

NOMINATIONS

2026 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

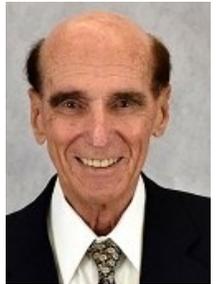
Nominees for Elder – Class of 2029:



MICHAEL BEVILAQUA is married to his wife, Debbie, and they have two daughters: Theresa, married to husband, Delbert, with four grandchildren; and Jennifer, married to husband, Chris, with two grandchildren. He and Debbie lived in NJ and PA and, MN where they spent 21 years until he retired from corporate employment and moved to Naples in 2019. Currently, he has a consulting business for new technology startups and volunteers for the Twin Cities Mentium Program. Michael has served as a Deacon and Elder at Vanderbilt.



ELLEN CROWN joined Vanderbilt in 2022 and attends services with her three children (Robert, Evva and Lena), as well as her mother (Nancy) and aunt (Beth). Ellen's family has lived in Naples since the 1950's. She was raised here, moved away for a while, and moved back in 2007. She serves on the Personnel Oversight and Education Ministry Teams at our church and on the School Advisory Council at Barron Collier High School. She works in marketing at a global software company and enjoys traveling with her family and supporting her children's school activities and athletic teams.



MAX GOULD and his wife Patricia (Pat) joined Vanderbilt in 2008. Max served on the Budget, Finance and Investment team, the Personnel Oversight Team, the Transition Team and as the Treasurer. He has been a Deacon and Elder. He has served on several Presbytery teams and commissions. Max volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. Prior to retiring, Max was an executive at Citibank and Aetna. Pat and Max have three children, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



TOM HAUSCHILD and his wife, Kris, joined Vanderbilt in 2019. They enjoy VPC's worship, music programs and commitment to community outreach. Tom and Kris are members of the Chancel Choir and enjoy volunteering at Habitat for Humanity. Tom is a Minnesota native, but they now consider Naples their primary residence, still summering in Minnesota. He is semi-retired from a career in corporate real estate consulting and holds finance and law degrees from the University of Minnesota. Tom has served as a VPC Deacon since 2023.



JANE HIGDON is a retired teacher and administrator with three adult children and six grandchildren. Jane and her husband, Joe, are both Maryland natives and have lived in Ave Maria for 6 years. They spend summers in Bethany Beach, Delaware. She has been involved in the Presbyterian church her whole life and has served as an Elder, Deacon and Sunday School teacher. She regularly participates in the adult education classes, serves on the Membership and Involvement Team, and recently started the Femme Foodies group.



LYNN THOMAS, a native of Indiana who was baptized and reared in the Presbyterian Church, is a graduate of Indiana University and Duke University School of Law. A retired attorney, she moved to Naples in January, 2024 after working for more than 40 years in law firms and banks in New York City and Long Island. She has two daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth, and enjoys swimming daily, teaching swimming and playing Bridge and Euchre.

Nominees for Deacon – Class of 2029:



JEFF BERGER is husband to Meryl and father to William and Eliana. He grew up near Pittsburgh and is a mechanical engineer from Penn State. Jeff and Meryl own and operate a pool service company, and he previously worked for railroad, healthcare, and medical device companies. Jeff enjoys traveling with his family, playing hockey, and grilling.



PATRICIA (PAT) GAGLIANO is originally from Michigan, but has lived in Naples for nearly fifty years. She and her husband, Joe, raised their children here and now Pat enjoys spending time with their three grandchildren. Before retiring, Pat was an elementary and middle school teacher in Collier County Public Schools. She serves on the Membership and Involvement Team at VPC.



HENRY GAYLORD lived in Ohio where he raised four children, Jill, Jeff, Joy and Dawn with his late wife, Nadine. He is a retired insurance salesman. Henry serves VPC as an usher regularly. He looks forward to joining the Deacons.



JOYCE HICKMON moved to Naples to be near her family, son, Chris and his wife, Ashley and their four children. She was married to Gary Hickmon for 56 years, before he passed away in 2023. She is a retired special needs teacher who enjoys card making. Joyce was a member of Parker Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Colorado where she served as a Deacon.



TERRY MOUNTFORD has been a member of Vanderbilt for over 20 years, along with his late wife, Joan. Terry has served on the Session, Budget, Finance and Investment Team, Stewardship Team, and Congregational Nomination Committee.



SUZANNE SULLIVAN has retired from a career of service; first working for American Airlines for 23 years in reservations and then as a receptionist at Brookdale Senior Living. She is an avid volunteer and enjoys serving seniors, offering a warm, compassionate presence. A passionate traveler, she has visited 33 countries and enjoys learning about other cultures. She is in a long-term relationship and enjoys having more adventures together with him.



After enjoying concerts at VPC, **GISELA YINGST** started to attend Sunday worship. She became an active member in November 2022. Gisela feels that God guided her to find the Presbyterian faith after exploring other denominations over the years. She feels that she is on the road to continue learning about the Christian doctrine and looks forward to serving as a Deacon in the church. Gisela is a retired physician who enjoys traveling, reading, exercising, attending concerts, museums, and especially spending time with her grandchildren. Mostly she is in Naples; or visiting family in Illinois and New Jersey.

Congregational Nominating Committee 2027:

AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVES (4)



STEVE BLAD Steve joined VPC full-time by letter of transfer in 2003 after being a part-time visitor since the late 1980's. He has previously served as a Deacon, an Elder, on Building & Grounds, Personnel, the Transition Team and has been and is currently on an usher team. Steve is active at VPC currently serving on the Endowment Trust Team and the Personnel Oversight Team. Steve retired in 2003 after 30+ years with a large multi-national company with a career in the Logistics and Operations field.



KAREN CHAPPLER has lived in Naples for over 30 years having moved here from California. She was baptized and raised in the Presbyterian Church. Karen is a retired preschool teacher having been a part of establishing the preschool here at Vanderbilt. During her spare time, she plays tennis, swims, beads and knits. Church activities include Habitat, Mision Peniel, ushering, Stephen Ministry, VandeReaders, Personnel Team, CNC and as a Deacon.



SUSIE HILTON and her husband, Dick, joined VPC in 1999, where she joined the choir. She has served VPC as a Deacon, Elder, Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader, staff Membership Secretary, Worship Music & Liturgical Arts, Membership & Involvement, Small Groups, Nominating, Stewardship and Capital Campaign committees, Usher, Choir member and Choir Communications Coordinator.



JANE REPP grew up in Columbus, IN, and graduated from Franklin College (IN) with a B.A. in English, History & Secondary Education. After studying ballet in New York, she returned to Columbus to teach English at Columbus High School and owned and operated a classical ballet school for many years. Jane was married to Robert Hoffmeister; and had four wonderful children – one girl and three boys—she also has seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Robert passed away in 2001 and in 2003, she married Duane Repp, moved to Naples and became a member of VPC.

SESSION REPRESENTATIVES (2)



JANICE (JAN) FERN In 2017 she and husband, Don, joined VPC. She was a high school business teacher, a board member of a community bank and an active volunteer in many philanthropic organizations. She has served on the Membership and Involvement Team, Deacons and Friends in Faith. Jan and Don have three married children and six grandchildren.



PRICE LINDSAY worked in Chicago, where he started a 40-year career in real estate, including Corporate, project management and commercial companies. With his wife, Carol, he has two daughters and three grandsons. As volunteers at AVOW Hospice, Price and his therapy dog, Lacey, have met with hundreds of people throughout Naples, providing emotional support and comfort. He also volunteers for Collier Harvest. He is a member of the Buildings and Grounds team and serves as an Usher at VPC.

DEACON REPRESENTATIVE (1)



JEFF BERGER is husband to Meryl and father to William and Eliana. He grew up near Pittsburgh and is a mechanical engineer from Penn State. Jeff and Meryl own and operate a pool service company, and he previously worked for railroad, healthcare, and medical device companies. Jeff enjoys traveling with his family, playing hockey, and grilling.

Nominee for Elder – Class of 2028—Filling Unexpired Term:



PRISCILLA KUTLER and her husband, Steve, have been members of VPC since 2004 when they became permanent residents of Naples. They came to Florida from Bedford, NY. Priscilla has been key in decorating VPC for Christmas for many years, and has been active in the women’s association, Bible study, Weekend Power Pack Program, Friends in Faith, and for the past 13 years has been a member and Team Leader of our Evangelism and Membership Team.

**Pastoral Terms of Call With Changes for Medical Insurance
March 8, 2026 Annual Meeting**

SALARY		2026	2025
1.	Salary	\$ 85,152	\$ 85,152
2.	Housing Allowance	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
3.	Bonus	\$	\$
4.	Deferred Income 403(b)	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
5.	Special Income 403(b) Employer Contribution	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
6.	Other Income	\$	\$
7.	TOTAL CASH COMPENSATION	\$ 167,152	\$ 167,152
BENEFITS			
	Total Effective Salary (Excludes VPC Contribution 403(b) 4403Contribution	\$ 161,152	\$ 161,152
8.	Board of Pensions Dues+	\$ 34,615	\$ 33,116
9.	Other Health Insurance^	\$ 8,040	\$ 8,004
10.	SECA Allowance	\$ 12,328	\$ 12,328
11.	*Auto Allowance	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
12.	*Continuing Education	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
13.	*Medical Deductible	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
14.	*Professional Expense Allowance	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
15.	TOTAL PACKAGE - Cash Value	\$ 232,135	\$ 230,600

Items marked with an asterisk () are paid through an Accountable Reimbursement Plan.
 + 2026 BOP Medical=\$18,500; Pension=\$13,698; Death/Disability=\$1,612; Temp Disability=\$806
 ^ Other Insurance =Medicare Plan B=\$2,435; Supplement=\$5,605

Professional Expense Allowance and Auto Allowance are set for budgeting purposes. Monies can be utilized as needed between the two. The combined amount cannot exceed a total of \$5,000. Auto Allowance includes travel that is vouchered and mileage reimbursed at the prevailing IRS rate as incurred (Presbytery minimum). The rate as of January 1, 2026 is set at 72.5 cents/mile.

ALSO PROVIDED

- ▶ One (1) Month Vacation
- ▶ Two (2) Weeks of Study Leave

*Please plan to join us for our Annual Congregational Meeting on
Sunday, March 8, 2026 following the 10am worship service.*

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