

LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY

Updated 12/4/18

The Leadership Committees are those who seek God's vision for our church in order that it might be cast for everyone in our church. With a vision before us, these same leaders provide the guidance to put our vision into action.

Vision Team—Lay Leaders to meet regularly—currently the fourth Thursday of the month.

<p>The Lay Leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are responsible before God for church. • Set vision and goals. • Oversee church. • Settle disputes over scripture. • Help church through spiritual hardship. 	<p>Purpose of Lay Leaders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To follow the biblical model in Acts. • Answer the sticky problems in scripture for the church--how the scriptures impact the church. • Represent church before God. • Provide overall direction for the church. • Establish direction in concert with Pastor. • The nature of a board de-emphasizes personalities in decisions.
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Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone <small>(616 area code unless otherwise noted)</small>
JoEllen Pinckney	2020/Chair; Lay Leader	dcpinckney@att.net	887.8796
Pastor Phil Friedrich	Pastor	philfriedrick@gmail.com	799.4281
Kurt Burmeister	2019	kburmeistr@aol.com	887.8669 / 291.6524
Jim Bosserd	2019	bosserdjim@gmail.com	887.7805 / 481.5671
Tim Shangle	2020	shangle@gmail.com	841.5477
Robert Shangle	2021	Robert@shangle.com	
_____	2021		

Church Council

The Church Council develops, oversees, implements, and evaluates the church's ministry. This is done with the intention of meeting the needs of the people of the church, the community, and the world, by providing the administrative support and resources that enable our ministry. This is the main council of our church, and its members are our central leaders. It is directly responsible to our Church Conference, which consists of all church members and usually meets once a year. The usual meeting date is the first Tuesday of the month. Membership on this council is renewed each year. Projected meetings for 2019: Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Pat Sharpe	2019/Chair	shar_44@hotmail.com	826.5865
JoEllen Pinckney	2020/Lay Leader	dcpinckney@att.net	887.8796
_____	20__/_/Lay Member to Annual Conference		
_____	Recording Secretary		
Mary VanGessel	2020/Financial Secretary	pageturner501@aol.com	<u>558.6943</u>
_____	Membership Secretary		
Mindy Tilli	2019/Missions Chair	mtilli@charter.net	887.2757 / 644.2373
_____	/Evangelism Chair		
Jim Bosserd	2020/Finance Chair	bosserdjim@gmail.com	887.7805 / 481.5671
Diane Young	Remitting Treasurer	diane.baker@charter.net	443.6198
Jane Bosserd	2020/SPRC Chair	jbosserd@gmail.com	887.7805 / 460.7777
Denny Knappen	2020/Trustee Chair	dennis.l.knappen@gmail.com	616.225.8359
Pastor Phil Friedrich	/Worship Council Chair	philfriedrick@gmail.com	799.4281
Heather Westra	Children's Ed. Chair	heatherwestra5@gmail.com	322.3267
Heather Westra	Youth Council Chair	heatherwestra5@gmail.com	322.3267
Margaret Collins	UM Women President	catfancymmc@yahoo.com	745.3753
Alan Hartman	UM Men President	alanhartman87@gmail.com	520.3681
_____	/Member Care Chair		
_____	/FUN Team Chair		
Pastor Phil Friedrich	Pastor	philfriedrick@gmail.com	799.4281

Ministry Committees

The Ministry Committees are those groups which coordinate and plan living and vital ministries and programs which are directed toward the people inside and outside our church.

Children's Christian Education Committee

The Education Committee strives to provide study opportunities for the children of our church. This committee oversees the selection of study curriculum, the recruitment of class leadership, and the administration of all children's educational activities in our church. Vacation Bible School and other non-Sunday educational programs are also under this committee's supervision. This committee meets second Sunday of the month at _____.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Heather Westra	Children's Ed. Chair	heatherwestra5@gmail.com	322.3267
Mary Ellen Kimble	2019	mkimble@khps.org	308.1348
Bethany Riordan	2019	bethanykaye05@yahoo.com	375.7535
Hilary Miller	2020	hilary.miller87@gmail.com	788.8974
Tim Shangle	2020	shangle@gmail.com	841.5477
Caelin Murdock pending approval	2021	caerm15@yahoo.com	648.3146

Youth Council

The Youth Council is responsible for supporting and coordinating our middle school and high school youth activities. They may also provide support to some young adult ministries. This council will determine its own meeting schedule.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Heather Westra	Children's Ed. Chair	heatherwestra5@gmail.com	322.3267
Mary Ellen Kimble	2019	mkimble@khps.org	308.1348
Bethany Riordan	2019	bethanykaye05@yahoo.com	375.7535
Hilary Miller	2020	hilary.miller87@gmail.com	788.8974
Tim Shangle	2020	shangle@gmail.com	841.5477
Caelin Murdock pending approval	2021	caerm15@yahoo.com	648.3146

Worship Council

Our Worship Council oversees the work of several teams. This group is the central organizing body for the worship of our church. Meetings are held monthly to coordinate and envision the bigger-picture worship issues and to coordinate some of our special services (i.e. Christmas Eve and Easter). Worship staff evaluations will be carried out by this committee.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Pastor Phil Friedrich	Chair	philfriedrick@gmail.com	799.4281
Peggy Odren	2019		272.8362
Steve Barnum	2019	shbarnum@att.net	292.7338
Brandon Ingersoll	2020	brandon.ingersoll@gmail.com	887.2128 / 550.9126
Caelin Murdock	2020	caerm15@yahoo.com	648.3146
Mike Maksimchuk pending approval	2021	Mtmaksim@mtu.edu	231.225.5060

◆ **Traditional-Blended Worship Design Team**—This team focuses on the traditional worship service.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Pastor Phil Friedrich	Pastor	philfriedrick@gmail.com	799.4281
Peggy Odren	Organist/Keyboard	(none)	272.8362
Steve Barnum	Adult Choir Director	shbarnum@att.net	292.7338
Julie Barnum		julequilts@yahoo.com	881.6204
Jane Wyckoff-Kingshott		ms_wyckoff@yahoo.com	887.9194
Mark Kingshott		chefkingy123@yahoo.com	887.9194
Mike Maksimchuk		Mtmaksim@mtu.edu	231.225.5060

◆ **Contemporary Worship Design Team**—This team focuses on the contemporary worship experience.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Pastor Phil Friedrich	Pastor	philfriedrick@gmail.com	799.4281
Brandon Ingersoll	2020/	brandon.ingersoll@gmail.com	887.2128 / 550.9126
Mike Maksimchuk	pending approval 2022	Mtmaksim@mtu.edu	231.225.5060
_____	2019		
_____	2021		

◆ **Worship Support Team**—This team has many aspects—bulletin/slide production, audiovisuals operation, flowers, ushers/greeters, acolytes etc.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
_____	Office Administrator		
Justin Westra	Head Usher	c/o heatherwestra5@gmail.com	723.6581
Alan Hartman	Head Usher	alanhartman87@gmail.com	520.3681
Dale Young	Head Usher	dlyjudas@icloud.com	401.5304
Margaret Collins	Usher Coordinator	catfancymmc@yahoo.com	745.3753
Hal Lindsay	Acolyte Coordinator	hal2048@sbcglobal.net	450.3490
Brandon Ingersoll	Lead Tech Operator	brandon.ingersoll@gmail.com	887.2128 / 550.9126
	Audiovisuals Operation		
Rachel Shangle	PowerPoint production	rachelshangle@gmail.com	887.6119
Dave Steenhagen	PowerPoint production	dsteen721@gmail.com	240.7535
Mindy Tilli	Flower Coordinator	mtilli@charter.net	887.2757
Naomi Collins	Greeter Coordinator	beautifulblueeyes1983@yahoo.com	302.5031
Mary VanGessel	Welcome Table Coord.	pageturner501@aol.com	558.6943
Doug & Bonnie Shupe	Communion Stewards	shupecorsica@yahoo.com	D-821.8634 / B-635.3047
_____	(etc.)		

FUN Team (Fellowship, Unity & New Friends)

The FUN Team is responsible for planning and implementing programs related to building relationships and friendships within our church family. They plan social events like potluck/game nights, family camp, sports leagues, etc. When this team is activated, it will meet as determined by the team members.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
_____	/Chair		
Amber Marks	2019	dancerpoms@yahoo.com	890.7039
Isaiah Marks	2019	marksw130@yahoo.com	890.7039
Jim Bosserd	2019/Sports Coordinator	bosserdjim@gmail.com	887.7805 / 481.5671
De Knappen	2020	despaleny@gmail.com	989.277.9470
Denny Knappen	2020	dennis.l.knappen@gmail.com	616.225.8359
_____	2020/Children & Youth Camp Coordinator		
Gail Friedrich	2020/Family Camp Coordinator	gail.friedrick.cmu@gmail.com	(989) 388-3853
_____	2021		
_____	2021		
_____	(etc.)		

Missions Team

This committee is responsible for educating our congregation about the importance of local/national/global missions. They help our members in becoming actively engaged in "hands-on" mission work (i.e. distributing free food, Kids Kans, GriefShare, Exodus Place, Hand2Hand, recycling, etc.). This committee meets as determined by its membership.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Mindy Tilli	2019/Chair	mtilli@charter.net	887.2757
Margaret Blaauw	2019	meblaauw@aol.com	887.0773
Erica VanLaan pending approval	2020	erica.sarat2017@gmail.com	231.580.4965
Dorothy Hendricks pending approval	2021	dorothymhendricks@gmail.com	389.3264
Brenda McCracken pending approval	Hand2Hand	brendaschulz@gmail.com	745.9789
Margaret Collins	UM Women President	catfancymmc@yahoo.com	745.3753
Alan Hartman	UM Men President	alanhartman87@gmail.com	520.3681
Ruby Skibinski	Health Coordinator	skibi48@hotmail.com	550.6533
Caelin Murdock	Youth Representative	caerm15@yahoo.com	

Member Care

This committee is focused on the well-being of all the people of our church. They look for any needs and then develop strategies to sensitively reach out in love. They send cards at times of grief and arrange meals for those in challenging moments. They also have responsibility for lay programs of prayer and healing (such as GriefShare). This committee needs not to meet regularly but will meet

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
	Chair		
Julie Levandoski	GriefShare	j.levandoski@aol.com	446.5717
MaryEllen Kimble	GriefShare	mkimble@khps.org	308.1348
	Ride Coordinator		
	2019/Youth-Kids Rep		
Anna Mae Spangenberg	2019/UMW Shut-in		887.9394
	2019		
	2019		
	2020		
Earl Babcock	2020	earlpat@charter.net	678.7535 / c 678.1267

Young Adult Care (YAC)

This committee focuses on the young adults who have a connection with our church. Many young people are away to college, the military, or other activities, and the goal of this group is to remind them that someone "back home" remembers them and cares about them. Currently our women's Circles provide care packages to college student and active military personnel. This committee meets _____.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
	Chair		
	2019		
	2019		
	2020		
	2020		
	2021		
	2021		

United Methodist Women (UMW)

The women of United Methodism are organized to: "...be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." Our UMW is organized into two circles (morning and evening) and a leadership group.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Margaret Collins	President	catfancymmc@yahoo.com	745.3753
Terri Miling	Vice President		
Deb DeGlopper	Secretary		
Cindy Young	Treasurer		
Margaret Blaauw	Chair Mary/Martha Circle		
Deb DeGlopper	Co-Chair Dorcas Circle		
Cindy Young	Co-Chair Dorcas Circle		

Mission Coordinators:

Terri Miling	Spiritual Growth
Anna Mae Spangenberg	Membership Nurture, Outreach & Shut-Ins
Jeanette Tobey	Social Action
(vacant)	Education, Interpretation & Secretary of Program Resources
Committee on Nominations	Past President, President & Secretary
Terri Miling	Publicity
(vacant)	Local Church Activities

United Methodist Men (UMM)

The men of United Methodism are organized to: "...be a creative, supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually and to seek daily his will. [Our] primary purpose is to declare the centrality of Christ in the lives of men and in all their relationships." Our UMM is organized around projects (such as a Free Community Breakfast).

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Alan Hartman	President	alanhartman87@gmail.com	520.3681

Evangelism Team

The Evangelism Team works with the goal of connecting people with God. The responsibilities of this team include, but are not limited to, working with all groups in the church to identify and reach persons who are not active in a church. This is accomplished by helping the people of our church share the good news of Jesus Christ, organize for the visitation of visitors/non-members (like Prospect Callers), and set growth goals. As this team is built, it will meet on as determined by its membership.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
_____	20__ /Chair		
Carol Schulz	2019	pcjs141@sbcglobal.net	887.8564
_____	2019		
_____	2020		
_____	2020		
_____	2021		
_____	2021		

Maintenance Committees

The Maintenance Committees are those groups which attend to the institutional and administrative needs of Sparta UMC.

Finance & Stewardship Committee

The central responsibility of the Finance & Stewardship Committee is to interpret to the people of our church the biblical and theological basis for good stewardship; and to recommend strategies, methods and materials to meet the on-going financial needs of the church. They are responsible for the development of an annual budget, constructed from requests received from each work area, and presented to and approved by the Council. Administration of all funds of the church according to the instructions given by the Council also falls under this committee's jurisdiction. This committee meets _____.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Jim Bosserd	2020/Chair	bosserdjim@gmail.com	887.7805 / 481.5671
Mary VanGessel	2020/Financial Secretary	pageturner501@aol.com	558.6943
JoEllen Pinckney	2020/Lay Leader	dcpinckney@att.net	887.8796
Jane Bosserd	2020/SPRC Chair	jbosserd@gmail.com	887.7805 / 460.7777
_____	20__/Lay Member to Annual Conference		
_____	2020/Council Chair		
Justin Westra	2019/Trustee Rep	heatherwestra5@gmail.com	723.6581
Kay Chase	2019/Endowment-Memorials	kmchase1234@gmail.com	887.9267
Earl Babcock	2020/Endowment-Memorials	earlpat@charter.net	678.7535 / c 678.1267
Diane Young	Remitting Treasurer	diane.baker@charter.net	443.6198
_____	2019		
_____	2020		
_____	2021		
_____	Business Manager		
Pastor Phil Friedrich	Pastor	philfriedrick@gmail.com	799.4281

Recorders: Jim & Jane Bosserd, Carla VanAsselt, Brandon Ingersoll, Diane Young, Kurt Burmeister

Counters: Mary VanGessel, Cindy Young, Bonnie Wilkinson, Mike Eggleston, Margaret Collins

Staff (Pastor)-Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC is the work area in which the relationship between the pastor (staff) and the church is assessed and strengthened. The members of the SPRC can be viewed as consultants and supervisors to the pastor (staff). This committee is often compared to the personnel department of other organizations. Matters of pastoral effectiveness and the needs of the church are considered in this committee in order that the pastor and the parish can continue to function at their highest level. This committee works with our District Superintendent in establishing pastoral support, continuing education, and in carrying out pastoral evaluation. In addition, this committee has over-all employment responsibilities for all church employees. However, ongoing supervisory work for some church staff is delegated to appropriate committees (i.e. custodian/Trustees and musicians/Worship). The church secretary continues under the direct supervision of this committee. SPRC will meet _____.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Jane Bosserd	2020/Chairperson	jbosserd@gmail.com	887.7805 / 460.7777
JoEllen Pinckney	2020/Lay Leader	dcpinckney@att.net	887.8796
_____	20__/Lay Member to Annual Conference		
Jane Wyckoff-Kingshott	2019	ms_wyckoff@yahoo.com	887.9194
Ron Drier	2019	rondrier@hotmail.com	887.9619
Camryn Murdock	2020/Youth Rep.	camryn.murdock@yahoo.com	648.3197
Pastor Phil Friedrich	Pastor	philfriedrick@gmail.com	799.4281
_____	2021		
_____	2021		

Parsonage Committee: Ron Drier & _____

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has two major areas of responsibility. First, the general oversight, care, maintenance, and supervision of all church property. Second, to oversee the purchase, sale, and mortgage of property under the direction of the Administrative Council and the Church Conference. This board has immediate supervisory responsibilities over our church custodian who serves as a resource to the Trustees. This committee meets _____.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Denny Knappen	2020 /Chairperson	dennis.l.knappen@gmail.com	616.225.8359
Dale Young	2021 /Co-Chair	dlyjudas@icloud.com	401.5304
Justin Westra	2019	heatherwestra5@gmail.com	723.6581
Larry Collins	2019	catfancymmc@yahoo.com	745.6584
Karen Marohn	2019 /Secretary	ks29_2000@yahoo.com	485.7637
John Chance	2020	conniechance120@gmail.com	309.868.9681
Millie Cass	2020		887.8087

Parsonage Committee: Karen Marohn, _____

Church Historians

Basic responsibilities of local church historian are described in ¶1247.5a of The Book of Discipline. Work with pastor and church staff, the Committee on Records and History (if one exists), and lay leadership to design procedures that will help fulfill the duties described in the Discipline. Basic responsibilities include establishing an archives if one does not already exist, encouraging church officers to keep accurate church records, providing for the preservation of all archival records and historical materials no longer in current use, promoting interest in the history and heritage of The United Methodist Church and our own congregation, assisting the pastor and others in the annual observance of Heritage Sunday and in the celebration of significant anniversaries, serving as a member of the Committee on Records and History, if one exists for our congregation, serving on the church council or other committees to which the local church historian is assigned, and helping those who wish to do research in our church's records.

Name	Year/Position	Email	Phone
Jeanette Tobey	2019/Chair		887.7028
Sue Eadie	2020	susaneadie51@yahoo.com	558.8266

Other Officers:

Librarian: Erica VanLaan pending approval erica.sarat2017@gmail.com 231.580.4965
Alt. Lay Member to Annual Conference: _____
Kitchen Coordinator: Deb DeGlopper debdglop@hotmail.com 446.4420
Fellowship Time Coordinator: _____
Communications: _____, Chair
 Tim Shangle shangle@gmail.com 841.5477
 Kurt Burmeister kburmeistr@aol.com 887.8669 / 291.6524
 Ken Shangle kenneth@shangle.com
Howard Montgomery Education: Convenor (Pastor),
Members-At Large 1-yr terms:

