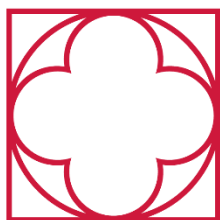


2026 Officiary



**BIRMINGHAM FIRST
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A UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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First United Methodist Church
Birmingham, Michigan
Officiary – November 20, 2026

COUNCIL and LEAD COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Senior Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.*
Pastor of Next Gen Ministries:	Rev. Zack Dunlap*
Pastor of Congregational Care:	Rev. Sarah Alexander*
Associate Pastor:	Rev. Rachael M. Dunlap*
Chairperson:	Eric Pelton (28)
Vice Chairperson	Tom Aubrey (26)
Secretary:	Kyle Denzler (28)
Treasurer:	Jeff Hockman (26)
Assistant Treasurer:	Paul Keller (28)
Lay Leaders:	Mixie Hockman (26), Ron Reynolds (28), Sharon Ulep (27)
UWF (formerly UMW) President:	Kimberly Uptergrove
Board of Trustees Chairperson:	_____ (26)
Staff Parish Relations Chairperson:	Melissa Peirce (26)
Finance Committee Chairperson:	Karen Mobley (27)
Endowment Fund Board Chairperson:	Eric Freeburg (26)
Investment Committee Chairperson:	Rob Grabiell (26)
Seminary Relations Chairperson:	<i>Christy Glick (26)</i>
Technology Committee Chairperson:	Adam Deal (26)
Discipleship Chairperson:	Roz Townes (28)
Church and Society:	Rachel Taylor (27)
Connecting/Hospitality:	Margaret Maddux (26), Melissa Ng (26)
Hunger:	Robin Adams (26), Patty Eble (26)
Missions:	<i>Bridget Schipper (26)</i>
Christian Life Center Committee Chairperson:	Julie Loiselle (28)
First Kids Preschool:	Megan Korzeniewski
Alignment Coordinator:	Anna Ruth Kendall (27)
Members at Large:	David Coe (28) , Beverly Hannett-Price (27), Jane Pettibone (27) Jim Rillema (27)

Lay Members of Michigan Annual Conference

Class of 2028:	Jeff Grabiell, Luanne Grabiell, Ron Reynolds, John Smaga, Linda Smaga,
Class of 2027:	Doug Carvell, Jane Carvell, Bridget Schipper, Sharon Ulep, Jeremiah Wade-Olson, Brian White, Julie White
Class of 2026:	<i>Elizabeth Boayue, Mary Deal, Gabe Ervin, Mixie Hockman, Melissa Peirce, Judy Turner</i>
Alternate 2028:	Bill Peirce, Ron Noyd, Lori Noyd, Vicki Corwin, Barb Poff <i>(alternates members are listed in order of election)</i>

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson:	_____ (26)
Vice Chairperson:	_____ (26)
Secretary:	_____ (26)
Finance Rep.:	_____ (26)
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.*
Staff Liaisons:	Tony Kotwicki*, Frank Turco*
Class of 2028:	Anita Barrett, John Kreitz, James Reinker
Class of 2027:	Tim Dickerson, Gayle McGarvah, Kathy Nauer
Class of 2026:	Bob Feldmaier, Lee Gillett, Steve Read

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson:	Eric Pelton (28)
Vice Chairperson:	Tom Aubrey (26)
Secretary:	Kyle Denzler (28)
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.*
Director of Operations:	Casey Proch*
Lay Leaders:	Mixie Hockman (26), Ron Reynolds (27), Sharon Ulep (27)
Trustees:	_____ (26)
Staff Parish Relations:	Melissa Peirce (26)
Finance:	Karen Mobley (27)
Discipleship:	Roz Townes (28)
Missions:	<i>Bridget Schipper</i> (26)
Alignment Coordinator:	Anna Ruth Kendall (27)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson:	Karen Mobley (27)
Vice Chairperson:	Tim Weeks (28)
Treasurer:	Jeff Hockman (26)
Assistant Treasurer:	Paul Keller (28)
Secretary:	Ron O'Neill (26)
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.*
Annual Conference Lay Member:	_____
Administrative Council Chairperson:	Eric Pelton (28)
SPRC Chairperson or Rep.:	Melissa Peirce (26)
Trustee Rep. (chosen by Trustees):	_____
Chair of Stewardship:	Jill Brouhard
United Women in Faith Treasurer:	Debbie Friday
Staff Liaison, Director of Finance:	Frank Turco*
Lay Leader:	Sharon Ulep
Members at Large:	
Class of 2028:	<i>Jimmy Banyai</i>
Class of 2027:	Cathy Hilfinger
Class of 2026:	Dan Brewer, Ron O'Neill, Chuck Truza
Authorized Check Signers:	Jeff Hockman (Treasurer) Paul Keller (Asst. Treasurer), Doris Hall
Authorized to Sell Donated Securities:	Frank Turco (Director of Finance)

NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.
Vice Chair: Mary Deal (27)
Secretary: Barbara Poff (26)
Staff Liaison: Rev. Sarah Alexander*
Lay Leaders: Mixie Hockman (26)
Class of 2028: **Patrice Wade-Olson**
Class of 2027: Mary Feldmaier, Lyndsay Franklin, Mary Jane Russell
Class of 2026: *Susan Ives*, Melissa Peirce

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Melissa Peirce (26)
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.*
Lay Leader: **Ron Reynolds (28)**
Class of 2028: **DeAnn Forbes, Dale Glick, Jeff Grabiell**
Class of 2027: Leah Blinstrub, Peter Layer, Zack Olson
Class of 2026: Jill Brouhard, Melissa Peirce

COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: *Jim Campagne (26)*
Vice Chairperson: _____ (28)
Staff Liaison: Frank Turco*
Class of 2028: **Laura Buus, George Dilgard, Mike Schulte**
Class of 2027: Debbie Friday, Dick Shirley
Class of 2026: *Diana Freeburg*, Blake Green, Fred Green

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE

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

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER (CLC) COMMITTEE

Chairperson: **Julie Loiselle (28)**
Vice Chairperson: Denese Forbes
Staff CLC Coordinator: Gloria Fulton
Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy Packard
Unite 3 on 3: Beth Torrey
Trustee Liaison: _____
Class of 2028: *Nancy Keese*, _____, _____
Class of 2027: Page Gorman, Katie Otsberg
Class of 2026: Dawn Thomas

EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Co-Chairpersons: Roz Townes (28)
Vice Chairperson: Karen Carter (28)
Clergy Liaison: Rev. Rachael Dunlap*
Class of 2028: Rev. Heidi Reinker, James Reinker
Class of 2027: Gretchen Brewer, Josh Denzler, Lori Monacelli, Dave Wint
Class of 2026: Carolyn Kidney, Deb Lobring, Don Magee, Ronnie Townes

ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD

Chairperson: Eric Freeburg (26)
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.*
Staff Liaison: Karen Murphy*
Class of 2030: Josh Miller, Liz Hoilmes, _____
Class of 2029: Beverly Hannett-Price, John Stevens
Class of 2028: Lon Bone, Bob Sutherland
Class of 2027: Jeff Cort, Claude Oleson, Lisa Wells
Class of 2026: Doug Carvell, Holly Pisano

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Rob Grabiell (26)
Vice Chair: _____
Staff Liaison: Frank Turco*
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.*
Class of 2029: _____
Class of 2028: Diana Freeburg, Paul Keller
Class of 2027: Kevin Heckman, Rick Nauer
Class of 2026: Colin Lennox

Trustee Representative: _____
Endowment Representative: _____

MULTI-SITE MINISTRY TEAM

Chairperson: Josh Denzler (26)
Clergy Liaison: Rev. Zack Dunlap*
Class of 2026: Len Billingsley, Jill Brouhard, Austin Kendall, Ron Reynolds

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

SPRC Liaison: Peter Layer
Staff Liaison: Tony Kotwicki*
Member: Kristen Armstrong
Trustee Liaison: _____
Advisor: Cyndi Cummings

PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Marlee Bresso
Preschool Director: Megan Korzeniewski
Clergy Liaison: _____
Trustee Liaison: _____
SPRC Liaison: _____
Director of Operations: **Casey Proch***
Turquoise: Morgan Jacobson, Alex Kotlarek
3s, 4s and Young 5s: Marlee Bresso, Kristen Bolitho

SCOUTING MINISTRY OVERSIGHT TEAM

Executive Officer: Rev. 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: _____

SEMINARY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: *Christy Glick (26)*
Vice Chairperson: **Russ Ives (28)**
Clergy Liaison: Rev. Sarah Alexander*
Class of 2028: **Judy Barkel, Simone Frame, Tricia Meade**
Class of 2027: *Gretchen Brewer, Robin Read*
Class of 2026: John Carter, Lee Gillett, Ron Reynolds

Seminary Board Members

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

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Adam Deal (26)
Staff Liaison: Bruce Richardson*
Trustee Liaison: _____
Members: 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:	Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.*
Class of 2028:	_____
Class of 2027:	Margaret Buccini, Joan Duncan, Karen Plants, Sue Smith, Ann Tenniswood, Roz 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
Bread for the World Representative:	_____
Fair Trade Coffee Sales:	Claude Oleson, Susan Oleson
United Women in Faith Representative:	_____

CONNECTING/HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Co-Chairpersons:	<i>Margaret Maddux (26), Melissa Ng (26)</i>
Vice Chairperson:	Elizabeth Robbins-Sabourin (28)
Clergy Liaison:	Rev. Sarah Alexander*
Volunteer Liaison:	Mary Feldmaier
Class of 2028:	<i>Luanne Grabel, K Caitlyn Hall, Katie Kirkpatrick, Jill Lohr, Joy Murray, Maureen O'Neill, Ron O'Neill, Jane O'Shea, Robin Read, Judy Turner, Gail White</i>
Class of 2027:	<i>Kathy Mechigian, Gwen Moore</i>
Class of 2026:	

Worship Transportation Coordinator: Melissa Ng

HUNGER MINISTRY

Chairpersons:	Robin Adams (26), Patty Eble (26)
Clergy Liaison:	Rev. Sarah Alexander*
Class of 2028:	Jeanne Livernois, Rev. Heidi Reinker
Class of 2027:	Maureen Martin
Class of 2026:	Pam Byrd, Deb Hamel, Lisa Kost, Nancy McNab, Michael Reinker, <i>Sue Schowalter</i> , Georgia Vitick

LANDSCAPE MINISTRY

Chairperson:	<i>Jane Carvell (28)</i>
Staff Liaison:	Tony Kotwicki*
Trustee Liaison:	_____
Members:	Craig Berg, Adam Bigham , Katie Kirkpatrick, Nancy McNab, Lori Monacelli, Lori Noyd, Corryl Parr, Sharon Pugh, Steve Read, Jim Rillema, Marcy Van de Grift

MISSIONS MINISTRY

Chairperson:	<i>Bridget Schipper</i> (26)
Co-Vice Chairpersons:	Helen Hicks (28), Jessica Torok (28)
Clergy Liaison:	Rev. Zack Dunlap*
Secretary:	Tim Weeks (26)
Treasurer:	Bob Everson (26)
Angel Tree:	
Baldwin Center:	Bob Everson
Brightmoor (RBI):	Ken Hamel, Mary Pickett
Cass:	Karla Bole
Cuba:	Marilyn Numan
Czech Republic:	Donna Haymond, Kirsten Layer
Focus HOPE:	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 Myers, Ann Tenniswood, Sue Walters
Honduras:	Chris Kinney, Lorrie Kinney
Hope Shelters:	Karen Plants
India:	Linda Klepaczyk
Liberia:	Helen Hicks
MCHS Family of Services:	Nancy Overman, Connie Pelton
Micah 6:	Steve Read
Missions Fair:	Heidi Geissbuhler
NOAH Project:	Jim Valiquett, Merry Beth Valiquett, Sue Walters
Samaritas New Americans:	Rachel Campbell, Katy Niglas
Sneedville, Tennessee:	Barb Pobst
StreeThreads:	Jim Valiquett, Merry Beth Valiquett, Sue Walters
UMCOR:	Linda Richards
Members at Large:	
Class of 2028:	
Class of 2027:	Leah Blinstrub, Julie Chamberlain, Shawn Ciemniecki, Kristie Lee
Class of 2026:	Tim Weeks

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.

(*) = denotes member with voice and not vote