

2019 Leadership Directory

This is a directory of the Pastors, the Ruling Elders on the Session, the Board of Deacons, and the Board of Trustees of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church (GPC). These spiritual leaders of GPC are elected by the congregation and ordained to serve in accordance with the PC(USA) Book of Order.

GPC Pastors/Teaching Elders

GPC has two pastors ordained to the role of Teaching Elder. Presbyterians select their own pastors, with the guidance and concurrence of presbytery.



Rev. Mary Austin
Senior Pastor



Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence
Associate Pastor

GPC Ruling Elders

GPC has 21 ruling elders, who discern and measure the congregation's fidelity to the Word of God, and strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, with demonstrated leadership skills and being compassionate in spirit, they exercise government, leadership, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. Ruling elders are elected to a 3-year term and must be members of GPC. Together, the elders form the Session, which comprises 3 classes, with 7 members in each class.



Gary Aller
Finance



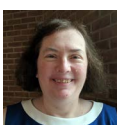
Laurie Gira
Chair, Vital Worship



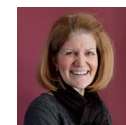
Sharon Mastroni
Chair, Stewardship;
Chair, Administration



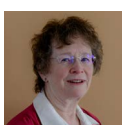
Aaron Caruso
Nominating



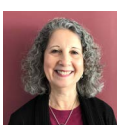
Ann Hayes
Assistant Stated Clerk



Shari McCann
Chair, Congregational Life



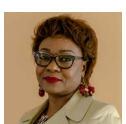
Cynthia Cename
Communications



Elba Romero Hildebrant
Chair, Nominating



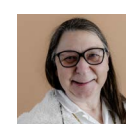
Rob McClelland
Chair, Strategic Planning



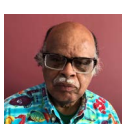
Vivian Ndohsiri Chefor
Community Engagement



Richard Ingraham
Chair, Equipping Disciples



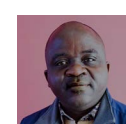
Johanna Moller
Strategic Planning



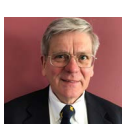
Malvin Duncan
Congregational Life



Carol Jones
Chair, Human Resources



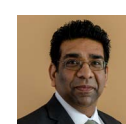
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At-Large



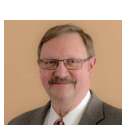
Art Eisenhour
Chair, Buildings and Grounds
Session Representative



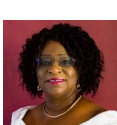
Jean Kamba Kabangu
Vital Worship



Arfan Azhar Sandhu
Equipping Disciples,
GPP&K Liaison



Theodore Farrand
Congregational Life



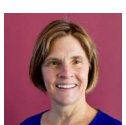
Mansa Leighton-Armah
Chair, Finance



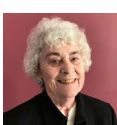
Mary Spencer
Community Engagement

GPC Board of Deacons

GPC has a 9-member board of deacons. Deacons coordinate the various care ministries at GPC and minister to those in the community of faith who are sick, friendless, in need, and in distress. They also lead in worship by serving communion and perform other duties as delegated and assigned by the Session. Deacons are elected to a 3-year term, must be members of GPC, and are under the authority of the Session.



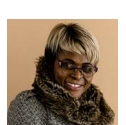
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Liz Holdridge



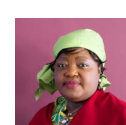
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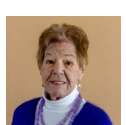
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Rich Kempf



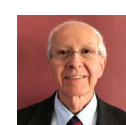
Janet Ngwa



Joyce Deppe



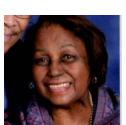
Kofi Amoa Kumi



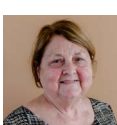
Steve Olin

GPC Board of Trustees

GPC has a 4-member board that represents the congregation in legal matters. Trustees are elected to a 3-year term, must be members of GPC, and are subject to the authority of the Session.



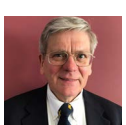
Maxine Brown



Nancy Sanders



Tyler Shields



Art Eisenhour

