

NOMINATIONS

2025 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Nominees for Elder – Class of 2028:



REBECCA ACX: Rebecca attended the University of Missouri, Columbia, and graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. She moved to Naples after graduation in 2003 where she met her husband, Steve. She and Steve joined VPC in 2019, where she became a Sunday School teacher. Rebecca and Steve have twin girls, and a matching set of twin dogs. In her free time Rebecca enjoys creating things, whether it's out in her workshop, or sewing something at her sewing machine. She has a heart for service and is willing to help someone in need.



GREG BORDEN and his wife, Julie, were active members of Vanderbilt from 2004-2012. After selling their small business and moving away from Southwest Florida, they returned in 2021. Greg is a native Hoosier and graduate of Purdue University and has spent much of his 25+ year career in the payroll business. Greg has served Vanderbilt as a member of the finance committee, treasurer, WMLA and Personnel teams.



JACK TANNER and his wife, Ellen, joined VPC in 2023 as full-time members. Jack is a retired newspaperman, having worked for papers in Montana, Wisconsin, Arizona, Illinois and Florida. Currently, he is working as an usher at Artis—Naples.



RUTH WADE worked at VPC for 16 years as the Financial Manager until retiring in 2023. She was raised in Indiana and attended BSU (otherwise known as Ball State) and graduated with a degree in Computer Science. She worked in computer programming and analysis work for three major corporations before leaving the workforce to raise a family. She has two sons and three grandchildren. Ruth has lived in Naples for 26 years and been a member of VPC for 23 years. In her spare time, she enjoys playing the piano and reading a good book.



SALLY WATTS and her husband, Richard, have been members of the VPC since 2010 and she has served as a deacon in the past. She has worked as a Health & P.E. teacher and coach, a mutual fund and annuity specialist, owner and operator of a picture framing & art gallery, and an interior designer. Currently, Sally is the Mission Impact & Education Manager for The Parkinson's Association of SWFL. In her spare time, she enjoys fitness related activities, traveling, reading, writing and other artistic pursuits.



CHARLES WHITTINGTON and his wife, Caitlin, joined VPC in 2024. They are parents to Evelyn (8), Parker (6) and Annelise (4) who have attended our VLC. He attended FSU for both undergraduate and law school. He works at Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, PA. Charles is on the VPC Endowment Ministry Team.

Nominees for Deacon – Class of 2028:



DAVE AUFDERHAAR joined VPC in 2023 with his wife Susan. He has served as an usher and is enjoying Bible study. He is a retired sales and marketing executive of the paper industry. He has been a full-time resident of Naples since 1998. He loves to play the piano. Dave volunteers at the Conservancy of SW Florida (as a boat captain), The Baker Senior Center (Music Therapy/piano), and presents sing-along concerts for dementia patients at assisted living facilities. He has six grandchildren and the eldest (Jordan) teaches at Boise State University. Dave will be officiating her wedding this July in Boise.



ANNETTE DIETRICH and her husband, Bill, became snowbirds in 1993. In 1999 she found VPC and joined the choir. Annette worked on rummage sales, straightening the pews, Christmas decorating, and singing solos. In 2008 she joined the church and became a Stephen Minister. She has helped with Vacation Bible School and dressing children for the Christmas pageant. She enjoys singing, bridge, mahjonn, and meeting and making new friends. The Dietrich's became full-time Florida Residents in 2022.



PEGGY FREE enjoys writing and singing and has worked as a librarian. In her previous churches, she was very involved in Presbyterian Women, choir, the Mission Team and volunteered as a Sunday School teacher and at VBS. Peggy lives in Walden Oaks. She has one son, one daughter, four step-sons and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She served as an Elder at Immanuel Presbyterian in Tucson, AZ. Peggy joined VPC in 2023.



JOE HODGSON joined VPC in 2023 at our AIM class. He has been attending our church for a long time with his partner, Nancy Diederich. Joe is a Virginia native who lived in Maryland, New Jersey and New York during his career. He has a son, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren who live in North Carolina.



CARLINE LOBBAN is a native of Jamaica who was baptized a Presbyterian in her home country. She moved to the United States in 2009 and has been a resident of Naples for the past five years. She was looking for a church and when she found Vanderbilt, it felt like home! She joined VPC in 2023 and has served as an usher and looks forward to helping even more as a Deacon.



KAREN NEGRI and her husband, Joe, are natives of Michigan. They have two children and five grandchildren who live in Michigan. Karen worked for many years as a mental health therapist until Joe retired and they moved to Colorado. They plan to make Florida their permanent residence. Karen has served as a Stephen Minister at VPC, and is looking forward to becoming a Deacon.



KAREN RODINO worked as a high school Spanish teacher for 35 years while living in New Jersey. She and her husband, Pete, moved to Naples where she worked for five years at Grace Place. She currently works as a Family Consultant at the Alzheimer's Support Network. Karen and Pete have three children and two grandchildren. Her hobbies include yoga, hiking, and cooking. Karen manages the church kitchen for Fellowship Hour and also plays hand bells in two bell choirs.

Congregational Nominating Committee 2026:



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. 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.



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.



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, Evangelism & Membership, Small Groups, Nominating, Stewardship and Capital Campaign committees, Usher, Choir member and Choir Communications Coordinator.



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 12 years has been a member and Team Leader of our Evangelism and Membership Team.



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.



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. Robert passed away in 2001 and in 2003, she married Duane Repp, moved to Naples and became a member of VPC.

**Pastoral Terms of Call
With Changes for Medical Insurance
March 9, 2025 Annual Meeting**

SALARY		2025 Mar	2024
1.	Salary	\$ 85,152	\$ 88,152
2.	Housing Allowance	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
3.	Bonus	\$	
4.	Deferred Income 403(b)	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
5.	Special Income 403(b) Employer Contribution	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
6.	Other Income	\$	
7.	TOTAL CASH COMPENSATION	\$ 167,152	\$ 164,152
BENEFITS			
	Total Effective Salary (Excludes VPC Contribution 403(b)) 4403Contribution	\$ 161,152	\$ 161,152
8.	Board of Pensions Dues+	\$ 33,116	\$ 52,115
9.	Other Health Insurance^	\$ 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	\$ 230,600	\$ 238,595

Items marked with an asterisk () are paid through an Accountable Reimbursement Plan.

+ 2025 BOP Medical=\$17,000; Pension=\$13,698; Death/Disability=\$1,612; Temp Disability=\$806

^ Other Insurance =Medicare Plan B=\$2,220; Supplement=\$5,784

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, 2025 is set at 70.0 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 9, 2025 following the 10:00 am worship service.*



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