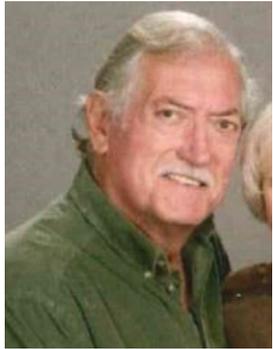




**TRISTIN SHERMAN**—I have been attending FPCSB for almost 35 years, I was baptized here when I was 3 months old and went through confirmation when I was 15. I have been involved with the youth program (specifically HS) for the last 2 years; and for about 8 years on and off before that. I am just finishing up my second consecutive term on Session where I have been chairing the Human Resources team for the last 5 and a half years. With my term on Session ending, I am looking forward to serving on the PNC because I am excited about the future of our Church, to see where God leads up and who he has in his heart for our leadership.



**TOM GESHAY**—I served as Senior Pastor for 50 years in Baptist Churches in the West. When I retired I was called to be the Chaplain at Valle Verde, preaching twice every Sunday, and leading a Bible Study group every Tuesday until March, 2014 when, at age 77 I really retired and Juliana and I began attending First Presbyterian which I had attended many times for Holy Week gatherings. Soon we became members and I taught the Adult Sunday School Class for one session, then the Children's Class that prepares them for receiving "their very own Bible." Sometimes I am the Bible reader for the second service.



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## PNC NOMINATIONS

*Please keep us in your prayers.*

**JOHN LOFTHUS**—John has been a member of First Presbyterian Santa Barbara since 2012. His family was initially welcomed into the church community through the Early Childhood Center, where his daughter Austen attended. Since joining the church, John has served on the following committees: Stewardship (2015), 150th Campaign Feasibility Task Force (2016), Finance & Facilities (2016 to present), and the Mission Study (2018 to present). He will be completing his term as Elder later this spring. He graduated from UCSB and has continued the dream by working there. When John is not working or spending time with his family.



**TAMARA SKOV**—I was blessed to find First Presbyterian Church in 2010. Since then I have served on Session for 6 years, chaired Finance & Facilities and co-chaired the 150th Doors of Opportunity Campaign. Currently I serve on the Finance & Facilities and Membership committees and chair the 150th Taskforce to oversee the completion of the Doors of Opportunity Campaign projects. In June I will complete my one year term as Moderator of the Presbytery and will step down as chair of the Presbytery Personnel Committee.

**ELAINE LAUSTSEN**—Elaine and her husband, Stafford Kelly, retired to Santa Barbara after careers at Exxon Mobil that took them to Houston, Argentina, Germany and Maryland. Elaine grew up in the Presbyterian church, and served as a teacher, deacon, Elder, member of Finance and Facilities, etc. Besides First Pres activities, Elaine loves to play golf and bridge and she likes to spend time with her golden retriever, Niki and work with children who are learning to read.



**BILL WAGNER**—Bill Wagner Sr has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1979. He has served on Session, Chair Personnel Committee, Chair of Site Selection for Presbytery, Charter Member, Men's Bible Study and has been a business developer for Affordable Housing.



**MICHAEL HIGGINS**—In August 2017 Michael and his family (Denise, Graeme and dog Cooper) relocated back to the US from an overseas work assignment in Germany and landed in beautiful Santa Barbara. Michael's family was warmly greeted at FPCSB and shortly thereafter transferred their membership from Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego, Oregon where they attended before moving to Germany. Currently, Michael serves on the Mission Study Team. Michael is the senior manager of financial controls at The Trade Desk in Ventura. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time outdoors with his family and the many out-of-town guests that enjoy visiting Santa Barbara.

**CHERYL LONG**—Jeffrey and I were married here, by Bob Pryor, in 1982. Joined the church in 1986. Joined the Adult Ministries team, led by Esther Bennett, and have been busy serving ever since.



Taught Sunday school from toddlers to 4th graders, have been a Presbycamp counselor, helped with Jr High and Sr. High youth group, traveled on youth mission trips and ski trips, served on the Marriage Maintenance planning team, was involved in bringing the Pre-school here, served on the Pre-school team and the ECC team and have served on the HR team. An elder that has served on session numerous times. Sung with the Praise team, participated in the “young women’s Bible study” led a women’s Sunday morning Bible study, been part of a covenant home group and chaired the PNC that brought Peter to us. Drives the bus one Sunday a month, and the big bus for the warming shelter, Chariot of Friends, Presbyfolks and Presbycamp. Is on the communion set up team, and the Children, Youth and Families team and the Mission Study team. Attends both services and one “bus driver” Sunday.

**JIM KREYGER**—Retired Santa Barbara Sr. Deputy District Attorney has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1990. He has served as a deacon, an elder on session numerous times and was on both the IPNC and PNC after Bob Pryor retired.

