

Scott Carter and his wife, Linda, decided to make Highlands home five years ago and are thrilled with this decision. He was raised in a small delta town in eastern Arkansas in a farming family. He attended the University of Arkansas, where he met Linda, then married and moved to Memphis and continued the family farming business for years. He eventually worked for Mid-America Apartment Communities doing capital planning/project chairman.

During their years in Memphis, Scott and Linda loved attending Second Presbyterian Church where he served as a Junior Deacon, Children's Committee member, and nursery volunteer. Their daughter moved to Athens, GA, with their two granddaughters, and their son moved to Asheville, NC, making their decision to move to Highlands easy. Scott enjoys hiking, working outside on projects, and is active with the Rotary Club of Highlands, serving as its Club Services Chairperson.

Scott filled in as Membership Elder for the Session at FPCH for over a year. Linda enjoys teaching Children's Sunday School and helping with FPCH Flower Guild.

Lamira Fondren has been coming to Highlands all her life visiting both grandparents who were full time summer residents. She grew up exploring the mountains with her cousins and attending the First Presbyterian Church. As the special church center of her family, most of their weddings and baptisms have taken place in the sanctuary.

Lamira and her husband, Cary, raised their children in Greenville, S.C., but during Covid and after retirement, they winterized and expanded their inherited home in Highlands and now spend much of their time here. They love again being affiliated with FPCH.

In her previous life, Lamira was a social worker focused on adoptions in Atlanta and Boston, and then moved into management with a NY Fashion company for 26 years before retiring.

George Manning is a retired lawyer. He grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina and graduated from UNC and then Columbia Law School. A trial lawyer, he practiced in New York, Washington DC, Atlanta and Dallas. He and his wife Cathy have had a home in Highlands since 2008 and spend over 70% of their time in Highlands. Cathy is a lifelong Presbyterian and George happily joined FPCH about five years ago. He serves as Personnel Ministry Team chair and on the Session.

Bob Markley is a retired investment manager who co-founded Heartland Capital Management in Indianapolis in 1984. He is a graduate of Michigan State University with a graduate degree from the Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management. Jean and Bob have lived in Cashiers (next to Highlands) part time since 2006 and became full time residents in 2018. They have been members of FPCH since 2019. Bob is on the Church's finance committee and chairs the endowment committee.

Delaine Nelson lived in Atlanta for most of her adult life first as a CFO for a General Contractor and then as a stay-at-home mama. She was also a seasonal Highlands resident for twenty years. In 2013 she moved to Highlands year round. Until her move to Highlands, she had belonged to both the Mt. Bethel Methodist Church in Atlanta and the United Methodist Church of Highlands (as an Associate Member). When she came to Highlands full time, she joined FPCH, where she felt welcome and loved from her very first visit. She met her husband, Tom, in 2014 and they married at FPCH in 2018. Delaine and Tom have enjoyed serving their church as greeters, ushers and part of the Congregational Care Team. Delaine served as Clerk of Session for two terms, has been on the Personnel Ministry Team assisting three different Elders and is now helping with the Children's

Sunday School. She was honored to be asked to be on the APNC and looks forward to meeting the person that God has for us!

Tom (Teeter) Smith was born in Chattanooga, TN and raised in Atlanta, Georgia where he grew up and attended Druid Hills Baptist Church. Tom graduated from the University of Georgia. After graduation, Tom married his wife Kay and they moved to Highlands NC from 1962-1980 where he was President of the Highlands Nantahala Company Inc., which owned and operated Highlands Country Club. During his employment he was also the Head Golf Professional. In 1980, they moved to Alpharetta, Georgia while Tom worked at Horseshoe Bend County Club until 2006 as the Head Golf Professional. He joined the PGA of America in 1973 and is still an active member.

Upon retirement, Tom and Kay returned to their "little piece of heaven" in 2006 where they joined FPCH. Tom served two terms on Session, chairing both the Property and Finance Ministry Teams. He also co-chaired the committee to build the Memorial Garden.

Tom and Kay have 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren. Their son currently resides in Alpharetta, Georgia with his wife, and their daughter resides with her husband in Blairsville, Georgia.

Cindy Trevathan and her husband, Rick, purchased a summer home in Highlands in 2002 to escape the Texas heat. They moved to Highlands year-round in 2010 thinking this idyllic town would be a better place to raise their young son than Houston Texas. A retired chemical engineer who worked in the oil industry for 20 years, Cindy has been involved in numerous local nonprofits including the charter school, Rabun Gap Nacoochee School, the women's shelter and several arts groups. Her family has been a member of FPCH for six years where she currently serves as the Congregational Care Elder.

Donna Woods, along with husband, Marty Rosenfield, moved from Atlanta to Highlands, NC in 1990, after buying Lakeside Restaurant, which they owned and operated for 24 years before selling and (semi) retiring.

Donna's careers in Hospitality, Catering, event planning, residential real estate and wedding coordinator have spanned for 50 years. She was deeply involved in The Bascom, Highlands Fine Art Center, not only as a board member, but as its first event director when the building was presented to the community. She has been involved in many community events, boards and could not imagine living anywhere else but Highlands. She was a Session member for two terms, a Building Committee Member, and served as a member of a previous PNC, and FPCH member for over 20 years.

Her husband, Marty is FPCH's Food Coordinator and cooks our monthly luncheons and Sonshine School Family dinners.