

The Senior Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), was elected by the congregation during our congregational meeting on December 4, 2016 at 10:25 a.m. This group of eleven covenant partners will be responsible for selecting our next Senior Pastor for Maple Valley Presbyterian Church.

MVPC - PNC

Ben Bicknell | Chris Bunn | Rich Craig | Jeff Downer | Faye Morley | Sue Quinn
Andrea Sielaff | Kari Stephens | Natasha Valach | Jessica Weis | David Wright

Ben Bicknell

My wife, Sue and I have attended MVPC since we enrolled our son, Brad, into the pre-school twenty-four years ago. Our twenty-five year old daughter, Emily, and Brad were both involved with all the youth programs through high school. Sue and I have served in various capacities at MVPC including Elder, Deacon, Financial Secretary, Greeting, Home Group Leaders, Music Ministry, Special Committees, and Vine Maple Place. David has been our pastor and friend for all these years and we will be sad to see him retire, yet happy for him. The Pastoral Nominating Committee has an important task ahead. It must find the next leader to continue the work of Jesus Christ in our community and continue to have MVPC play a significant role in that endeavor.

Prayer Request: For God's will in this process and to have faith in His plan for each of us and our church body.



Chris Bunn

I started attending MVPC when I was 12 years old. I had just moved here from Florida and in a time of major transition in my life our youth group was a place of comfort, it was the one thing I had to look forward to each week, ultimately it was the one thing that connected me to the Maple Valley community. I have been attending MVPC for 13 years now. I am still involved with our youth, serving alongside my wife, Lindsey every week answering



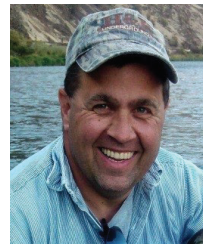
God's call to walk with and encourage the kids in our community. I believe God has called me to the PNC to help connect the interests of our young adults and youth in the decision of our new pastor.

Prayer Request: For wisdom and spiritual growth for our church during this time of transition.

Rich Craig

My family and I started attending MVPC in January 2000. Six months later I accepted Christ, became a member, and joined a home group. My family has been involved with home groups for about 14 of the 17 years that we've attended. My wife, Carol Anne, went to be with our Lord 3 years ago. We have two daughters, Miranda (20) and Taylor (17). Over the years I have served in a few positions: Sunday School Leader, Host Team Greeter, Usher, Deacon, VBS Volunteer, Mission trips to Nicaragua and Mexico with the youth, lead a Men's Study and I've also attended the Men's Bible Study classes for many years. After two weeks of prayer, concerning serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee, I had no clear answer from God. But what I did have was a deep concern for our church and the direction it would go in the next 10-20 years and so I accepted the nomination believing that this was His answer.

Prayer Request: I would ask that you all would pray for the Lord to fill the committee with His wisdom as we go into and through this process and that He would choose and bring His choice for MVPC's next Senior Pastor.



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Jeff Downer

My day job is to help families achieve their financial goals. However, my most important job is being a husband to Sarah and a dad to two little boys, Edison and Samuel. I've attended MVPC for almost four years. In that time I have served in Children's Ministry, as a greeter on the host team, and as a deacon. I have chosen to serve on the Pastoral Nominating Committee because I care about our church and wanted to do His part to help make this transition a success.



Prayer request: Pray for our community and that the Holy Spirit guides each step of this process. God knows who our next pastor is supposed to be. I pray that we let Him make the decision.

Faye Morley

My husband, Kurt and I have been married for 33 years, and we have 4 adult children who grew up at MVPC. We have attended here for nearly 24 years, and have been involved with Children's Ministries, Marriage Ministries, Small Groups, and Peacemakers. I was privileged to serve on Staff in Children's Ministry for 16 years, 14 of which I served as director. My participation in the PNC is a fulfillment of a commitment to our church and Pastor David as we transition to our envisioned future; while still honoring our history and providing input from a church staff perspective.



Prayer Request: I ask that we pray expectantly and without ceasing for the new Pastor that Christ has been preparing to lead our congregation into the future, for the staff and leaders of our church in a time of transition, and for the PNC itself to serve in humbleness, with the mind of Christ, and on their knees.

Sue Quinn

My husband, Dick and I have attended MVPC for over thirty years. Both our children grew up in the children's and youth programs and were confirmed here. Our son Scott, Veronica and their two daughters attend MVPC as well. I have been a Sunday school teacher, a deacon, a participant in



Women's Bible study, member of the women's ministry team, and an elder. I also served on the discernment team as we made the decision to join ECO, and in negotiating the terms of our departure from the PCUSA. I continue to participate in the women's Bible study and am on the Peacemaking Team. We are part of a small group. I care deeply about my church family and hope that we can honor the past as we move into the future. I am committed to prayerfully seek God's plan as a member of the PNC.

Prayer request: That I would humbly listen more than I speak, and trust God.

Andrea Sielaff

My husband, Nate and I, along with our sons Isaac (9) and Gideon (5), have attended MVPC since 2007. At MVPC, I have served as a Coach for Home Group Leaders, a VBS volunteer, and as a Power Group Leader in the youth program. I am excited to put my experience -- leadership development as a college minister with InterVarsity, screening interviews for World Vision, and teaching vocational direction at The Seattle School--to work in service to the church. Mostly, though, I love the people here and hope for a bright future for us as a body of Christ.

Prayer Request: That our faith community would unite around the core values of our core ECO values.



Kari Stephens

Growing up my family did not attend church, but a friend invited me to MVPC's middle school youth program when I was in sixth grade. My husband, Matt and I started attending MVPC in 2007, joined a home group and got married at MVPC. We have three beautiful children, Kenzie (6), Gavin (4) and Carson (2) whom have all had their first birthdays in the church and have been baptized in this sanctuary (as was myself). My kids are part of the New Life preschool, and Kenzie is in the creative kids group. I have been a table group facilitator for women's bible study, a group leader for VBS, and a power group leader for 628 for the past few years.

It is my hope that I will be able to bring a voice to the



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PNC that represents young families. Whether or not these families have been raised in the church, or if they have the mindset of "it'll be good for the kids" but aren't fully committed themselves. We have the amazing opportunity to start fresh at this church and I can't wait to see how God works through this process.

Prayer request: For God to lead us to the right pastor in a timely manner. That the new pastor will fit as the missing piece to our church's new leadership team and that the transition would happen smoothly. Also, please pray for my family, as this process will be taking some extra time away from them.

Natasha Valach

My husband, Steve and I moved to Maple Valley in 1999 shortly after getting married and started attending MVPC. We have two boys, Isaiah (14) and Elijah (10), who have grown up in the church, both baptized by Pastor David and attended our New Life preschool. Over the years, Steve and I have volunteered in Children's Ministries. Our family is part of a family home group which is an anchor for our family in dealing with aging parents, being parents and walking life together.

Currently I am honored to serve MVPC as an elder and member of the transition team. As part of the transition team and PNC, I hope to provide a smooth transition between the two committees and guidance as we move forward to the next phase of the pastoral search process. I am excited to see what God has planned for His church in Maple Valley.

Prayer request: As a church body, please pray for our journey, to calm anxious hearts and provide peace in the midst of change. For the PNC, please pray that God will direct our steps, guide our path and provide wisdom throughout the selection process.



Jessica Weis

My husband, Bill and I have attended MVPC since 2008. We have been a part of several home groups, and are now leaders ourselves for the past 5 years. Our 2 girls, Gracie (12) and Emmarie (7) have taken part in many of the youth ministries and activities. This is a pivotal part of our lives and something we are thankful for as our girls are



raised in a community of believers who love, support, and challenge both them and us.

It is a blessing and an honor to be a part of this important committee. While change can be difficult and uncomfortable, I look forward to the things that are ahead of us as a church. I feel that we are called as Believers to honor and grow in the Lord where he has placed us at that time. While church and community is important for us for many reasons, it serves even more as a form of worship. I am so excited to be a part of this transition team as we move forward into this next chapter.

Prayer request: For clarity and unity as a team and also as a church through this process as well as time management, balancing and prioritizing professional, personal, and committee items.

David Wright

My wife, Kami, and our two girls Morgan (13) and Annika (9) moved from Colorado to Washington in December 2013. Our entire family has been blessed through MVPC's covenant partners in so many ways. We have found life-long friends and spiritual accountability through our beloved home group. Kami enjoys women's Bible study, serving in Children's Ministry and being part of the Worship Team. Morgan is active in 628 and her Discipleship Group, and Annika loves Sunday school and drama programs.

I have been blessed to be involved in multiple men's activities including helping lead the Tony Dungy Bible study, Monday morning men's group at Panera, and helping coordinate the Men's Retreat. My family and I have grown more in the Lord since joining MVPC than at any point through our life and we are fully committed to this local body of Christ and our Maple Valley community. I am absolutely honored and humbled to serve the Lord, and MVPC, on the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). I am so excited and give my time and talents to meet the Lord where He is working and join Him and the others led to serve you on the PNC.

Prayer Request: As we start this process I ask that you pray the Holy Spirit helps us stay focused on His will through the entire process, not our own.

