

# Church Officer Nominees

CPC's Nominating Committee is pleased to present these candidates

## Elder, Class of 2023

### **RAE-NANI STOKES (Membership)**



Rae-Nani and her husband, Bert, have two children Clarke (8) and Charlotte (7). They have been members of CPC for nine years. Her previous employment was in nonprofit social service and arts organizations, but currently her full-time job is raising the kids. She also keeps busy with CPC activities including VBS, Spark, and Food Closet, and previously served as an Elder on the Mission Division. She has served on the following committees: Planting Seeds of Faith Auction, PneuMatrix, Strategic Planning, and Capital Campaign. As an Elder Rae-Nani is looking forward to helping carry out CPC's mission to "connect with and serve our community and the world" and growing in faith with other Elders and committee members.

## Elders, Class of 2024

### **MARIA BROW (Fellowship and Nurture)**



Maria and her husband, Bobby, have been members of CPC for 10 years and have two children, Liam and Julia. They came to CPC after learning about our youth programs from Garrett and Lisa Torgerson at youth soccer. Since joining CPC, she served two terms as a Deacon, has been an usher and communion server, a member of the Prayer Shawl ministry and has participated in women's Bible study group. She works for the Sacramento Superior Court. Her hobbies include sewing, crochet, and felt embroidery. Maria is looking forward to serving on the Fellowship and Nurture Division to help get the congregation together during this time of pandemic restrictions.

### **LYNETTE LEDESMA (Administration)**



Lynette and her husband, Mike, have two children, Claire (12) and Chloe (9). They have been members of CPC since 2009, and joined after attending a Christmas Eve Service. Lynette is self-employed as the proprietor of Cheeky Girls Artisanal Ice Cream. In her spare-time she enjoys music, food, and crafting. Her activities at CPC include serving as a Deacon and Stewardship Committee member, and playing handbells with the Mission Bells and Carillon. She has also volunteered at Winter Shelter, as a cook for Wednesday Works, and in Sunday School. Lynette is looking forward to seeing how God continues to shape CPC's life and ministry through the

work of the Session.

## **ANNE PARKER (Outreach)**



Anne and her husband, Steve, have three children: Nathaniel (11), Donovan (11), and Mackenzie (7). Anne started attending CPC after she met Steve, and joined in 2005. She works for the Social Security Administration. In her spare-time she likes playing board games with family, camping, hiking, and is learning to play guitar. Anne has been very active at CPC including as a Sunday school teacher, Carillon bell choir ringer, drama team member, SOS volunteer, and women's Bible study participant. She has also served as a Deacon. She is looking forward to becoming an Elder and is excited to participate in opportunities to reach out to our community and share the many blessings that life holds as a member of the CPC faith family.

## **TERRYL SUMMERS (Education)**



Terryl has been a member of CPC for 16 years, having originally attended because the church was ADA accessible, and then stayed because of the church's focus on youth and mission. Terryl is retired after spending 32 years in education. She enjoys reading, needlework, time with grandchildren and travel. While at CPC Terryl has previously served as a Deacon and as an Elder on the Education Division. She has also volunteered with VBS, Wednesday Works, Winter Shelter, and the Food Closet (including time as Director). She is looking forward to serving again in the Education Division and enjoys this connection to the youth of CPC.

## **Deacons, Class of 2024**

### **THAMSYNE BROWN**



Thamsyne has been a member of CPC for 12 years. Raised as a Presbyterian, she has also been a member of the LDS church, an Episcopalian, a Buddhist, and a member of Sunrise Unity. She says, "After my first visit to CPC, I knew I had come home." She works as an administrator in the School of Music at CSU, Sacramento. In her spare time, she enjoys playing basketball with her grandchildren, going for walks, reading (a lot), playing tennis, writing, and scrapbooking. Among her many areas of service at CPC, Thamsyne has previously served as a Deacon, Stephen Minister, Sanctuary Choir member, Prayer Shawl knitter, and office volunteer.

While at the LDS church she taught arts and culture in the women's Relief Society program and taught Sunday school. She is looking forward to serving again as a Deacon: "I love serving and working with people. I feel that being a Deacon is a two-way street: they need me, and I need them. This is just another affirmation of God's love."

## MARSHA COOK



Marsha just recently rejoined CPC, though she has been active for a few years. She volunteers with SOS, Family Promise, Winter Shelter, Wednesday Works, and has been a Sunday school teacher. At previous churches she has been a youth director, choir member, and Elder. Marsha has worked as a teacher at El Rancho Elementary School and Marconi Montessori School. She is also a Spiritual Director. Her hobbies include Navajo rug weaving, hiking and raising chickens and ducks. Marsha is looking forward to serving as a Deacon and helping in the mission of church.

## MISTY DUNN



Misty and her husband Bill have been CPC members for 17 years and together have six adult children and eight granddaughters. She was a teacher of kindergarten and preschool children. She is an active volunteer for La Leche League (LLL) as a Leader for 50 years: leading Group meetings locally to help mothers breastfeed, working as an administrator offering support to LLL Leaders and state administrators in 20 states, training Communication Skills Instructors, and facilitating parenting and communication skills sessions. During the pandemic, she has been co-creating an online course to teach communication skills to lactation professionals. She also facilitates presentations and speaks to medical and nursing students about ovarian cancer. She is a Stephen Minister and Stephen Leader. Misty has served as Elder in the Mission Division and was previously a Deacon for six years, and a participating member of Fellowship & Nurture Division. She has also volunteered with VBS, Food Closet, Winter Sanctuary/Respite, and the Afghan World Relief ESL project. To further her spiritual education, she participates in PW Bible study, Companions Bible Study, and a women's Bible study group of mixed denominations. She enjoys writing, traveling, knitting prayer shawls, reading (lots!), and being with her grandchildren and their parents. Most recently, she has been learning about antiracism and equity work. Misty enjoys serving God in whatever way she can and has been blessed by her work as a Deacon previously. She is eager to find new ways to contribute and serve as a follower of Jesus.

## BETTE JOHNSON



Bette considers CPC as her family church. Her mother, Lillian Buck, joined in 1950 and she joined with her father, Neal Buck, as a young teenager in 1963. Bette is retired and worked for Wachovia Bank for 25 years primarily in the Human Services Department. She is interested in photography, plays bridge, and has an interest in the Sierra Club. In the past she has gone on service trips with the Sierra Club. After a long absence, she began attending CPC again in 2010 and rejoined CPC in 2015. She returned to CPC because she considers it her family church as she grew up in it. She has volunteered in the Food Closet on the phone desk. Bette is looking forward to being a Deacon and learning more about the Presbyterian Church.

## **DEBRA SWEETMAN**



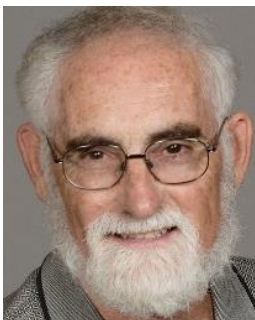
Deb has been a member of CPC for about three years, but her family connection goes back many years. Her grandparents were members before she was born, and she remembers coming to church with them. In addition, Deb was a preschool teacher for 19 years at Carmichael Presbyterian Preschool. She is currently employed by the San Juan Unified School District as a Teacher on Special Assignment, and has also worked for the district as a preschool teacher for special education students. Currently Deb serves as a Stephen Minister at CPC and participates in women's Bible study. At a previous church she taught Sunday school, and volunteered with Celebrate Recovery. She is looking forward to increasing her involvement with CPC as a Deacon. She has a special interest in CPC's status as a Matthew 25 congregation, and wants to actively work towards anti-bias equity and equality of love and acceptance for all.

## **MARY THOMAS**



Mary has been a member of CPC since 1999. She was baptized when the church was Carmichael Community Church. When she returned to CPC as a young adult, she felt right at home. Mary works with adults with developmental disabilities and mental challenges at the Community Integrated Work Program. Her interests include hospice volunteer, cake decorating, time with family (especially her two granddaughters), and taking day hikes. At CPC Mary has served as a Stephen Minister since 2002 and as a Stephen Leader since 2007. She has also previously served as a Deacon, and serves in-home Communion to those who are unable to attend church. She is looking forward to serving wherever needed and wherever the Holy Spirit leads her.

## **JOHN WALLACE**



John and his wife Connie have been married 49 years. He retired after 27 years with the California Department of Public Health as a Food and Drug Scientist. He has been a very active member of CPC for 28 years having joined after he attended a presentation on the Mexico mission trip. He previously served as a Deacon (Chair of the Community Outreach Committee) and as an Elder (Mission Division). Other activities include Stephen Leader, Youth Leader, Director of the Sacramento Microenterprise Assistance Program, member of the Pastor Nominating Committee, member of the Sacramento Presbytery Refugee Resettlement Committee, Refugee Ministries Committee, and Mission Support Committee. He has participated in 18 mission trips to Mexico, four trips to Honduras building schools, and ten Presbyterian mission study trips throughout the world. He also serves as a small group leader at Montreat, NC Youth Conferences (48 so far). John is enthusiastic about serving again as a Deacon and looks forward to spreading the passion needed to get involved in international mission work and supporting people in the mission field.