

Elders, Class of 2020

Karen Amato is a former member of Presbyterian Church of the Apostles in Burnsville, where she was on the Session as Liaison on the Growth Committee, Stewardship Chair one year and changed the sign (manual sign) with new messages every couple of weeks. Karen will soon retire from Sun Country Airlines where she's been an accounting manager for 11 years. She is a realtor who loves working with people to help solve their real estate needs.

Pat Gleason and Amy Pittenger have been married 24 years and live in Bloomington. They have two children, Sam (21) and Sophie (18), both students at Macalester College. The family were Oak Grove Presbyterian members from 1999 to 2007 during which Pat was a Sunday school teacher for two years and Amy was an Elder. In the Spring of 2017, the family rejoined the Church. Pat is a pharmacist working at Prime Therapeutics, a pharmacy benefits insurance company and is an Adjunct Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota. In the winter, Pat curls at the St. Paul Curling Club. Amy and Pat enjoy rooting for their alma mater Golden Gopher Basketball team. Go Gophers!

Shannon Hauger joined OGPC in 2013, after she and her son, Logan, moved to Bloomington. This has been the church of her family, Stephen and Leslie Jones, since Leslie moved to Bloomington. It seemed like the obvious choice, because who doesn't love to worship with family? It was confirmed as the right choice when the people of Oak Grove *became* her family. This church has been supportive through some pretty rough times and it is a blessing and privilege to serve.

Carol Long retired from her position as a food scientist at Quaker Oats in Chicago and joined Oak Grove after moving to Burnsville 6 years ago. She is a member of the choir and handbell choir, previously served on Session, and is in her fourth year as chair of the Mission Committee. Her interests include reading, biking, and classical music.

Eugene Orr and his wife, Laura, moved to Bloomington in 2008 and joined Oak Grove in 2010. They have two young kids who are active around church. Within the church, Eugene has been active with the Gifts and Gratitude and Technology Committees, choir and other events. In his professional life, he works as a manager of a support organization for a software organization specializing in data analytics. In his free time he enjoys watching football, working on home projects and trips to the North Shore whenever possible.

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Christy Thorson has been a member of Oak Grove for almost a year and is on the Personnel Committee. She is an attorney practicing personal injury law and bankruptcy. Christy lives in Eden Prairie with her fiancé and their two cats. She loves to read and listen to music, and enjoys going to concerts and sports events. She likes Oak Grove because everyone has always been welcoming here.

Deacons, Class of 2020

Diane Baumgartner was raised at Oak Grove and served as a Deacon from 2005 to 2008. She is currently serving as an Elder, finishing her term in December. Diane is really looking forward to serving as a Deacon again.

Morgen Gray and his wife, Michelle, joined Oak Grove a little under a year ago. Morgen's hobby is collecting antique Match Box cars (eventually wants to learn how to restore them). He feels very blessed with the opportunity to be a Deacon at Oak Grove and will strive to serve the church with respect and integrity.

Kay Lancette grew up at Oak Grove. Her grandmother was Elsie St. Martin and her great-grandmother was Sarah Goodrich (long standing names at Oak Grove!). Kay has 3 sons, 5 step-children, 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She has been a deacon for Oak Grove before and is so excited for this opportunity to serve and become more involved.

Brandon McKinnon has been in the choir since 2013. He and his wife, Jessi, have been members since 2014. Their daughter, Macy, is 3 years old. Brandon currently works in Bloomington at a consulting firm. His hobbies include music and cooking.

Michelle Minea has been part of the Oak Grove family for about four years. She is a small business owner/operator in Bloomington. Michelle's four fabulous kids are the delight of her life. She loves to read, harmonize, laugh with friends, and spend as much time as possible with her face in the sunshine. She always looks for ways to come alongside people on their journeys and help them grow, meet their goals, and become everything they were created to be.