2017 Church Board Slate

This year we will be electing 2 of the following to serve as congregational representatives on the Church Board.

Heather Ellerbrock
Dave Hansen
Todd Smith
Sherri Flohr
Harvey Payne
Jeff Stitely

This year, voting will take place over a 10-day period with voting commencing on the night of Annual Council (January 25th) and running through Sunday, February 5th.

Ballots will be placed in church mailboxes on the 25th. Ballot boxes will be located in the mailroom and at the information tables (both levels) on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Ballots may be dropped off at the church office through the week.

Please take time to review the information provided inside this document and pray for God's direction prior to casting your vote.

Heather Ellerbrock

My family and I live in Chambersburg, where I also work as a Student Financial Aid Counselor for Wilson College. My husband, Adam, and I have been married for a little over four years, and we have a two-year-old son, Liam, who keeps us on our toes!

I enjoy reading, cooking, hiking, music, and spending as much time as I can with loved ones. I have served as a church board representative for the last 3 years. I am also active in music ministries at the church, involved in a life group, and in 2016 I organized and participated in the MCC Blanket Drive.

I received Christ as a child during VBS at Five Forks, and I have grown in my love for the Lord through the example provided by the people and pastors of Five Forks. I love this church, and I desire to serve as the Lord calls me. I am passionate about discerning the Lord's direction for Five Forks, and I value thoughtful dialogue about how to "do church" well. I enjoy administration, and by serving on the Board I am able to use my gifts and interests in a meaningful way for the life of the church.

Sherri Flohr

My family and I have been part of the Five Forks congregation since 1998. I am married to Mark and have two children, Spencer and Caitlin. I am a graduate of Messiah College and Fuller Theological Seminary. I am also a course facilitator for the Brethren in Christ's Directed Study Program and a substitute teacher for CASD.

At Five Forks, I have served on the Youth Missions Team and sometimes teach youth and adults in Sunday School. Regionally, I am currently serving on the Allegheny Conference Board of Directors and Discipleship Council.

I love traveling, reading, and learning. I have a mentor's heart and enjoy helping others to grow as disciples and leaders.

One of my favorite verses is **Habakkuk 3:19**…*The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights*.

I enjoy board work…some people think that this is a strange enjoyment, but that is where God has led me and used me over the years. I find joy in serving the church and the larger church in this way. I began serving on boards in 1986 and continue to do so to the present. I feel that serving on the board provides the opportunity to help carry out God's mission through His church and His people. I think this is an awesome moment in time…to be a missional church.

Dave Hansen

I have been attending Five Forks Church with my family since 2001 when we moved here from Washington State. My wife, Arlene, and I have been involved in several ministries since coming to Five Forks. We have two children, Amy and Matt.

I have played guitar with the worship teams since 2001. Arlene and I have been members of the deacon board, where I served as Deacon Treasurer for 4 years. I also sat on the Church Board for 2 years as one of the deacon representatives to the board. I am currently a Vice President of finance for Bank of America Merchant Services responsible for monthly financial reporting, database administration and financial planning. My hobbies include hunting, wood-working, and home renovation.

When I was approached about serving as one of our Church Board members I was both humbled and honored. Thinking back on our family's connections with various church ministries over the years, both within Five Forks and prior churches, it's given me some insight on the workings of those ministries and observations on some of their needs or opportunities. I believe that one of gifts God has given me is a desire to look at things and find ways to strengthen or improve it. I would truly welcome the opportunity that this position could offer that would allow me to positively influence the church that we all call "home".

Harvey Payne

The love of my life is my wife, Heidi. We have been blest with three children: Sonja, Wes, and Linnea. For most of my "professional life" I have been a clinical child and consulting psychologist in private practice. I have also served internationally as a consultant for the Kuwait Center for Autism in Saudi Arabia, and the development of a center, Green Pastures, for disabled children in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Since 2006 I have been involved in full-time administration work in higher education; first in Columbia, SC, and now with Divine Mercy University in Arlington, VA. One of the reasons we relocated back in Waynesboro, PA, while working near D.C., was because of the Five Forks family. As an administrator, I especially enjoy developing and facilitating teams and programs that create a nourishing community that help individuals excel in using their giftedness to serve others in deep, meaningful ways

Heidi and I have been involved with various ministries including teaching Sunday school classes, women ministries, youth ministry, preaching/teaching, marriage and parenting classes, church board in different churches, and presenting at various seminars and retreats here at Five Forks, throughout the US, and overseas.

Heidi and I love Five Forks and want to serve where we can use our gifts. Five Forks has a strong foundation and many strengths, and is facing some significant current challenges and important tasks for the future. As Paul wrote in Galatians (6:9-10, ESV), I would like to help the church to “not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up,” and to encourage us “as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

Todd Smith

I have been married to my wife Sharon for 26 years. We have two married daughters; Danielle married to Nate Shadle, and Shyanne married to Tyler Noel. We also have two sons still at home, Evan and Brady.

I am employed as a transportation planner at Cargill in Shippensburg. I enjoy traveling with my wife, golfing, watching pretty much any sport, and spending time with my family.

I have been attending Five Forks since 1989 and have been involved in various ministries over the past 27 plus years. I've enjoyed working in children and youth ministries, serving on the church and deacon boards, assisting with C.A.P.P., teaching Sunday School, and helping to lead Life Groups. I have also been a mentor for a young man in the Joy-El 4-12 program and worked with the local Fellowship of Christian Athlete ministry.

I believe it is pretty obvious that Five Forks church is at a crossroads as we are in the process of filling two staff positions. We are also looking for answers as to why we have seen a steady decline in attendance in recent years. I would love to be part of a Christ-centered church board as we seek God's will for our church with the decisions to be made moving forward. I think that my previous experiences and my personality would allow me to be a valuable servant to our church, and more importantly to our Lord, if I am given the opportunity to serve in this role.

Jeff Stitely

My wife, Fawn, and I have two grown children, Sharon and Isaac. For the past 14 years I have been employed as Warehouse Manager at Rodney B. Smith plumbing and heating. I enjoy hunting, fishing and spending time with my family.

Through the years I have been involved in various ministries at Five Forks: Church Board, Youth Director, Sunday School teacher, Boys Club leader, VBS, Sunday Evening Planning Committee, Sound Room operator, Small Group leader, and the Food Pantry.

It has been a privilege to serve on the board for the past three years. In this time, I have gained insight into the process of decision-making and the inner workings of the church. Although we don't always agree on everything, I have been impressed that the board always maintains a Christ-like attitude in its dealings.

I believe Five Forks is at a pivotal point of change and future focus. I believe our focus should continue to be on the lost, discipleship, reaching out to the poor, and preaching from the Word of God. I believe numerical growth is important as long as the core focus is on growing people spiritually.