



To Be Nominated

Ruling Elders—Class of 2027



Susan Bates — I have been a member of Unity for 50 years. My three children have blessed me with 9 grandchildren and one great grandchild. I have served as a Deacon and Moderator of the Woman of Unity in addition to many committees. I am enjoying retirement after my teaching career in the Fort Mill School District.



Steve Gribble — My family and I joined Unity on September 1, 1996. I have served as a Deacon and on the Ushering and Building and Ground Committee. I'm currently serving on the Columbarium Weekly Watering Committee. I was married to my lovely wife Martha and I have two grown children and two grandchildren that I'm extremely proud of. My son Russ, wife Jessica, and their children Mali and Charlee Rae of Spartanburg, and my daughter Margaret of Fort Mill. I'm a retired Teacher, Coach, and Administrator of 40 1/2 years with the last 28 years here in Fort Mill.



Erin Pratt — Erin has been a member at Unity Presbyterian Church for 15 years. Erin and her husband Hunter have lived in Fort Mill for almost 16 years. They have two sons: Logan (8 years old/3rd grade) and Davis (6 years old/1st grade). Erin has a huge passion for serving the community. She is currently on the Family Promise Coordination team as well as the Women of Unity: Sisters-in-Service team. Erin also serves on the Fort Mill Planning Commission Committee as well as the Anne Springs Greenway: Greenway Ladies Guild Executive Team for new membership. Erin enjoys hanging out with her family and traveling when sports are on break!



Laurie Rogers — Laurie was raised in Charleston, graduated from Clemson (and still an avid Tigers' fan), and has been a CPA for 40 years. She works for Crescent Communities where she is the Multifamily Business Unit Controller. She and her husband Bobby are proud parents of two wonderful sons that grew up in Unity. Chalmers is a CPA and lives in Charlotte. Ben and his wife Anna and their son Hank live in Charleston where Ben is a Structural Engineer. Laurie has been a member of Unity for 29 years, a Stephen Minister, a past Children's Sunday School Teacher, and served on the Endowment creation committee. She dearly loves Unity and is Blessed and grateful for the opportunity to serve.



Chuck Welfare - I have been a member of Unity for 17 years along with my wife Megan, to whom I have been married to for 23 years. We have four children who are also members and part of the Youth program here at Unity - Camille, James & Meredith (19) and Elise (17). I served as a Deacon for two separate terms, have been a member of the Communications Committee for nearly 10 years, led and assisted in various adult and children's Sunday school classes and have been a Youth leader/chaperone for over 10 years. I recently rejoined Collins Aerospace as their Vice President/Controller after working at Sealed Air for nearly six years as the Vice President of Commercial Finance.



Barry Wells — Barry has been married to Julie for almost forty years. They have a son McIntosh who lives in Fort Mill. A University of Kentucky graduate, he retired from the fire protection industry in 2020. Barry is an Eagle Scout and recipient of The God and Country emblem. He has been a member of Unity since 2000 where he has previously served as an Elder and Deacon. Barry is a member of the Hospitality and Evangelism Team, Adult Discipleship Ministry Team, As a Child Sunday School Class and served as a New Member Shephard and Confirmation Class Sponsor.

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Elizabeth Watson — I became a confirmed member of Unity in 2023 and have spent my whole life growing up here. My parents, Megan and Scott Watson, have been members since 2005 and had me baptized here in 2009. I am active in CIW (Children in Worship), VBS (Vacation Bible School), Grands Camp, Montreat, multiple mission trips, youth choir, Christmas caroling, lay leading, and so much more. I am overjoyed to have been given the opportunity to serve Unity and our community in so many ways. I am very thankful to all the people who have helped me along the way and watched as I have grown and matured in my faith. As an elder, I would like to give back to all those who have helped me so generously and lead Unity to an even brighter future where all generations can play a role in our growth and development as a congregation.