

Officer Nominations

DEACONS for the Class of 2013:

Anna Garcia was raised in South Boston, Virginia, where she spent most of her childhood. She graduated from Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina. While in college, Anna spent a summer in Dearborn, Michigan, working at Ford Motor Company where she met her now husband, Miguel Garcia. Prior to graduation, Anna accepted a position with BB&T as a commercial banker and moved to Atlanta. She was able to persuade Miguel to move to Atlanta in 2007 and the next year they were married at Piedmont Park. Anna and Miguel live in Morningside and enjoy working in their yard, playing with their two dogs (Hunter & Scout), traveling, and being a part of Morningside through worship, Young Adults, the Couples Group, and ACFB.

Jill Jones Klotz was raised in Savannah, Georgia. She was baptized and grew up at White Bluff Presbyterian, where both of her parents served as Elders. Jill attended Georgia Southern College; she worked for Eastern Airlines as a flight attendant for seventeen years, at Gold's Gym for fifteen and in book retail for ten years. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Douglasville for twenty years where she served in many capacities, including Church School superintendent, Vacation Church School director, co-chair of the Stewardship committee, editor of the church newsletter, and co-director of the Youth Handbell choir. Jack and Jill have been married for thirty seven years and live in Douglasville. They both joined Morningside in 2005. After moving to New York City in 2006, they returned last year to Georgia. Jack is retired from Warner Music Group and is an ordained Elder. Their son James rotates off the Board of Deacons this year and currently directs the Handbell Choir. Their daughter Jenny was married at Morningside in 2007 and is finishing her BSN at Kennesaw School of Nursing. Jill loves all things book-related and is a member of three book clubs, including RHO.

Link Marx is a life-long Presbyterian and an ordained elder and deacon in the PCUSA. He has served as chairperson of two pastor nominating committees at former churches and as a ruling elder during his years of church service. As a member of Morningside Presbyterian, he delivers meals on wheels, serves on the evangelism and commitment committees, and belongs to a small group Bible study. Link lived in the Philadelphia area most of his life. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and a retired human resources director with Deloitte and Touche. He enjoys travel, reading, golf, and following college football.

Duncan Spears was born and raised in Alabama. A life-long Presbyterian, he joined the church two years ago after moving into the neighborhood with his wife, Rachel, and their two daughters, Ellie (6) and Charlotte (9). Duncan graduated from Davidson College with a degree in Economics and later received a law degree from the University of Virginia. Currently, he is co-owner of Eumenean Construction, an in-town custom home contracting company. Since joining Morningside, Duncan has taught children's Sunday school, helped on the Mission Committee and participated in mission trips.

ELDER for the Class of 2011:

Sue Ballay grew up in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she and husband Joe raised their family. Sue earned a Bachelor's Degree in English and Education and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. For twenty-one years she was Director of Beulah Christian Preschool at Beulah Presbyterian Church in Churchill, Pennsylvania. For nine of those years Sue and a ministry colleague wrote and presented the Children's Moment in worship. For the last eleven years Sue has been a contract curriculum writer for The LOGOS Ministry. At Morningside Sue enjoys being a part of the congregation during worship, Bible Study, RHO Readers, and serving as a Godly Play storyteller for Preschool Sunday School. Favorite pastimes are reading, crossword puzzles, and knitting.

**Sue is nominated for a one-year term to complete the remaining term of Mardee Rightmyer.*

ELDERS for the Class of 2013:

Mary Chapman was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and moved to Gainesville, Georgia, when she was fifteen. She majored in English at Agnes Scott College, worked in Boston for a year, and moved back to Atlanta to stay in 1970. She married and had three daughters and was a member of Central Presbyterian Church. She started teaching again in 1985, divorced shortly after that, and earned an M.A.T. at Emory while teaching at Paideia and the Children's School. In 1998, when her children graduated from college, she began an MLA program at UGA, returning to Atlanta after graduation, where she has worked as a landscape architect for Jordan, Jones & Goulding since 2001. She visited Morningside in December 2005, and has been here ever since. Long walks, boats without motors, books, movies, gardening, cooking and the company of her grown daughters are her greatest pleasures.

Tony Fishpaw was born in Baltimore, Maryland, but spent most of his youth in North Carolina where he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2000 Tony relocated to Atlanta due to his job and later that year met his partner Kent. Tony and Kent own a financial planning firm in Buckhead. At Morningside, Tony has been a "shepherd" for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries for three years, participated in the 2010 D.C. and Haiti mission trips, and served on the retreat planning committee. He is an active member of the small group Bible Study, and enjoys volunteering with other MPC members for Habitat, Food Bank and Common Ground. In his spare time, Tony enjoys reading, traveling and spending time with friends and family. Tony and Kent live in Morningside with their two dogs, Lucky and Liza.

Shannon Harris was born and raised in Atlanta, and he and his wife Lisa live in nearby Inman Park. Raised in a non-denominational church, Shannon is extremely happy to have found a place to call home at Morningside Presbyterian. Since joining in February 2009, Shannon has been active with the Young Adults group and enjoys serving as a greeter, helping out with Meals on Wheels, volunteering at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, and working on Habitat for Humanity builds. Shannon has served on two mission trips: one to Washington, D.C., and most recently to Haiti. Shannon enjoys spending time with his wife and their dog, Wilma, running, biking, watching UGA athletics and the Atlanta Braves, and he is also a bit of a foodie. He graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in management information systems and is a software development project manager for Acuity Brands Lighting.

Bradley Odom was born and grew up in the Jackson, Mississippi, area. He migrated to Atlanta in 2000 via various retail positions throughout the Southeast. He presently serves as District Sales Manager for Williams-Sonoma's West Elm division. He attended college in Mississippi, and is presently enrolled in a BFA program in Atlanta and will be attending SCAD in the next summer term. His interests include running, reading, design, and spending time in the North Carolina Mountains. He has been an active member of Morningside since 2006. He has served on the Congregational Nurture Committee, the transition team, and mission trips to Perlington, Washington, D.C., and Haiti. He is presently finishing his term on the Board of Deacons where he has faithfully served the last three years.

Daisy Ottmann, a native of San Francisco, was baptized at Morningside Presbyterian Church in 1994, along with her son Jeff. They have both served on MPC's Session! Some of Daisy's activities at this church include editing the *Morningside Messenger* and working on our website, Adult Christian Education Committee, the Flower Guild, the Handbell Choir, Human Resources Committee, the Lay Liturgy Team, and the RHO Readers Book Club. She's a former employee of AT&T and currently writes fiction. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and journalism from Cal State Fresno and an MBA from Rutgers University.

Randy Parrish and his wife Tara have been members of Morningside since 2001 and have lived in the neighborhood since 1999. A native of Swainsboro, Georgia, he has been in the Atlanta area for more than twenty years. Randy spends his days at ING Investment Management, where he runs the high yield bond group; his weekends are usually spent with daughters Caroline (8) and Kate (5). In the rare instance of free time, Randy enjoys following Georgia football and fitting in an occasional round of golf. He has previously served two terms on the Morningside Session and has served as MPC Treasurer for the past eight years.

2011 Officer Nominating Committee (Congregational Representatives)

Ellen Brown was born in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a search consultant with the Atlanta office of Heidrick & Struggles International and specializes in recruiting leaders for higher education and nonprofit clients. Ellen received a B.A. from Wake Forest University and subsequently earned her J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law. She has also completed "Governing for Non-Profit Excellence" at the Harvard Business School. Ellen serves as a board member and former Board Chair of the Georgia Justice Project; she is a past member of the Wake Forest Alumni Council and past President of the Atlanta Wake Forest Alumni Club. She is a life-long Presbyterian and grew up at Northwest Presbyterian Church. When she moved to Virginia Highlands five years ago, she visited Morningside for two Sundays and joined on the third. Ellen currently serves on Morningside's Pastor Nominating Committee. She enjoys greeting and helping out with various events and programs at Morningside as long as she doesn't have to cook.

Bill Means grew up in the Atlanta area, moving here from Memphis at the age of six. He attended Emory University, studying English and Business Administration, and serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. After military service he returned to Atlanta and bought a home in the Morningside neighborhood, where he and his wife Sanda still live. Bill is retired from The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and now consults with nonprofits on grant proposals, strategy and communications. Sanda works at the Carter Center. They have one daughter, Katy, who lives in Louisville, Kentucky, and works for Humana. Raised a Methodist, Bill became a Presbyterian after college and joined Morningside in 1997. He is an ordained deacon and elder, and has served on several committees, including Evangelism and Officer Nominations. Bill enjoys cooking, gardening and photography.

Leslie Prince has been at Morningside Presbyterian for seven years and has served as an elder for six years. She currently chairs the Community Outreach team and is a member of Evangelism, Transition, and Stewardship committees. Leslie has been on the Board of Clifton Sanctuary Ministries for six years and recently completed a two-year term as chair.