

# Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

## Biographies ~ December 2006

**Jay Braitsch**, a member of NPC since 1998, has served the church in several capacities, with his wife, Joan. They were founding chairs of the Marriage Ministry Council -- organizing the Prepare for Marriage classes (7-week program, offered three times per year) as well as Marriage Mentor activities. They established the Romantic Dinner event and served on the planning committee for the first three years. Jay and his wife were Co-Deans of the 24th and 25th All-Church Retreats. Jay has also served on the organization team for "NPC and Me" membership classes. He works in strategic planning for the U.S. Department of Energy.

**Julia McCalmon** has been a member of NPC since 1999. She and her husband, Brian, began attending National when they were first married, over ten years ago. Both of their sons have been baptized at NPC. Joe, age 6, currently attends National Presbyterian School and Ben, age 3, will start at NPS next year. Julia enjoys assisting Brian with parish activities, in his role as deacon. She is also a substitute Sunday School teacher for 1st grade. Julia is a partner and practice group leader for the international trade group at her law firm.

**Dorothy (Dottie) McKnight** joined NPC in 1978. She completed Stephen Ministry training in 1988 and has served as an active Stephen Minister since then. Dottie has served on the officer Nominating Committee, worked at the Alternative Gifts at Christmas Market, and has also sung in the Festival Chorus several times. Dottie has a B.S. from Ursinus College and an M.Ed from Temple University. She has taught and coached at Interboro High School in suburban Philadelphia, at Michigan State University and the University of Maryland. She is president and part owner of a consulting company and has managed several nonprofit organizations in women's athletics.

**Susan Osann** and her husband, Ed, joined NPC in 1999. In 2000, Susan was hired as NPC's Administrative Assistant to the Congregational Care Pillar, a position she held for six years. Susan participates in Grace Chimes, NPC's handbell choir. She is also involved in the Care Ministry program and has assisted as a volunteer with new members classes. At the beginning of 2007, Susan will serve as one of the parish deacons for the Chevy Chase/DC neighborhood where she and her family reside. Susan is the Executive Assistant to the President/CEO of Sibley Memorial Hospital.

**Elaine Parks** has been a member of NPC since 1995. She completed the Bethel series in 1995 and has attended several Institute for Christian Studies courses. Elaine served on the board of the Library and Archives from 2004 to 2005 and has also been a visitor with the In Touch program in 2005-2006. Since 1990, she has been an analyst with the Department of Justice. Elaine enjoys running and competing in triathlons.

**Tyler Rauert** has been a member of NPC for five years. He has served on the committee for the All-Church Picnic and has been active with the new members ministry. He currently serves on the Connections in Ministry and Mission (CMM) team and in childrens ministry. In his professional life, Tyler is an Assistant Professor at the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University. He and his wife, Cindi, live in Arlington.

**Mary Ann White** joined NPC in 1989. She sings in the Choir and has also been a deacon in the past. Mary Ann is active in the Womens Association and has served on the officer Nominating Committee. She has also twice been a delegate to PC(USA) General Assembly.