

Membership Class from February 2025



Michael J. Alves & Ann W. Alves

Michael and Ann live in Davidson. They are the parents of six sons and eight grandchildren! They are both originally from Massachusetts – Michael from Milford and Ann from Belmont. Michael is President of Alves Education Consultant Company and previously worked at Brown University with a specialization in school integration/planning. He has degrees from Bridgewater, Boston University, and Harvard. Michael's major interests are health, family, and managing his company. In his spare time he enjoys exercising, reading, and learning.

Ann was raised in the UCC church and has spent a lifetime committed to service as a Deacon, Chair of Mission & Outreach, Clerk/Officer of the church, Usher, and volunteering with many non-profits. She is a graduate of Colby-Sawyer College and has worked in banking and for Marriott. She spent 30 years of her life in Rockford, IL. Ann enjoys reading, bridge, and walking.

Michael is joining us by **Reaffirmation of Faith**, and Ann is joining us by **Letter of Transfer** from **Payson Park Church in Belmont, MA**. They are hosted by Mark & Nancy Siljander.

Adam Norman Beam & Elizabeth Tate Beam

Adam and Elizabeth live in Davidson, in the Summer's Walk neighborhood, with their children Grant, Hayes, and Nora. They are NC natives – Adam from Concord and Elizabeth from Burlington. They met during college at NC State University and were brought back to the Lake Norman area for Adam's CRNA schooling. Adam currently works as a CRNA and Elizabeth as an office administrator. In their busy life with three little ones, you can often find this family at a nearby playground or coffee shop to keep up with their ever-increasing energy needs! The Beams love to take trips, whether to the beach or mountains, and they are excited to take their family of five to Boston this summer. The Beam Family also has a 7-year-old pug, Ellie, who loves to cuddle and has been an amazing sidekick with each baby. The Beams look forward to creating lasting friendships within the DCPC community.



Adam is joining us by **Letter of Transfer** from **First Presbyterian Church in Concord, NC**, and Elizabeth is joining us by **Letter of Transfer** from **First Presbyterian Church in Burlington, NC**. They are hosted by Gary & Jenny Vidmer.



Michael Anthony Caridi & Morgan Nickerson Caridi

Michael and Morgan live in Davidson, in the Bradford neighborhood, with their children Luca and Noah. They are both originally from West Virginia and met while attending James Madison University. Despite being from the same area, they had never met until they attended JMU, and they have been together ever since! After spending a few fun post graduate years in Charlotte, NC, they moved to Davidson in 2020 when they were expecting their first son. They love the community and have met so many wonderful people. Michael currently works remotely as a mortgage loan officer whose team specializes in new construction financing. He loves the outdoors and sports of all kinds. Luca and Noah keep Morgan very busy! In her free time, she loves exercising and the outdoors, reading, baking, and attempting DIY projects around the house. She has a strong interest in public health and all

things Health & Wellness. More recently, she has been very interested in learning about and becoming involved with local sustainability and land conservancy initiatives.

Michael and Morgan are joining us by **Reaffirmation of Faith**, and they are hosted by Dustin & Jennifer Fritz.

Caroline Jean Flur

Caroline lives in Huntersville, in the Hampton Ridge neighborhood, with her husband, Adam, and their children, Ford and Collins. The Flurs moved to Huntersville in November from the Madison Park neighborhood in Charlotte, NC. Their son attends a bilingual preschool in Charlotte, but they hope to enroll him at the DCPC Weekday Preschool next year so that they can stop the daily I-77 commute. They are also looking for fluent Spanish speakers to connect with to help Ford keep improving his Spanish skills! Collins recently turned one, and her hobbies include eating and surviving an older brother who only wants to play cars and dinosaurs. The Flurs love watching sports, especially college basketball and the NFL. Caroline is a UNC-Chapel Hill grad and her husband went to Duke – so basketball season is always fun (or miserable depending on who you cheer for) in their house!



Caroline is joining us by **Reaffirmation of Faith**, and she is hosted by Tyler & Kristina Bowery.



John William Hallett & Linda Smith Austin

Jeb and Linda live in the Runnymede neighborhood in Davidson. They are the grandparents of five! Originally from Wheeling, WV, Jeb grew up Presbyterian. He is an Air Force Academy graduate and a Veteran. After receiving his medical degree from Duke University, he spent his medical career as a vascular surgeon. He has also been a Professor of Surgery for the Mayo Clinic and for MUSC in Charleston, SC. Jeb is a board member emeritus for the Gibbes Museum of Art, and he enjoys tennis, sailing, art, music, and most especially – family.

Linda grew up in San Jose, CA, and attended Stanford and Duke for college, then Duke for medical school before training as a Psychiatrist. She served as a Professor at MUSC and worked in public education programs including public radio and podcasting. She is most interested in Social Justice initiatives at DCPC. Linda enjoys cooking for friends and family, playing tennis and the piano, sailing, and gardening. Jeb and Linda spend their summers in Castine, Maine.

Jeb and Linda are joining us by **Reaffirmation of Faith**, and they are hosted by Wynn Mabry.

Joseph Allen Johnston

Joe and his wife, Jennifer, recently moved to Davidson from Charleston, SC. They have two grown daughters, Emma and Kate, who were raised and confirmed at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Joe was born and raised in Grand Rapids, MI, where he was confirmed at East Congregational Church. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wake Forest University and is still a huge Wolverines fan! Joe is a CPA who works as a fractional CFO, helping small companies in various industries. In his spare time, he loves to play golf and pickleball and is a fitness enthusiast. He also loves travelling and spending time with family - especially hiking in the mountains.



Joe is joining us by **Reaffirmation of Faith**, and he is hosted by longtime family friend, Jane McLean.



Echol Speina Marshall & Theresa Meade Marshall

Echol and Theresa live in Troutman. Echol is a 1980 graduate of the University of Georgia who spent 25 years in Hollywood as a cinematographer and then taught high school English. He has a PhD in Instructional Technology from the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. During his diversified career, he has also managed construction projects. Echol is an Ordained Elder and Deacon in the PC(USA).

Theresa is a recently retired elementary school principal. She has a Doctorate in Education from

William & Mary. She has four grown children, and she is an accomplished quilter!

Echol and Theresa are joining us by **Letter of Transfer** from **First Presbyterian Church in Richmond, VA**, and they are hosted by Tom & Barbara Russell.

Robert Alan Mills & Martha Reynolds Venter

Rob and Martha live in Cornelius, and they have five grown children and five grandchildren between them. They have been committed partners for over a decade, after each of them lost their beloved spouses to cancer. Rob was born in Fairfield, CT, and was raised in New Jersey. He holds college and graduate degrees from Northwestern University. Rob's past hobbies included skydiving, sports car racing, and motorcycling. His current hobby centers on the complete restoration of a 1952 Chevy Truck. Rob is a Stephen Minister, an Ordained Elder and Deacon in the PC(USA), and he is actively involved with a veteran's group in Mooresville.

Martha was born in Lancaster, PA, and was raised in the Episcopal church (even though her mother was a Mennonite). She graduated from Penn State with a BA in French and from Middlebury College with an MA. Martha taught French and Spanish for 44 years. Her hobbies include tennis, choir, steel pan band, reading, cooking, and gardening. She volunteers for the Exchange Club, and she enjoys taking classes with DavidsonLearns.

Rob and Martha are joining us by **Letter of Transfer** from **Covenant Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC**, and they are hosted by Tim & Debbi Wilkes.





Thomas Vance Morgan & Betty Mitchell Morgan

Vance and Betty live in the St. Albans neighborhood in Davidson. Upon Vance's retirement, they moved back to North Carolina from Massachusetts. They are enjoying being a part of the Lake Norman area. The Morgans have two grown sons and two grandchildren – their oldest son, his wife, and their grandchildren live in Lacey, WA, and their younger son lives in Methuen, MA. Vance is originally from Atlanta, GA, and he is a retired research scientist and administrator with a background in biochemistry and genomics. He enjoys photography and playing golf.

Betty is from Winston-Salem, NC. She is a retired Art and English teacher. She has enjoyed returning to personal art full time during retirement. She's involved with the Mooresville Artist Association, Piedmont Pastel Society, and several other organizations in the area.

Vance and Betty are joining us by **Letter of Transfer** from **Davidson United Methodist Church in Davidson, NC**, and they are hosted by Lin & Jeanne Snowa.

Allen E. Reinke

Allen lives in Cornelius. He is originally from Fond du Lac, WI, and he began working at age 16 while being raised by two loving, hard working parents. He worked his way through college at WSU-Stevens Point and then enlisted in the Air Force. Trained by the AF as an Air Weather Service electronics technician, after the service he worked in electronics, ending with two decades in sales with Tektronix in MA, GA, TN, SC, and NC. In 2003, he chose to be the caregiver for his late wife, Bonnie, who passed away in late 2022 at which time Allen moved from Charlotte to Cornelius to work at The Fresh Market. A widower with grown and distant children, he now devotes more time to supporting old and new friends, sports, fishing, and he is currently searching for good kayaking. He loves music but says he has been asked not to sing out loud! He has been a dedicated Christian since 1981 and has served as a Sunday School teacher for ages 4-18, an Usher, and with various projects for Habitat for Humanity.



Allen is joining us by **Reaffirmation of Faith**, and he is hosted by Rich Byrd.



John Michael Rymer & Mary Covington Rymer

John and Mary live in Davidson in the River Ridge neighborhood. They met in Reidsville, NC, and married in 1985. They have lived in Carmel, IN, and spent two years living in Hilton Head, SC, before moving here in 2023 to be closer to family. Their three grown sons live in Concord, Charlotte, and Indianapolis with their families. John is originally from Spartanburg, SC, and graduated from UNC-Greensboro in 1979 with a BA in Urban Geography. He was employed by Duke Power from 1980 to 2006. Then, he worked for MISO in Carmel, IN, from 2006 to 2021 where he retired as the Manager of Technical Training. In his spare time, John enjoys hiking, swimming in their pool, and being outdoors. John is an Ordained Elder in the PC(USA).

Mary is a 4th generation native Charlottean. She received her BA in psychology from Guilford College and worked as a preschool teacher in the Charlotte area for many years. Retired now, Mary stays busy working part-time for a friend who owns a wholesale business creating and supplying historic folk toys to museums and historic sites across the U.S. In her spare time, Mary enjoys hiking, kayaking, and biking. She is avid reader, a published writer, and is currently learning embroidery. Church is an important part of her background; she has served as a Stephen Minister and Leader and has enjoyed being in the choir at previous churches. She and John are excited to meet new friends at DCPC!

John and Mary are joining us by **Letter of Transfer** from **Orchard Park Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, IN**, and they are hosted by Bob & Laurie O'Connor.

Scott Patrick Steiger & Jennifer Rivers Steiger

Scott and Jen live in Cornelius. Scott is originally from Seattle, WA, but he has lived all over the U.S. and Canada. He is semi-retired from being an HR professional for over 35 years. He continues to consult as opportunities present themselves. Scott enjoys boating on Lake Norman during the summer, and he is an avid international traveler, photographer, health nut, and water enthusiast.

Jen grew up in Grand Rapids, MI, with three sisters. She graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in Psychology. She is Director of Human resources at Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville where she has worked for eight years. She has lived in Atlanta (where she and Scott met), Columbia, Maryland, and Edgewood, KY, near Cincinnati. Jen enjoys walking, reading, swimming, and spending quality time with their adult children and 2-year-old granddaughter.

Scott and Jen are joining us by **Letter of Transfer** from **Grace Covenant Church in Cornelius, NC**, and they are hosted by David & Carol Houle.

