First United Methodist Church
Birmingham, Michigan
Officiary – 2024

COUNCIL and LEAD COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.
Associate Pastors: Zack Dunlap, Susie Hierholzer
Deacon: Sarah Alexander
Clergy Staff: Shawn Lewis-Lakin
Chairperson: Ann Littleton (26)
Vice Chairperson: Tom Aubrey (26)
Secretary: Barbara Baughman (24)
Treasurer: Jeff Hockman (26)
Assistant Treasurer: Laurie Maria (26)
Lay Leaders: Mixie Hockman (26), Kyle Price (26), Mary Jane Russell (24)
UWF (formerly UMW) President: Kimberly Uptergrove
Board of Trustees Chairperson: Sharon Ulep
Staff Parish Relations Chairperson: Melissa Peirce (26)
Finance Committee Chairperson: Don MacDonald (26)
Endowment Fund Board Chairperson: Eric Freeburg (26)
Investment Committee Chairperson: Rob Grabiel (26)
Seminary Relations Chairperson: Christy Glick (25)
Technology Committee Chairperson: Adam Deal (26)
Discipleship/(Inreach) Committee: George Work (25)
Church and Society: Frank Driscoll (25)
Connecting/Hospitality: Margaret Maddux (24), Melissa Ng (26)
Hunger: Robin Adams (26), Patty Eble (26)
Missions: Bridget Schipper (25)
First Kids Preschool: Megan Korzeniewski
At Large Members: Jill Brouhard (25), Eric Pelton (25), Jim Rillema (25)

Lay Members of Michigan Annual Conference

Class of 2026: Gabe Ervin, Judy Turner, Mary Wilcox
Class of 2025: Elizabeth Boayue, Buff & Roger Cummings, Mary Jane Russell, Darrell & Linda White
Class of 2024: Doug & Jane Carvell, David & Sue Dale, Eric & Candy Law, Ted McClew

Alternate 2026: Jeremiah Wade-Olson, Brian & Julie White
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson: Sharon Ulep
Vice Chairperson: Steve Read
Secretary: Kyle Denzler
Finance Rep.: Bob Feldmaier
Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.
Staff Liaisons: Tony Kotwicki, Frank Turco

Class of 2026: Bob Feldmaier, Steve Read
Class of 2025: Kyle Denzler, Ted Farmer, Bob Pierce
Class of 2024: Kathy Dalton, John Kreitz, Jane Pettibone, Sharon Ulep

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Ann Littleton (26)
Vice Chairperson: Tom Aubrey (26)
Secretary: Barbara Baughman (24)
Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.
Staff Liaison: Frank Turco
Lay Leaders: Mixie Hockman (26), Kyle Price (26), Mary Jane Russell (24)
Trustees Chairperson: Sharon Ulep (24)
SPRC Chairperson: Melissa Peirce (26)
Finance Chairperson: Don MacDonald (26)
Discipleship Chairperson: George Work (25)
Missions Chairperson: Bridget Schipper (25)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Members at Large:
Class of 2026: Dan Brewer, Don MacDonald, Karen Mobley, Chuck Truza, Ron O’Neill
Class of 2025: Jimmy Banyai, Josh Miller, Kim Stoner, Catherine Turnbull
Class of 2024: Tom Aubrey

Members by Position:
Lay Leaders (Mary Jane Russell, Mixie Hockman, Kyle Price), Administrative Council Chairperson (Ann Littleton), Audit Committee Chairperson (Jim Campagne), Lay Member to Michigan Conference Representative, Trustee Treasurer (Bob Feldmaier), United Women in Faith Treasurer

Authorized to Sign Checks:
Jeff Hockman (Treasurer), Laurie Maria (Assistant Treasurer), Kate Wilcox, and 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: Mary Feldmaier
Lay Leaders: Mixie Hockman (26), Kyle Price (26), Mary Jane Russell (26)
Class of 2026: Ilona Hawk, Susan Ives
Class of 2025: Tim Dickerson, Jeff Grabiel
Class of 2024: Barb Poff, Darrell White, Mary Wilcox

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Melissa Peirce (26)
Senior Pastor: Charles Boayue, Jr.
Lay Leaders: Mixie Hockman (26), Kyle Price (26), Mary Jane Russell (24)
Class of 2026: Jill Brouhard, Tim Chak, Melissa Peirce
Class of 2025: Karen Carter, Josh Denzler, Erin Schweibold
Class of 2024: Carol Rillema, Tom Schowalter, Shane Spradlin

COMMITTEES

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Jim Campagne (25)
Staff Liaison: Frank Turco
Class of 2026: Diana Freeburg, Blake Green, Fred Green
Class of 2025: Jim Campagne, George Dilgard, Mike Schulte
Class of 2024: Liz Holmes, Liz Larson

CAPITAL MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Members: Ron Aten, Frank Mei, Adam Parsons, 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
Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy Packard
Staff Liaison: Sarah Alexander
Unite 3 on 3: Beth Torrey
Trustee Liaison: __________________________

Class of 2026: George Holton, Dawn Thomas
Class of 2025: Nancy Keesee, Melinda McTaggart-Stone

DISCIPLESHIP / INREACH COMMITTEE

Chairperson: George Work (25)
Staff Liaison: Susie Hierholzer

Class of 2026: Carolyn Kidney, Deb Lobring, Don Magee, Ronnie Townes, Roz Townes, Mary Wilcox
Class of 2025: Barb Glick, Dale Glick, Todd Hibbard, Jennifer Williams, George Work
Class of 2024: Parker Roberts

ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD

Chairperson: Eric Freeburg (26)
Staff Liaison: Shawn Lewis-Lakin
Chairperson Emeritus: Gary Valade

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
Class of 2024: Joan Benner, John Carter

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Rob Grabiel (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 Grabiel, Colin Lennox
Class of 2025: Mark Lachowicz, Andy Schueler
Class of 2024: Brett Bernard, Frank Schweibold

Trustee Representative: __________________________
Endowment Fund Board Representative: __________________________

MULTI-SITE MINISTRY TEAM

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

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE
Members by Position

SPRC Liaison: 
Staff Liaison: 
Member: 
Trustee Liaison: 
Advisor: Cyndi Cummings

PRESCHOOL COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Marlee Bresso
Associate Pastor: Susie Hierholzer
Preschool Director: Megan Korzeniewski
Trustee Liaison:
SPRC Liaison: Erin Schweibold
Young 2s Teal Room: Kathryn Murray
2s Turquoise Room: Alicia DeCarolis
Young 3s: Kristen Decker
Young 4s: Kristen Bolitho, Alexandria Kotlarek, Traci Shaver
3s Red/Yellow: Kristen Bolitho, Alexandria Kotlarek, Traci Shaver
4s Green/Orange: Renee Billmeyer, Marlee Bresso
Young 5s Blue/Purple: Alicia DeCarolis

SCOUTING MINISTRY OVERSIGHT TEAM(+)

Chairperson: Parker Roberts (26)
Staff Liaison: Kim Bowyer
Members: Tricia Meade, Larry Phillips, Parker Roberts
Trustees Liaison:

SEMINARY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Christy Glick (24)
Staff Liaison: Sarah Alexander
Class of 2026: Gretchen Brewer, John Carter, Lee Gillett, Robin Read, Ron Reynolds, Georgia Vitick
Class of 2025: Nancy Keesee, Erin Schweibold
Class of 2024: Christy Glick

Seminary Board Members
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary: Cliff Bath, Roger Cummings
Duke Divinity School: Eric Law

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Adam Deal (26)
Staff Liaison: Bruce Richardson
Trustee Liaison:
Members: Adam Deal, Jim Maddox, Don Magee, John Matthews, Corryl Parr, Mark Theobald,
SERVICE MINISTRIES

BALDWIN HOUSE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Carolyn Butcher (26)  Frank Driscoll (26)  Jeff Hockman (26)

CHURCH AND SOCIETY MINISTRY

Chairperson:  Frank Driscoll (25)
Staff Liaison:  Sarah Alexander

Class of 2026:  Carole Dills, Dick Dills, Caroll Driscoll, Gabe Ervin, Donna Haymond, Katy Niglas, Linda Remington, Susan Rieth, Barb Saul, Bridget Schipper, Beth Torrey, Jan Wade
Class of 2025:  Frank Driscoll
Class of 2024:  Lon Bone, Margaret Buccini, Toni Segitz, Sue Smith, Liz Swarthout

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

CONNECTING/HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Co-Chairpersons:  Margaret Maddux (24), Melissa Ng (26)
Staff Liaisons:  Mary Feldmaier

Class of 2026:  Suzanne Cory, Kathy Mechigian, Gwen Moore, Melissa Ng
Class of 2025:  Joy Murray

Worship Transportation Coordinator: Melissa Ng

HUNGER MINISTRY

Chairperson:  Robin Adams (26), Patty Eble (26)
Staff Liaison:  Sarah Alexander

Class of 2026:  Robin Adams, Pam Byrd, Patty Eble, Deb Hamel, Lisa Kost, Nancy McNab, Michael Reinker, Georgia Vitick
Class of 2025:  Jerry Haymond, Sue Myers
Class of 2024:  Steve Packard, Tammy Packard, Sue Schowalter, Justin Work

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

Members: Diane Evey, Katie Kirkpatrick, Alison Mackinder, Nancy McNab, Lori Noyd, Corryl Parr, Sharon Pugh, Steve Read, Jim Rillema, Toni Segitz, Margy Truza, Dan Ulep, Marcy Van de Griff

**MISSIONS MINISTRY**

Co-Chairperson: Bridget Schipper (25)
Co-Chairperson: Liz Rito (25)
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
Focus HOPE: Amy Bouque, Kathy Nauer
Ghana: Vida Owusu-Agyei, Kwaku Twum Jr.
Haiti: Jackie Keller, Paul Keller, John Smith, Nancy Smith
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: Mike Stephens
Monthly Missions: Patty Reynolds and Patrice Kofa
NOAH: Jim Valiquett, Merry Beth Valiquett, Sue Walters
Sneedville, Tennessee: Barb Pobst
StreeThreads: Jim Valiquett, Merry Beth Valiquett, Sue Walters
UMCOR: Shawn Ciemniecki

Members at Large:
Class of 2026: Patrice Kofa, Tim Weeks
Class of 2025: Caitlyn Ciemniecki, Heidi Geissbuhler
Class of 2024: Shawn Ciemniecki, Ken Hamel

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:**

(+) = denotes new addition of a committee or team to the administrative structure of the church.
(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 later during the year.
MOTIONS:

On behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, I move that the following two new agencies, along with their duties, be added to the administrative structure of First United Methodist Church beginning January 1, 2024:

1. **Christian Life Center (CLC) Leadership Team**
   The Christian Life Center Leadership Team will provide recruitment and volunteer service, ministry planning and oversight, administrative and other support for the sustainable operation of the Christian Life Center. The Team will relate to the Board of Trustees on building use and maintenance matters and report to the Administrative Council upon request.

2. **Scouting Ministry Oversight Team**
   The Scouting Ministry Oversight Team will oversee scouting ministry on behalf of the congregation and relate to the leadership of the Scouting Units of the BSA located in our facilities. It will also provide oversight to ensure that adults and other volunteers who work with our troops are properly screened and authorized to do so. This shall include ensuring that appropriate backgrounds checks are performed and recorded, encouraging congregational support for scouting, and serving as a liaison between the congregation and the Scouting Units of the BSA. The committee shall relate to the Board of Trustees on all legal, building maintenance and usage matters. It shall report to the Administrative Council upon request.

Additionally, I move that the Officiary as presented, along with any amendments and corrections made tonight, be approved, and implemented, and that vacancies existing tonight as well as those that may occur during the next year, be filled by the Administrative Council upon recommendation of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, we thank all people who have served this year in various positions on our committees and ministries. We especially thank the following leaders whose terms are ending on December 31, 2023, for their faithful and dedicated leadership which led our congregation’s mission and ministry. As I call their names, please hold your applause until all names are called, then you may rise give them your affirmation. For all who are able, please stand and remain standing until all names are called.

1. Russ Ives, chairperson of the Administrative Council
2. Chuck Truza, chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee
3. Brady Ericson, chairperson of the Finance Committee
4. Paul Keller, chairperson of the Endowment Committee
5. Bob Feldmaier, chairperson of the Hunger Ministry
6. Matt Blinstrub, chairperson of the Audit Committee
7. Linwood Stanley, chairperson of the Technology Committee
8. Judy Turner, co-chairperson of Connecting and Hospitality Ministry
9. Jim and Merry Beth Valiquett, Lay Members to the Michigan Annual Conference

On behalf of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development, we thank the hundreds of members who step up to do the work of God through our congregation. Your church needs you to step forward and offer your service. That way, the ministries and mission of God will be yours to fulfill, and our congregation
will become stronger, healthier, and more productive. With thanksgiving for your support, we give glory to God.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr.
Senior Pastor and Chairperson
Vice Chair: Darrell White; Secretary: Barb Poff; Members: Tim Dickerson, Jeff Grabel, Susan Ives, Mary Wilcox
Staff Liaison: Mary Feldmaier  Lay Leader: Mary Jane Russell