. He is currently working as the Resident Director at the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church Night Shelter—where he has been for five years. Bill often speaks to churches throughout the Atlanta area, educating them about the plight of the homeless. He has taught a Sunday School Class at Morningside, as well as served as a lay liturgist.

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### ELDERS:

**Tom Daniel** was born and grew up in Hogansville, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Political Science. He and his wife Lynn have lived in the Atlanta area since 1974. Tom currently serves as the Senior Vice Chancellor for External Affairs of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. He has previously served as an elder at North Decatur Presbyterian. At Morningside he is an active member of the Pew Crew and a new member of the Stewardship Committee.

**Jill Davis** was born and raised in Seattle, Washington. After finishing college, she moved around the U.S. before settling in Atlanta in 1991. After working for a few years, Jill enrolled at Emory and received a Master of Public Health. She worked at Emory in the School of Public Health as a program evaluator and attended church at Oakhurst Presbyterian in Decatur where she served in various capacities, including one term as an elder. In 2001 Jill met her husband, Bryan, and they were married in March of 2003. They welcomed their twins, Jeb and Annie Moon in July of 2004, and now that the children have started Kindergarten, Jill has gone back to work full-time at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta as a program evaluator. Jill has enjoyed teaching her children's Sunday School class and serving as Choir Mom.

**Philip Hawkins** is a native Atlantan growing up in nearby Ansley Park. He attended Grady High and received a BA in Business Administration from Georgia State University in 1982. Philip is a self-employed accredited Personal Property Appraiser focused on Estate and Insurance Coverage valuations. Since joining Morningside in 1989 he has served terms as a Deacon and Elder, served as Church Treasurer, and served as chair and member of several committees including Property, Worship and the 2006 Sanctuary Renovation Committee. Philip currently is chair of the Sanctuary & Sacraments sub-committee of the Worship Team. Personal interests include American history, architecture, American silver and never-ending projects at home.

**Jay Myers** is considered an Atlanta native, as he moved to Atlanta when he was only six months old. He lives in Morningside with his wife Kelly and their three daughters, Carson—11, Blair—9, and Ashley—6. Jay is an intellectual property partner with the law firm of Seyfarth Shaw—where he focuses on trademark and copyright law, with a special emphasis on software and technology companies. Jay and Kelly joined MPC in May 2008, being especially attracted by the unparalleled music, the wonderful preaching, the inclusiveness, as well as the proximity to home. Since joining MPC, Jay has served on the 2009 stewardship committee, and he currently serves as an usher and is active in Theology on Tap.

**Doug Self** is a native of Mississippi. He is the CEO/owner of j douglas, inc. which sells decorative home accessories/furnishings to the trade. Doug graduated from the University of Mississippi with a Bachelor of Accountancy. Reared as a Baptist, Doug has been Presbyterian since college. At MPC, he is active with the Worship Committee, Flower Guild, and participated on the Design Committee for the new addition. Doug enjoys college athletic events (especially Ole Miss Football/Duke Basketball), reading, running, hiking, and biking.

**Arthur Sweum**, a long time resident of Atlanta, Georgia, grew up in Wilmington and Whiteville, North Carolina and attended Erskine and Davidson Colleges. After graduation he began his career with the *Charlotte Observer* and was associated with several magazine and newspaper companies during his over 40-year publishing career. He was the Vice President, Editorial Director for Communications Channels and Senior Vice President of Argus Publishing, also serving on its Board of Directors. He was one of the founding partners of Multi Ag Media from which he retired as Executive Vice President. As a member of Morningside Presbyterian Church he has served as a deacon, treasurer, elder and clerk of session. An avid golfer, he loves to read and travel with his wife Linda. Art and Linda have a son Andrew and a grandson Steven.

## **2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Congregational Representatives)**

**Tim Gargis** was born in Savannah, Georgia and raised in Columbia, South Carolina. Tim is a Sales Manager for the Georgia Tech Global Learning Center. He graduated from the College of Charleston. In addition to currently serving as a deacon, Tim has volunteered with the Atlanta Community Food Bank outreach, as well as Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Tim participates in the weekly Prayer Group and enjoys travel, exercise, and reading.

**Cindy Humphries** was born and raised in Westport, Connecticut. She went to Hood College in Maryland and then married and moved to Huntington, New York where she taught pre-school and then developed The Women's Center of Huntington with support from the Presbytery of New York. Cindy moved to Georgia 25 years ago and has been teaching 2nd graders ever since. She has raised two fantastic children - Betsy, who resides in Atlanta with her husband Jason, and durf, who is living and teaching in China. Cindy loves going to the theater, Braves games, and traveling - preferably to the beach. In addition to her active involvement with Women's Roundtable, she has shepherded the Greeter program, volunteered at the Atlanta Food Bank, and taught both pre-school and Vacation Bible School at Morningside.

**Marshall Hunter** grew up in Lilburn, Georgia, so he considers himself a native Atlantan. He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1992 and went to work for Siemens—where he remains employed. Marshall met his wife Vickie in 1996, they joined Morningside Presbyterian in 1998, and they were married at MPC on May 8, 1999. Later that year, they moved from Virginia Highlands into the Morningside neighborhood. Marshall and Vickie have two great children, Olivia—8 and Will—5. Marshall is a big sports fan in general, but he is especially crazy about Georgia Tech athletics and coaching his children in sports. He also enjoys the beach, camping, and going to the movies with his family. Since joining Morningside in 1998, Marshall has served terms as Deacon and Elder. He has also been active as a Youth Group Advisor and very involved with Morningside's Preschool—serving on the Preschool Committee.