



2026 SEWICKLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHURCH OFFICER & NOMINATING COMMITTEE BIOGRAPHIES

WALKER COGGESHALL, Deacon

Walker was born and raised in Morristown NJ, where he attended church every Sunday with his father and sister. He graduated from the University of Colorado in 2014 and then moved back east after college to help his father's carpentry business. He and his wife Danielle met in New York City and moved together to Denver for a couple of years before settling in Sewickley in 2020. They have had three children since then, Beau (3) Cooper (almost 2) and Kennedy (6 months). Walker and his family have been overcome by the love and support from the community and are excited to get more involved and help be a bigger part of what makes this congregation so special.

BRITTNEY ELLIS, Elder

Brittney resides in Edgeworth with her husband Brent and their two children Virginia and Charlie. After having both children attend Friendship Preschool, her family joined SPC as members back in 2022. She now enjoys participating in the Day on the Lawn children's lemonade stand, Mama Needs Coffee, and volunteering in the nursery on Sundays.

Prior to relocating to Sewickley, Brittney earned her DDS degree from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry and practiced as a general dentist treating patients in the underserved area of Southwest Virginia. Using her focus and training in prosthodontics and reconstructive dentistry, one of her most rewarding experiences was serving every year at the Mission of Mercy Project where dental care was provided at no cost to patients with limited access to care.

Currently, Brittney is enjoying being a stay at home mom and looking forward to serving the church in this new capacity. SPC has truly become a second family to her and she can't wait to see how the church will continue to grow and touch the lives of others for years to come.



ERIC FULMER, Elder

Eric joined SPC in 1994. He was initially drawn to SPC because of the high quality of sacred music and the personable qualities and sermons of then pastors David McFarlane and Jean Henderson. His first church-related task was cutting loaves of bread into cubes for Sunday communion service. He became a member of SPC's City and Region Committee which led to various community interventions including organizing SPC volunteers to prepare food and serve meals at a newly formed non-profit organization in Beaver County known as The Ladle. He served as a member of the Mission Committee and Benevolence Committee before serving for 6 years as a member of SPC's Board of Deacons where he led the annual Christmas Food Basket project. As a musician, he has performed special music with the organist and Chancel Choir. He has also performed weekly with the SPC praise band since its inception. He participates as a painting volunteer with Hammer and Nails and served as a participant in the Buckhannon, WV housing rehabilitation mission trip. Eric and his wife Pat have participated in SPC mission trips to the Czech Republic and Ireland. He served meals at Produce to People and at a men's shelter in Beaver County known as Crossroads. He also serves as co-chair of the DOL book department.

Eric became introduced to the reformed tradition as an undergraduate at Thiel College, a Lutheran institution. He attended graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh where he earned a master's degree in city planning while working full time as a community planner with the Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority. Following graduate school, he joined a consulting firm that specialized in community development, economic development and the development of affordable housing. He became a shareholder in the firm and eventually served as President of the firm for the final 10 years of his career before retiring in 2011. Following retirement, he served the community as a member of the local zoning hearing board and a board member of Union Aid Society.

LORRAINE ADELL LUBBERT, Deacon

Lorraine was confirmed at SPC on May 26, 1974 and rejoined October 29, 2023. She has worked in the healthcare industry for the past 35 years, currently as a Claims Manager for New York Life Insurance Company. Lorraine is the proud mother of Hunter Patrick Lubbert a freshman at Rutgers University.

For 14 years, Lorraine was a member of the Home School Association at Quaker Valley, volunteering at numerous school events. She was also a theatre mom for 8 years, volunteering at Quaker Valley musicals and Sewickley Academy's Performing Arts Camp. Most recently, Lorraine has been involved at SPC's Day on the Lawn and as an Usher.

Lorraine's mother, Beverly Harris, was a member of SPC for over 50 years, serving on various committees/boards including the Board of Deacons and the Session. She taught Lorraine the importance of being involved in our church community. Lorraine recognizes the torch has been passed onto her and she looks forward to serving on the Board of Deacons and becoming a more active participant in the church's ministry.



WAYNE MURPHY, Elder

Wayne was born in Davenport, Iowa and he grew up on a farm for which he is very proud. He felt that it taught him the value of hard work, honesty and the importance of communication, cooperation and friendships.

After graduation from Iowa State University, he went to work with Westinghouse Electric Corporation, which brought him to Pittsburgh.

Wayne and wife Mary had the opportunity to live in several cities, including 5 years in London before settling in Sewickley in 1985. Wayne has been active in many local activities and non-profits in the community. He has particularly enjoyed his yearly participation with Day on the Lawn. He has been on several church committees through the years at SPC.

He is looking forward to serving on Session.

JENNY VALENTE, Nominating Committee

Jenny Valente resides in Coraopolis. Since becoming a member at SPC she has served on the Membership Committee, been a Deacon, ushered, helped with tech during worship on Sundays, and is chair of the Women's Retreat Task Force. Jenny spends a lot of time serving her community as well, by driving people to doctor appointments and shopping trips. She feels very blessed to have been asked to serve on the Nominating Committee and looks forward to continued service at SPC.

TRES WHITLOCK, Deacon

Tres and his wife, Darla, both grew up in Fox Chapel and were lifelong members of Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, where they were confirmed and where Tres's mother served as a Sunday School teacher for both of them. Darla's parents still reside in Fox Chapel and remain active members of Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church.

For the past nine years, Tres and Darla have called Sewickley home, where they are raising their three boys — seven-year-old twins, Graham and Wyatt, and their five-year-old, Tucker. Their family loves spending time outdoors and has found a deep sense of community, support, and spiritual growth since first attending Sewickley Presbyterian Church two years ago. They officially joined the church last year and are grateful for the meaningful connections and spiritual leadership they've experienced within the congregation.

Tres works for Gallagher, an insurance and risk management company, and Darla works for Telsey Advisory Group, an equity research firm.

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