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Please feel free to sit or stand  
 as we worship through song.

Thank you Lord  
 Desert Song

**Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

#689 *The Church's One Foundation*

**Blessing and Sending of Children**  
 Children 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade may go to their classes

**Stephen Ministers Commissioning**

**Offering - Unwavering**  
 Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew

**Scripture Reading** - Matthew 5:1-12

**Message:** "The Character You Possess"  
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*Blessed Be Your Name*

**Opportunities to Give, Gather, & Go**

**Blessing**  
**Congregational Meeting**

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Get ready to meet God.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

Visit [mvpctoday.org](http://mvpctoday.org) to learn  
how you can belong

### THE WORD

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### OUR RESPONSE

#### COMMUNION

All who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior may participate  
Please come to one of the stations whenever you are ready  
Gluten-free bread is offered at the rear station

#### OFFERING

Please bring your gifts to the Lord to one of the  
Offering Boxes at the front or rear

#### PRAYER

A member of our Prayer Team will be in the back  
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### FELLOWSHIP

Join us for dinner!

Feedback, questions and thoughts: #mvpcthe5



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A big-hearted servant who gently cares for God's people.

# elder

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## SHANNON CEREGHINO

My husband David and I moved to Moraga in 2006 and have attended MVPC since. While I am a 'local,' having grown up in Lafayette, Hank Hagman introduced us to MVPC. After finding our Moraga home, Hank took one look at our growing family and correctly thought Moms' Council was a 'don't miss' for me. And once our twin boys completed our family of five, the MVPC kids' programs allowed us to attend services without rocking and feeding cranky babies, a salve for weary souls and welcome reprieve from the chaos of three kids under age three. Through the years, I have participated in Moms' Council, small groups, taught Sunday School, served on the Mission Study Team that created the mission document for our new pastor search and on Nurtury Advisory Council; David served as a Deacon, taught alongside me and enjoyed Mens' Fraternity; and the kids, Catelyn, Dylan and Giancarlo, have grown up with Nurtury, Sunday school, VBS, Kingdom Kids and Quest. MVPC has provided me with good friends, a community of believers to turn to in good times and bad and, best of all, growth in my faith. I am honored to be nominated to serve as an Elder. I welcome the joys and challenges of serving and will work to prayerfully listen for God's Word guiding MVPC forward.



## DAVE EVANS

I came to know Christ while in high school in Sunnyvale. I met my wife Cheryl at UC Santa Barbara where we were both active in campus ministries. Cheryl worked as a math teacher while I attended law school at UCLA, and we joined a church in Burbank that became a tremendous inspiration for our maturing Christian walk. We were involved with several fellowship groups including a Bible study we led in our home, and I became active in the choir and worship ministries and served as an Elder. After almost fifteen years and the birth of our children, Kelly and Michael, we moved to the Bay Area, a homecoming for me and a leap of faith for the rest of my family. Shortly after arriving in Moraga in 2008, we found our way to MVPC, where we all have been blessed to be a part of numerous ministries, make many deep friendships and see our faith grow. I am humbled to be called as an Elder at MVPC and look forward to serving this vibrant church for the sake of His Kingdom.



## PENNY GLOVER

As my husband Brad and I approach our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, we have often recounted our spiritual and physical journey which brought us to MVPC in approximately 2010. This journey started at the small non-denominational church of our upbringing and brought us from San Diego's North County through Lubbock, Texas; Denver and Boulder, Colorado; Berkeley, Lafayette, and Solana Beach, California; and then home to Moraga. Along our journey, we discovered the Presbyterian Church and we grew from a family of two to six, with children currently 9, 6, 4 and 4. At the same time, I have continued to grow as an attorney who practices Education Law. While I cherish Christian community and the life-long friendships I have made through small groups and organizations such as Moms' Council, Bible Study Fellowship, and Community Bible Study, it is a daily challenge to find the right balance which places God first. I do not believe this challenge is unique to me or my family, and I humbly look forward to serving you as we prayerfully seek to grow closer to God, to our families and to one another.



## ROBERT HUDDLESTONE

I was born and raised in the Lamorinda area and grew up through MVPC's youth ministry programs. The love, care and mentorship of the MVPC congregation formed and encouraged the foundation of my faith. I attended Colorado Christian University and finished with a degree in Theology where the affect MVPC had on my faith became even more apparent. Since returning to Lamorinda I have had the opportunity to serve in Student Ministries through Senior High, Quest and Mexico housebuilding trips. I am eternally grateful for the impact this church has had on me and my family and I look forward to being able to serve in the role of Elder.



## GORDON LEWIS

I grew up in Redding, California. I met my wife Lisa at University of the Pacific in Stockton, and we married soon after graduation in 1975. We have three adult children and six grandchildren. I came to faith in Jesus Christ in 1984 when I was 32 years old. As an agnostic with a scientific background, I resisted the notion of faith. That year I stumbled upon and read *Evidence That Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell, and my perspective began to change. I was baptized four years later. My faith journey has been one of many twists, turns, ups and downs while steadily moving forward towards the goal in Christ Jesus. In 1995 Lisa and I moved to Moraga from Los Altos and started attending MVPC a year later. We were called to give to the Opening the Door to the Future campaign in 1997 and my growth as a Christian began to accelerate. From 2000 to 2007 I served as a Student Ministries leader and leader of the Amor/Mexico mission trip while also coaching Frosh Football at Campolindo High School. I served as an Elder from 2003-2006, and in 2005 led the first Senior Pastoral Accountability and Support Team ("PAST"). In 2007 I served briefly as Interim Director of Adult Discipleship & Mission. My 'career' at MVPC came to an abrupt end when I took a CEO position at a potato processing company in Idaho Falls. However, I was grateful to be able to remotely participate in all three Men's Fraternity programs. We retired to Novato at the end of 2013 to be close to our oldest son and two of our grandchildren. Last summer we realized that we missed Moraga and the MVPC community a great deal, and decided to move back home. I have purposefully, quietly and prayerfully awaited a calling. It is an honor to be nominated to serve again in truth and grace according to God's call as an Elder.

# Board of Deacons

The Nominating Committee for 2018 respectfully submits to the congregation the following candidates to serve on the **Board of Deacons**, Class of 2021.



**CATHY AHR**

A sixth generation Californian, I moved with my family from Southern California to Moraga when I was six years old. My grandmother was a woman of tremendous faith and a powerful influence on my life. After my husband Mike and I settled in Lafayette and became parents to our three children—Carolyn, Andrew and Madelyn—we decided to attend MVPC for its wonderful children’s ministries. We were very happy here, but we were “irregular visitors.” About twelve years ago, I heeded the Lord’s steady tugging at my heart to grow deeper in faith. I pulled Grandma’s marked-up King James Bible out of a closet and carefully read it cover-to-cover. I had a new best friend. And when we finally joined as members of the MVPC family, we had a real spiritual home. Both came in handy during my two-year battle with cancer. Over the years, my life has been especially enriched by Women of the Word (WOW) Bible study, At His Feet and over two decades of teaching at VBS (often with our younger daughter). I humbly pray that God will use me to be a blessing to my brothers and sisters in Christ, as they have been to me.



**SANDY BUSBOOM**

My husband Larry and I have been active members of MVPC for 24 years. Our daughter Kara lives in Alamo with her family. Our son Kurt and his family live in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. I am very close to all our grandchildren and love sharing my faith with them. I appreciate the many opportunities I have had to grow spiritually at MVPC and enjoy serving and the amazing fellowship here. I have been very involved in Quest and Senior High and have served on the Board of Deacons and on the Nominating Committee. Currently, I am a leader in Moms’ Council and a member of two small community Bible study groups. I am humbled to be nominated to serve our Lord Jesus Christ as a Deacon to our church family.



**LORIE FORSHAY**

I was born and raised in New Jersey and was brought up in the First Reformed Church. My husband Steve and I have been married for 28 years and are the proud parents of Alexa (San Diego) and Amanda (Seattle). We moved to California in 1982, landing in Alameda before moving to Moraga in 1990. I started attending MVPC immediately and became a member in 1993. Joining MVPC has kept me active over the years, having taught Sunday School, Kingdom Kids and VBS, along with being an active participant in Women’s Bible Study, Moms’ Council, Bethel classes and currently my small Bible study. Thank you for asking me to serve as a Deacon at MVPC. I have put my faith in God to serve you in His name.

## Deacons continued



**JAMIE FRANKENFIELD**

I joined MVPC in 2013 when we moved to Moraga and lived just below the Church. I grew up in a large Mennonite family in Eastern Pennsylvania and was baptized in the Mennonite USA church when I was 14. Prior to attending MVPC I was a member of Covenant Community Methodist Church in Singapore. I worked in Pharma and Biotech Quality Assurance in China, Singapore and Japan prior to recently becoming a stay-at-home Dad and switching working roles with my wife Carole. We have two daughters, Kate, who attends Diablo Valley College, and Leah, who will start at Campolindo High School in the fall. I enjoy attending Men’s Bible Study and singing in the choir and value the relationships formed through participating in these ministries.



**RANDI PINES**

Originally from New Jersey, I ventured out to California after college graduation. I met my husband Larry, a native New Yorker, shortly after arrival. Married for the past 35 years, we have four grown children—Justin, Tyler, Colby and Molly—who now live in every time zone across the country. I started coming to MVPC when my two oldest were in high school and am so grateful for the foundation MVPC has provided all of them through Senior High and the Mexico mission trips and for cultivating within them a love of God’s Word. Although I have attended MVPC for many years, I became a member two years ago after serving in Moms’ Council, VBS and as a leader in Mexico. Through walking alongside people in different ages and stages of their faith journey, I have been enriched and supported in my own faith and have developed a deep love for my church family. I appreciate the prayers, support and encouragement of so many during recent critical times in my family, and know firsthand what it is like to experience the love of Christ through His people. It is with true gratitude to God for his goodness and grace that I look forward to pouring this love back on His family.



**ELAINE SCHILLING**

I was born in Hawaii and grew up attending non-denominational Protestant services on Army posts around the world. My father always volunteered to be our youth group leader and we were also active in choir, Sunday school and local service projects. Careers brought my family to the Bay Area and I recently retired after 25+ years of teaching at San Francisco State University. My husband Spencer and I have been MVPC members since the early 90s, and our son James attended Nurtury and youth programs here. I’ve served as a Moms’ Council leader and prayer team member, taught Sunday school and sung with the seasonal choir. I was drawn to MVPC after reading an article about the Mexico housebuilding trips and hearing about the wonderful women’s ministry, Moms’ Council. Through MVPC I have found a strong faith-based, supportive community and am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Deacon.

## Deacons continued



**LISE TONG**

I was born and grew up in San Francisco. My husband Bob and I met at UC Berkeley School of Optometry and we practiced together for 30 years in Lafayette. We have two adult children, Jacob and Kelsey. Our family was initially drawn to MVPC through the children’s programs and Bob and I became members in 1999. We have participated in various church-sponsored services including Mexico trips, Boy Scout Troop 212 and respectively, as an Elder and Deacon. I feel honored and blessed to be called to serve God, our church family and community.



**DEIDRE WILEY**

My family and I started attending MVPC when we moved to Moraga eight years ago. We were thrilled to find a church that was so similar to the one we left in Alabama. My husband, Jim, and I have three children. Our oldest, Hayden, was in college in Alabama when we moved to California. Our two younger children, Jackson and Emma, became very involved in the youth programs. I became involved in Mom’s Council, Women’s Bible Study as well as a community group. I have also taught in Promiseland and love helping with hospitality for VBS. Jim served as a Deacon and is currently an Elder. I look forward to serving MVPC as a Deacon.

# Members-at-Large

The Nominating Committee for 2018 respectfully submits to the congregation the following candidates to serve on the **2019 Nominating Committee as Members-at-Large**.



**ANDREW BRANAGH**

I joined MVPC in 2010 and have been active for many years in Children’s Ministries and Student Ministries. Currently I am an Adult Leader for Senior High. My wife Anne and I, have two children, Mark and Lauren, and together we have led a group to the DR for Kid’s Alive. I am also a member of the Stewardship Committee. My mother, Lyn Branagh, is also a member of MVPC. I love sports and the Lord!



**BILL GRUBBS**

My wife Cheryl and I became members twenty-two years ago. We were drawn to MVPC by the strong biblical teaching, the Christ-centered fellowship, the incredible children’s and teen programs and the multi-generational mentoring that occurs naturally within our church. Each of our three children—Andy, Hannah and Will—have come to know and serve Jesus through the ministries of this church and we couldn’t be more grateful for the role of MVPC in their lives. Since becoming members, we have served in Soulmates, Small Group Ministries, both Men’s and Women’s Bible study, Pastoral Search Committees, Session, and Mexico Leadership. Currently, I serve on the Stewardship Committee. It is an honor to serve as an At-Large Member on the Nominating Committee and I look forward to using the gifts God has given me for this purpose.



**KIKA GRUPE**

My husband Andrew and I joined MVPC in 2002 when we moved to Orinda. Over the years I have been involved in many different ministries from Senior High to serving as an Elder on Session and many different committees. We have called MVPC our home and this church community has helped us raise our three kids. I have been part of Nurtury Preschool for 16 years both as a teacher, board member and currently I am the coordinator for the afternoon program. I am honored to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee in 2019.



**GWEN LUNDMARK**

Al and I joined MVPC in 1989. I have loved my past participation teaching Jr High Sunday school, Pastor Nominating Committee, Mexico cook; currently I usher, arrange flowers and am involved with a community group. I retired as an Administrative Assistant for Reid Racing and enjoy gardening and traveling. We have two sons and two grandgirls (my huge joy!). I’m looking forward to this important calling of nominating Elders and Deacons.