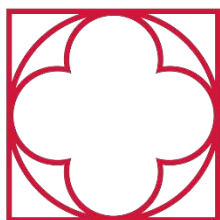


2025 Officiary



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**First United Methodist Church
Birmingham, Michigan
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COUNCIL and LEAD COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Senior Pastor:	Charles Boayue, Jr.
Pastor of Next Gen Ministries:	Zack Dunlap
Pastor of Congregational Care:	Sarah Alexander
Pastor of Children & Youth:	Rachael M. Dunlap
Chairperson:	Ann Littleton (25)
Vice Chairperson	Tom Aubrey (26)
Secretary:	Gwen Moore (25)
Treasurer:	Jeff Hockman (26)
Assistant Treasurer:	
Lay Leaders:	Mixie Hockman (26), Ron Reynolds (27) , Sharon Ulep (27)
UWF (formerly UMW) President:	Kimberly Uptergrove
Board of Trustees Chairperson:	Bob Feldmaier
Staff Parish Relations Chairperson:	Melissa Peirce (26)
Finance Committee Chairperson:	<i>Don MacDonald (25)</i>
Endowment Fund Board Chairperson:	Eric Freeburg (26)
Investment Committee Chairperson:	Rob Grabiell (26)
Seminary Relations Chairperson:	<i>Christy Glick (25)</i>
Technology Committee Chairperson:	Adam Deal (26)
Discipleship Committee	George Work (25)
Church and Society:	Rachel Taylor (27)
Connecting/Hospitality:	<i>Margaret Maddux (25)</i> , Melissa Ng (26)
Hunger:	Robin Adams (26), Patty Eble (26)
Missions:	Bridget Schipper (25)
First Kids Preschool:	Megan Korzeniewski
Alignment Coordinator:	Anna Ruth Kendall (27)
At Large Members:	Jill Brouhard (25), Eric Pelton (25), Jane Pettibone (27) Jim Rillema (25)

Lay Members of Michigan Annual Conference

Class of 2027:	Jeremiah Wade-Olson, Brian & Julie White, Jane/Doug Carvell, Bridget Schipper
Class of 2026:	Gabe Ervin, Judy Turner, Mary Deal
Class of 2025:	Elizabeth Boayue, Buff & Roger Cummings, Mary Jane Russell, Linda White

Alternate 2027: Jeff & Luanne Grabiell, John & Linda Smaga

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson: Bob Feldmaier
Vice Chairperson: Tim Dickerson
Secretary: Kyle Denzler
Finance Rep.: Kathy Nauer
Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.
Staff Liaisons: Tony Kotwicki, Frank Turco

Class of 2027: Tim Dickerson, Gayle McGarvah, Kathy Nauer
Class of 2026: Bob Feldmaier, Lee Gillet, Steve Read,
Class of 2025: Kyle Denzler, Ted Farmer, Bob Pierce

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ann Littleton (25)
Vice Chairperson: Tom Aubrey (26)
Secretary: Gwen Moore (25)
Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.
Staff Liaison: Frank Turco
Lay Leaders: Mixie Hockman (26), Ron Reynolds (27), Sharon Ulep (27)
Trustees Chairperson: Bob Feldmaier
SPRC Chairperson: Melissa Peirce (26)
Finance Chairperson: Don MacDonald (25)
Discipleship Chairperson: George Work (25)
Missions Chairperson: Bridget Schipper (25)
Alignment Coordinator: Anna Ruth Kendall (27)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Don MacDonald (25)
Vice Chairperson: Karen Mobley (26)
Treasurer: Jeff Hockman (26)
Assistant Treasurer: _____
Secretary: Ron O'Neill (26)
Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.
Staff Liaison: Frank Turco

Members at Large:

Class of 2027: Cathy Hilfinger,
Class of 2026: Dan Brewer, Karen Mobley, Ron O'Neill, Chuck Truza,
Class of 2025: Jimmy Banyai, Don MacDonald, Josh Miller, Kim Stoner, Catherine Turnbull

Members by Position:

Lay Leaders, Administrative Council Chairperson, Audit Committee Chairperson or designee, One Representative of Lay Members to Michigan Conference, Trustee Treasurer, United Women in Faith Treasurer

Authorized Check Signers: Jeff Hockman (Treasurer) _____ (Asst. Treasurer), Doris Hall

Authorized to Sell Donated Securities

Frank Turco (Director of Finance and Operations)

NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.
Staff Liaison: Sarah Alexander
Lay Leaders: Mixie Hockman (26), Ron Reynolds (27), Sharon Ulep (27)
Class of 2027: Mary Deal, Mary Feldmaier, Lyndsay Franklin, Mary Jane Russell
Class of 2026: Susan Ives, Barb Poff
Class of 2025: Tim Dickerson, Jeff Grabiell

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Melissa Peirce (26)
Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.
Lay Leaders: Mixie Hockman (26), Ron Reynolds (27), Sharon Ulep (27)
Class of 2027: Leah Blinstrub, Peter Layer, Zack Olson
Class of 2026: Jill Brouhard, Tim Chak, Melissa Peirce
Class of 2025: Karen Carter, Erin Schweibold, Julie Work

COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Jim Campagne (25)
Staff Liaison: Frank Turco
Li:
Class of 2027: Deborah Friday, Dick Shirley, Tim Weeks
Class of 2026: Diana Freeburg, Blake Green, Fred Green
Class of 2025: Jim Campagne, George Dilgard, Mike Schulte

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Members: Ron Aten, Frank Mei, Bob Pierce, Tom Russell, Rich Teets
Staff Liaisons: Tony Kotwicki, Frank Turco **Trustee Liaison:** _____

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (CLC) LEADERSHIP TEAM

Chairperson: Glenn Moore
Vice Chairperson: Denese Forbes
Staff CLC Coordinator: Gloria Fulton
Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy Packard
Unite 3 on 3: Beth Torrey
Trustee Liaison: _____
Class of 2027: Page Gorman, Julie Loiselle, Katie Otsberg
Class of 2026: Dawn Thomas
Class of 2025: Nancy Keesee, Melinda McTaggart-Stone

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Chairperson: George Work (25)
Clergy Liaison: Alex Plum (27)

Class of 2027: Gretchen Brewer, Josh Denzler, Lori Monacelli, Dave Wint

Class of 2026: Carolyn Kidney, Deb Lobring, Don Magee, Ronnie Townes, Rosalind “Roz” Townes

Class of 2025: Barb Glick, Dale Glick, Jennifer Williams, George Work

ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD

Chairperson: Eric Freeburg (26)
Staff Liaison: Charles Boayue

Class of 2029: John Stevens

Class of 2028: Lon Bone, Bob Sutherland

Class of 2027: Jeff Cort, Claude Oleson, Lisa Wells

Class of 2026: Doug Carvell, Eric Freeburg, Holly Pisano

Class of 2025: Gayle McGarvah, Jim Valiquett

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Rob Grabiell (26)
Staff Liaison: Frank Turco
Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.

Class of 2028: Diana Freeburg, Paul Keller

Class of 2027: Kevin Heckman, Rick Nauer

Class of 2026: Rob Grabiell, Colin Lennox

Class of 2025: Mark Lachowicz, Andy Schueler

Trustee Representative: _____

Endowment Fund Board Representative: _____

MULTI-SITE MINISTRY TEAM

Chairperson: Josh Denzler
Staff Liaison: Zack Dunlap
Members: Len Billingsley, Jill Brouhard, Austin Kendall, Ron Reynolds

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

Members by Position

SPRC Liaison: _____
Staff Liaison: Tony Kotwicki
Member: Kristen Armstrong

Trustee Liaison: _____
Advisor: Cyndi Cummings

PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Marlee Bresso
Clergy Contact: **Rachael Dunlap**
Preschool Director: Megan Korzeniewski
Trustee Liaison: _____
SPRC Liaison: _____

2s Teal & Turquoise: Kristen Bolitho and Marlee Bresso
Pink 3s: Lauren Williams
Pink 4s: Alicia DeCarolis
Red/Yellow 3s:
Green/Orange 4s: **Morgan Jacobson** and Alex Kotlarek
Young 5s: Kristen Decker

SCOUTING MINISTRY OVERSIGHT TEAM

Executive Officer: **Zack Dunlap (27)**
Troop 1032 – Birmingham: **Larry Phillips (27)**
Pack 1032 – Birmingham: **Sandeep Sabharwal (27)**
Troop 1085 – Berkley: **Troy Van Pelt (27)**
Troop 1085G – Berkley: **Tanya McDonnell (27)**
Trustees Liaison:

Members:

SEMINARY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: *Christy Glick (25)*
Staff Liaison: Sarah Alexander
Class of 2027:
Class of 2026: Gretchen Brewer, John Carter, Lee Gillett, Robin Read, Ron Reynolds
Class of 2025: Christy Glick, Nancy Keesee, Erin Schweibold

Seminary Board Members

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary: Cliff Bath, **Charles Boayue, Jr., Bishop Laurie Haller**
Duke Divinity School: Eric Law

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Adam Deal (26)
Staff Liaison: Bruce Richardson
Trustee Liaison: _____
Members: Adam Deal, **Mike Gorman, Michelle Jansen**, Jim Maddox, Don Magee, John Matthews, Corryl Parr, Mark Theobald, Chuck Truza, Catherine Wegert

SERVICE MINISTRIES

CHURCH AND SOCIETY MINISTRY

Chairperson: Rachel Taylor (27)
Vice Chairperson: Karen Plants (27)
Clergy Liaison: Charles Boayue

Class of 2027: Margaret Buccini, Joan Duncan, Lynette Leroux, Karen Plants, Sue Smith, Ann Tenniswood, Rosalind Townes, Patrice Wade-Olson
Class of 2026: Carole Dills, Dick Dills, Gabe Ervin, Donna Haymond, Linda Remington, Barb Saul, Bridget Schipper, Beth Torrey, Jan Wade
Class of 2025:

Bread for the World Representative:
Fair Trade Coffee Sales: Claude Oleson, Susan Oleson
United Women of Faith Representative: Cynthia Dona

CONNECTING/HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Co-Chairpersons: Margaret Maddux (25), Melissa Ng (26)
Clergy Liaison: Sarah Alexander
Volunteer Liaison: Mary Feldmaier

Class of 2027: Lamia Banyai
Class of 2026: Suzanne Cory, Kathy Mechigian, Gwen Moore, Melissa Ng
Class of 2025: Luanne Grabiel, Jan Hess-Wahl, Katie Kilpatrick, Jill Lohr, Joy Murray, Judy Turner

Worship Transportation Coordinator: Melissa Ng

HUNGER MINISTRY

Chairpersons: Robin Adams (26), Patty Eble (26)
Clergy Contact: Sarah Alexander

Class of 2027: Maureen Martin
Class of 2026: Robin Adams, Pam Byrd, Patty Eble, Deb Hamel, Lisa Kost, Nancy McNab, Michael Reinker, Sue Schowalter, Georgia Vitick
Class of 2025: Sue Myers, Steve Packard, Tammy Packard

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Chairperson: Jane Carvell (25)
Staff Liaison: Tony Kotwicki
Trustee Liaison: _____

Members: Craig Berg, Katie Kirkpatrick, Nancy McNab, Lori Monacelli, Lori Noyd, Corryl Parr, Sharon Pugh, Steve Read, Jim Rillema, Marcy Van de Grift

MISSIONS MINISTRY

Chairperson:	Bridget Schipper (25)
Vice Chairperson:	
Staff Liaison:	Zack Dunlap
Secretary:	Tim Weeks (26)
Treasurer:	Bob Everson (25)
Angel Tree:	Liz Rito
Art & Soul:	Donna Haymond
Baldwin Center:	Bob Everson
Brightmoor (RBI):	Ken Hamel and Jean McKeehan
Cass:	Karla Bole
Cuba:	Marilyn Numan
Czech Republic:	Donna Haymond and Kirsten Layer
Focus HOPE:	Amy Bouque, Kathy Nauer
Ghana:	Vida Owusu-Agyei, Kwaku Twum Jr.
Haiti:	Jackie Keller, Paul Keller, John Smith, Nancy Smith
Hands On Mission:	Leah Blinstrub , Patty Reynolds
Henderson Settlement:	Sue Walters
Honduras:	Chris Kinney and Lorrie Kinney
Hope Shelters:	Karen Plants
India:	Linda Klepaczyk
Liberia:	Helen Hicks
MCHS Family of Services:	Nancy Overman, Connie Pelton
Micah 6:	Steve Read
NOAH:	Jim Valiquett, Merry Beth Valiquett, Sue Walters
Sneedville, Tennessee:	Barb Pobst
StreeThreads:	Jim Valiquett, Merry Beth Valiquett, Sue Walters
UMCOR:	Linda Richards

Members at Large:

Class of 2027: Leah Blinstrub, Julie Chamberlain, *Shawn Ciemniecki*, Linda Richards

Class of 2026: Tim Weeks

Class of 2025: Heidi Geissbuhler

Fantasy Football/March Madness for Missions Representative: Mark Adams

United Women in Faith (UWIF) Representative: Wendy Kreitz

Chairperson Emeritus: Laura Dickerson **Nomination Committee Liaison:** Sue Ives

NOTATIONS:

(*italics*) = denotes a person whose term of office is being extended.

(**bold**) = denotes a person beginning a term of office in a new position.

() = denotes vacancies to be filled sometime after the 2024 annual church conference.

Report to the Annual Church Conference
December 9, 2024
Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development

On behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, I move that the entire nominations report, including all corrections made tonight, be approved for 2025 as noted in the printed report. I also request that typo errors and minor corrections be submitted to me at cboayue@fumcbirmingham.org within the next 5 days for editing before we submit the final copy of this report to the Greater Detroit District and the Michigan Conference. Unless otherwise noted, all changes to this report will take effect on January 1, 2025.

On behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, we thank all people who have served this year in various positions. Please hold your applause until I have called all names. Please stand and remain standing when your name is called.

1. Mary Jane Russell – Lay Leader
2. Barbara Baughman – Administrative Council Secretary
3. Sharon Ulep – Trustees Chairperson
4. Frank Driscoll – Church & Society Chairperson
5. Lay Members of the Michigan Annual Conference:
 - a. David Dale
 - b. Sue Dale
 - c. Candy Law
 - d. Eric Law
 - e. Darrell White
6. I ask now for all committee members and ministry volunteers who are completing their terms and moving on to new opportunities to please stand as they are able. Thank you very much for your service to the mission of God through First United Methodist Church.

On behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, we thank the hundreds of members and friends who step up daily to do the work of God. I thank your nominations committee members who worked diligently discerning, recruiting, and recommending faithful leaders for volunteer service. Finally, I thank my wife, Elizabeth, and our family for their prayers and support. It is not always easy to be a pastor's spouse in times of difficulty for the church. Thank you for being there for me and our church. With thanksgiving, we give the glory to God.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.
Senior Pastor and Chairperson

Members: Mary Deal, Tim Dickerson, Jeff Grabiell, Ilona Hawk, Susan Ives, Barb Poff,
and Darrell White.

Staff Liaison: Mary Feldmaier, Sarah Alexander

Lay Leaders: Mixie Hockman, Mary Jane Russell