



## To Be Nominated Deacons - Class of 2027



**Lauren Cole** — Hi, my name is Lauren Cole and I have been a member of Unity for over 40 years. I am blessed to have been baptized, confirmed, and married at Unity. My husband, Eric and I have three daughters, Berkeley (12), Caroline (10), and Annie (5). I have enjoyed serving Unity as Co-Chair for VBS, Children's Ministry Team, Children in Worship, Sunday School Teacher, and Preschool Advisory Board. Within the community, I serve on the Greenway Ladies Guild and volunteer through my daughters' PTO. I am a licensed Realtor in SC and NC. When I'm not helping clients, I enjoy watching my girls on the soccer field, in the dance studio, and at the cheer gym!



**Sarah Egnor** — Sarah was born and raised in Charlotte, just up the road in the Steele Creek community. She is married to Hunter and they have two daughters, Libby Jane (11) and Caroline (8). Employed by Bank of America, she has spent 17 years there in various operations and service delivery roles within HR. She's been a member of Unity since 2012 and has enjoyed volunteering with the different children's ministry activities that her girls have been involved in. Her family also currently serves on the church mice team.



**Brynne Fisher** — I have been a member of Unity since 1998, but have attended since 1996. My husband, Dave, and I have 3 children (Layne, Cleve and Gray) who grew up at Unity and were baptized here (2 of the 3), were confirmed here, and attended Sunday School and Youth Groups here. I served as a member of the staff officially from 2000-2010, and then again in 2016, first as the Coordinator of Shared Ministries, which evolved to include Communications. During that time on staff, I was staff to the Stewardship campaign (largely handling Time and Talent), produced the newsletter and many other communications vehicles, and was the Unity webmaster. Over the years, I have served on a number of committees at Unity, including Long Range Planning, Christian Education, Stewardship, and Endowment.. Currently, I am the Human Resources Administrator for a financial services and planning firm in Charlotte.



**Jill Grosseohme** — Jill has been a member of Unity Presbyterian since 2022. Within our church, she is actively involved in the children's ministry team, co-teaches the adult Sunday school Faith Connections class, volunteers for Vacation Bible School, serves with Family Promise, and is part of the Messy Motherhood group. Jill is a high school English teacher in Fort Mill. She is married to Nick, and they have two children, Laurel (6) and Seth (4).



**Jon Hattaway** — Jon moved from Charlotte, North Carolina in 2007 to York County with his wife Meredith and began visiting Unity Presbyterian in 2010. In 2013 they officially made Unity their Church home. They are parents of Eleanor (11) and J.D. (8) and now reside in Tega Cay. Jon has served within the Children's Ministry as a volunteer with the Children in Worship program for close to 6 years. Jon is employed with Leitner Management Group. There he specializes as an Owner's Representatives for K-12 and Municipal Capital Improvement Programs. In his spare time, you can find him at the grill or in the kitchen improving his culinary skill set.



**Justin Richardson** — Justin was born in Newport News, Virginia, the son of a Welder in the shipyard and a school bus driver. He went on to graduate from James Madison University in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley in 2002.

After living in Richmond, Virginia, for ten years, where he met his wife Amanda, they moved to Charlottesville for three years. They have been happily married for 13 years and have two daughters: Virginia, 11, and Violet, 8 ½. (Violet really wanted the “1/2” in there).

In the spring of 2016, Justin and his family moved to Tega Cay. In October 2022, they joined Unity Presbyterian.

For the past 15 years, Justin has worked as a technology consultant, helping organizations navigate the ever-evolving digital landscape. In his spare time, he is an avid runner and sports fan. During the Covid pandemic he picked the hobby of birdwatching. He also enjoys coaching soccer through Tega Cay rec. He is currently attending the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina to obtain an MBA through the Professional MBA program.



**Riley Shaftner** - I am a Fort Mill native, born and raised in Fort Mill! I was baptized at Unity and have been a member my whole life. I'm married to Craig Shaftner and have 2 boys. My oldest (Rostan) will be going into 1st grade at Fort Mill Elementary and my youngest (Easton) will be attending the 4-year-old lab program at NAFO. My family has been a part of Unity for over 70 years, which includes my parents and grandparents. I have worked at Movement Insurance for the past 13 years. I'm excited to take part of my first vision trip with Movement in partnership with Go MAD this August! I look forward to the opportunity to answer God's call and serve at Unity!



**Jennifer Smith** — I have been a member of Unity Presbyterian Church since 2015. I love to serve and have found great joy serving in the Children's and Music Ministries. I was on the Children's Ministry Team for several years, teach Sunday School, help with Children in Worship, I co-led VBS in 2019 and have helped with VBS every year since we've been here. I like to sing in the choir, but my family obligations have me currently side-lined from that on a consistent basis. I served on the committee that hired Margaret Monroe, which was a real joy. I grew up at Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte and was heavily involved in all aspects of church throughout my life - Youth Group, Choir, Crucifer, Volunteer. I continued that service throughout my life wherever we have lived. I am married to Adam Smith and we have three children - AJ, Hunter, and Mia. I work as a Business Development Manager for a Homecare Company that serves the Greater Charlotte Area including York county.



**Jim Smith**— I grew up in Detroit, Michigan as a Catholic, where I received a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from University of Michigan. I lived in the Detroit Area until 2007, moved to Amelia Island in 2007 and then to South Carolina in 2017. From a personal perspective, I married my wife, Jill in 1979 we had 3 children, 2 boys and then a girl. We were actively involved in their school life and sports careers, and in the Catholic Church.

In South Carolina I was very active at St. Philip Neri (Choir, Catholic Teaching Ministry), and have done Tax Returns with AARP in Rock Hill. Since my wife died in 2019, I have been searching for more meaning in my life. In the summer 2023 I went to services at Unity Presbyterian Church with my daughter's family. The people were very welcoming and the Pastors were great. We joined Unity shortly after that. Since I have joined I have helped the Mens Ministry set up and take down several events and I joined the Hiking Ministry. I have applied to be a Stephen's Minister and am currently visiting 2 Homebound Families.

## Youth Deacon - Class of 2025



**Tyson Shouse** — Tyson has been a lifelong member of Unity Presbyterian Church and was baptized here in 2007. The entire Shouse family have been members of Unity since moving to Tega Cay in 2001. Growing up at Unity has provided Tyson many opportunities to serve and be a part of God's community. Tyson grew up in the Unity nursery with Ms. Sylvia and Ms. Angie and participated in *Children in Worship* regularly. Tyson now enjoys volunteering in the nursery as a helper himself and even volunteers as a *Children in Worship* assistant. He has been part of both Middle and High School Youth Groups. He has also enjoyed helping on church grounds workdays and as an usher on Sunday mornings. Most recently, Tyson participated in the weeklong youth mission trip with Appalachia Service Project in southwest Virginia. To be nominated to become a youth member of the Diaconate is a great honor and a call to truly do more for our church and community.

Tyson is a rising Junior at Fort Mill High School where he is a member of the varsity golf team and school spirit squad. In his spare time, he enjoys his job working at the Tega Cay Golf Club, playing as much golf as he can, and spending time with friends and family!