

CONGREGATION COUNCIL NOMINEE BIOS

The following four members of Grace are willing to serve on Congregation Council for three-year terms beginning in January 2027.

We are grateful for their willingness to serve and support our congregation.

Nominees are presented in alphabetical order.

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Name: Wayne Carter

Member of Grace for: 20 years

About my family:

My husband, Robert Montgomery, and I share our home with our dog, Abbygale, the four-legged heart of our family. Last year we said goodbye to her sister, Vivianne, and we are grateful every day for the love and joy Abbygale brings to our home.



My involvement at Grace:

I first came to Grace in 2006, when my friend David Platts, then our Music Director, invited me to sing a solo in the annual Christmas Music Festival. It felt like home from that very first evening, and I have been here ever since. Over the years I have sung with the Chancel Choir, rung with the Handbell Choir, and sung with Grace Alone, our early service contemporary choir. I also served on the Technology Committee, where I helped evaluate and select The Realm, our church management software. I have visited churches I once attended, but none gives me the sense of belonging I find at Grace.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:

When Pam Kirby asked me to consider serving on Council, I felt compelled to say yes. In twenty years at Grace, I have seen our church through many seasons of change and have built close friendships with members throughout the congregation. I hope to bring that perspective to Council, along with experience from my professional life: leading a team of presales Solution Engineers at Cisco, working as a Realtor and software developer, and co-owning CarMon Design, a firm specializing in architectural concepts and interior design. I believe these experiences can help Council with planning, finances, our building and facilities, and technology. Most of all, I want to help Grace remain the open, accepting and welcoming community it was for me, and to help it grow so that more people can find the same home here that I did.

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Name: Kyle Harris

Member of Grace for: 4 years. We attended in late Fall of 2022 and fell in love with Grace and the leaders at Grace. After the Christmas Service of 2022 we wanted to become members and began the process promptly.

About my family: My wife Kristy and I began dating in high school (1997) and we were married in 2024. We have two amazing daughters, Jaidyn (18, Senior in HS) and Lexi (14, 8th Grade) that are very active in sports. We stay busy supporting them, working, and trying to squeeze in fun adventures like hiking, visits to the beach, concerts, visiting family, etc. Kristy and I come from a long lineage of service minded leaders. My Grandmother Lyla and my Mother Jan both served on Church Council at our home church in Ohio (named Grace Lutheran Church as well). My Grandma founded the local food pantry and housed it in a building in her backyard. My mother still works at the food pantry and our daughters volunteer there when we visit. Kristy's Mother was head of food service at our local school district and started numerous programs to help feed families in need. We all love to compete and work hard, but what we love the most is providing service for other people.



My involvement at Grace: Since our family moved here in the summer of 2022 and became members of Grace, I have become more involved in our congregation. I now serve on the Personnel Committee and as a worship assistant in the role of crucifer. My daughter Lexi remains active in the Youth Group and regularly serves as an acolyte, crucifer, and A/V assistant during worship.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council: Serving other people is of great importance to me. The health of Grace and our congregation's mission (accepting all) is something I believe strongly in. Serving on Church Council is something that is near and dear to me because my Mother, Uncle, and Grandmother have all been Church Council members and I have seen how they have been able to positively impact not only those in their home Congregation, but other congregations and the surrounding community. I have always worked in service related fields (teaching and coaching), as has my wife (medical field). I feel like it is time for me to extend the gifts God has blessed me with to others and to challenge my faith and help our congregation grow and thrive. I have always wanted to serve the Lord and my Congregation in a greater capacity, and I believe I can do that by representing younger families that, at times, seem to be absent from the Lutheran community.

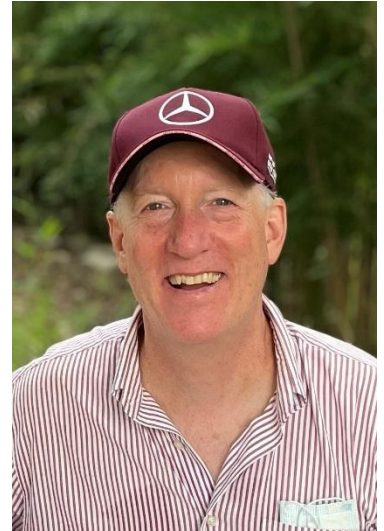
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Name: Thomas (Tom) Ludlow

Member of Grace for: 2 years

About my family:

My wife (Trish Kemper) and I live in York County between Rock Hill and McConnells SC. We have four adult children (three are married and one is engaged). We also have four grandchildren.



My involvement at Grace: Trish and I participate in various ministries at Grace, including WELCM, Family Promise, and Bethel Men's Shelter. I also serve on the Endowment Committee (currently as Financial Coordinator). Recently I signed up to be a Lector.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:

I feel called to serve on the Congregation Council because I want to do my part in helping us live up to our Mission Statement. My leadership experience in both my career and in numerous civic organizations will enable me to help our Congregation utilize the talents and resources we have at Grace in order to achieve our goals. I feel very blessed to be a member of Grace and I appreciate all of the amazing, kind, friendly people who have made me feel so welcomed here. I look forward to the opportunity to learn from and work with the Congregation Council to continue to strengthen our community.

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Name: Angie Patteson

Member of Grace for: 1.5 years

About my family:

My husband of 54 years, Charles (Butch), and I moved to Rock Hill in April 2025 and began attending Grace on our first Sunday here. We retired from Florida (me from library administration and Butch from school administration) to Moultrie, Georgia where we enjoyed gardening on our four acres. Maintenance and age caught up to us though, and after 14 years we decided to relocate to be close to our son, his wife and two grandsons in Pineville. Our daughter and other grandson live in Jacksonville, Florida and visit often. Last spring we added a goldendoodle, Baxter, to our family. Having the whole family together often is such a gift. I love volunteering at the Hospice Community Care Closet on Tuesdays. Butch gives many hours a week as Property Chair at Grace.



My involvement at Grace:

I joined the 11:00 choir right away and have continued to rehearse and sing since then, greatly enjoying the immense talent of Jeremy Mims, our music director. I am a frequent lector/petitioner at the 11:00 service. Other activities at Grace include service on the Outreach Committee and volunteering for Family Promise, WELCM meals and Bethel meals.

Why I feel called to serve on Congregation Council:

What a challenging yet exciting time it is for Grace! I am energized by the prospect of being a part of the church leadership at this time of calling a new pastor while dealing with the challenges of budgeting for an aging building, outreach, music, and youth ministry in a time of decreased revenue.

Butch is chair of the Property Committee, so I am very familiar with the challenges our building maintenance presents. I have a strong understanding of the importance of the music and outreach programs to our church community through my participation in these. Families and youth are our future, and I support ways to strengthen their involvement.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve you on our Church Council. Should you elect me, I promise to be a faithfully attending, thoughtful and responsible Council member.