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Central Journal

Informing Members and Friends – Encouraging Fellowship and Spiritual Growth

Pastor Mark's Musings

Happy New Year! May your 2019 be blessed with a clearer vision of God's blessings in your life and throughout our shared humanity and creation.

It is good to serve among you, which I count as one of my blessings in life. It is difficult work, as is being a leader in any downtown church. The struggles are real. Just as I have my calling to pastoral ministry confirmed in seeing God at work in and through me, so I see the confirmation of Central UMC being in ministry. The Michigan Conference of The UMC needs to be a witness of God's unconditional love at the corner of Capitol and Ottawa through Central UMC.

One such confirmation is the number of volunteers who find Central the place to be involved; there are 100 volunteers! Take a look at the roster of leadership for 2019 that is part of this issue of Central Journal. **"We're in this together!"**

We have plans to widen our monthly collection of food for South Lansing Ministries to engage all those who work downtown (over 1,000) to bring food items. We want others to join us so that the widening circle can say, **"We're in this together!"**

We have Rainbow Café, a successful ministry of Central that provides programming that gives witness to God's unconditional love to all. Monthly meetings of allies of and persons who are lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transvestite, queer (LGBTQ+) strengths the message that God cares about everyone. Let all God's children say, **"We're in this together!"**

We have Vespers Class and Small Group Study programs that read and discuss cutting edge theology. These challenging and nurturing groups provide a progressive setting for all persons to learn of the work of God in our past and current world. Let more and more learn of God's mysterious love as we live into a world that knows **"We're in this together!"**

We will be gathering for a Potluck Meal to hear a presentation of The Way Forward, a set of options that a special called General Conference of The UMC will deal with. We are known to deal with some "hot button" issues, such as our denomination dealing with homosexuality in the life of the church. Together with folks of differing views can, if they chose to say, **"We're in this together!"**

There is much to be thankful for as people of Central. I am glad to say, **"We're in this together!"**

Peace,
Pastor Mark

*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*

- John Wesley

Central Ministries Calendar

(note that community private groups are not listed/concerts are.)

January



Upcoming Events

To invite friends, neighbors, anyone to!

6 Sunday

Holy Communion

9:00am Pre-Worship Fellowship

9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship

5:30pm Vespers

10 Thursday

6:30pm Spirit Singer

7:30pm Chancel Choir

13 Sunday

9:00am Pre-Worship Fellowship

9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship

5:30pm Vespers

17 Thursday

6:30pm Spirit Singer

7:30pm Chancel Choir

20 Sunday

9:00am Pre-Worship Fellowship

9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship

5:30pm Vespers

23 Wednesday

7:00pm Ad Council

24 Thursday

6:30pm Spirit Singer

7:30pm Chancel Choir

27 Sunday

9:00am Pre-Worship Fellowship

9:30am Worship

10:30am Fellowship

Potluck

5:30pm Vespers

31 Thursday

6:30pm Spirit Singer

7:30pm Chancel Choir

January 27th - Please join all your Central friends right after church in the Wesley Social Hall for our first potluck of the year! Yay! Potlucks!!

Thank you to the Judy Grove Circle who will prepare egg casseroles; and YOU can bring a dish to pass – vegetables, fruit, bread, dessert, casseroles, meat, etc.

All who are interested are invited to stay afterwards for an informative open discussion on the important, challenging issues of homosexuality facing the United Methodist Church as a whole as this comes up for a vote at its World Conference in February.

February 3rd - Engaging Worship Team's meeting has been postponed from January 13 to February 3 at 10:45am.

February 10th – Music Committee meeting at 10:45am, Second Floor Lounge.

March 9th - We have been notified that **Carolyn Schuurman's** Memorial Service will be Saturday, March 9, at 11:00am at Central, with a luncheon following.



Music and Worship Report to the 2018 Lansing Central Church Conference

In January, greeters, ushers, communion stewards and servers met to review and update their skills. February brought an Ash Wednesday service in the Mary Sabina chapel. In March, a pastoral series entitled “Truth and Reconciliation” brought a rich array of accompanying music and liturgy. Following was a Holy Thursday gathering with the parishioners of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and Christ Community Church.

On April 14, many who like to sing traveled to Westwood UMC in Kalamazoo for a FUMMWA (Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and the Worship Arts) workshop entitled “Singing Through the Church Year”. The engaging event underscored the fact that a primary role of choirs is to enhance and promote congregational singing. In its Nurturance efforts, Central continued with its pre-service coffee and fellowship, as well as an after-worship gathering. Efforts have been sustained through immediate follow-up with cards and notes to visitors.

In August, Central instituted a plan for involving favorite hymns each Sunday, a few of which were chosen for our September “Homecoming”. In September, Spirit Singers attended the workshop of world-known clinician Michael Hawn, who demonstrated strategies for teaching congregational hymns and singing. During Central’s October stewardship campaign, various parishioners have told “their stories”. November will bring preparations for Lansing’s Silver Bells. Central provides a place for warming and for bathroom breaks, along with the serving of small refreshments. Advent services will meaningfully pave the way to Christmas Eve, when there will be two services, one at 4:00 p.m. and one at 11:00 p.m.

A year-long schedule of concerts has provided significant Outreach into the community. Central hosted the Capital City Bell Ringers in April, and their concert brought an enthusiastic response from many community attendees. On May 6, classical guitarist Elden Kelly and his wife, Lani, oboist, provided a program of sensitively-written and –performed compositions. They captured the hearts of those in attendance. Robert Ray’s *Gospel Mass* was performed during the May 28th annual Celebration of Music in Worship, conducted by Dr. Stephen Lange and supported by outstanding local musicians (Jeff Kressler, Ed Fedewa, and Ian Levine), all accompanying the Central UMC Chancel Choir. In June one of Central’s “babies” sang in worship and in concert. Her Central family is always delighted to have Rachel Weinfeld with us. A variety of local musicians sang over the course of the summer. October 14 brought Bobby Jo Valentine, folk and pop songwriter, in concert. His “heart stories” in song were riveting. Friday, December 7, is the Christmas Cabaret Benefit, featuring a great meal and fabulous entertainment. On December 16, an Elden and Lani Kelly concert was uplifting in providing Christmas music that rung in your head as you followed Advent through to Christmas.

CONTRIBUTING TO CENTRAL’S OUTREACH AND INSPIRATION

Save the Date: May 19 – Community Outreach - Celebration of Music in Worship / Spaghetti Lunch

Board of Trustees

The role of the trustees is to support and maintain all of the property belonging to the congregation so that the ministries of the congregation can be effective.

Water, water, everywhere: Much of the maintenance of Central's buildings is dealing with the water that has continued to enter into the buildings. In the past few years we have faced water flooding a major portion of what was called the dining room in the Temple House. We also had water enter the rest rooms in the lower level of the Temple House. Water has caused damage in several areas of the sanctuary: the radio booth (SE area), near the ceiling (NW area), and in the balcony (SW area). Water entering from the Temple House roof caused damage to walls, ceiling and floors.

For several years, we have experienced water entering what is known as the elevator pit of the Temple House. State of Michigan elevator inspectors have cited Central for having water in the pit. The mechanics that operate the elevator are in the pit. The direction to Central from the State has been that "the pit shall be made dry". We have worked with Swanson Design Studios to consult with the city, the state and with several firms, but with no answer as what could be done to make the pit dry. During this process, the "rules" from the state were changed. It has been determined that having a sump pump installed in the bottom of the elevator can deal with this problem on a permanent basis.

It is required that the sump pump system separate water entering the elevator pit from oil entering the elevator pit. The oil can't be entered into the ground. The trustees have approved a proposal from Myers Plumbing and Heating, Inc. to have them install an elevator sump pump system. Water entering the elevator pit will be moved by pipes to the SW and into the sanitary system. Any oil entering the pit will be moved into a drum in an area to the north of the elevator in the lower level of the Temple House where it will be stored and then later removed. Before work is done by Myers, we will hire a company that deals with asbestos to determine if there is any asbestos in the building that could be impacted by the work that Myers will be doing. If there is a possible problem, the asbestos company will abate the problem. It is expected this work will start in January and be completed in a few weeks.

Submitted for the Board of Trustees by Larry Beckon



Baptism, for United Methodist is “the sacrament of initiation and incorporation into the body of Christ.” (Book of Discipline, paragraph 216.1) We were blessed to initiate and bring into the body of Christ three persons, Ty, Sawyer and Asa on Sunday, December 30, 2018.

Each of these babies are now a part of the great body of Christ which extends far beyond Central UMC. Yet each of these children have connections to ministry that has happened at Central or through pastors of Central. Ty and Sawyer are the great grandsons of Mary Ellen Maas and Gladys Templin. Asa's parents wedding was performed by Rev. Bill Amundsen. Each of these children came here to experience Central as a bridge of welcome into the body of Christ.

Ty, born Feb. 8, 2018 and Sawyer, born October 27, 2018 are children of Molli and Nathan Ferency. They are grandsons of Mary Ellen Maas and Gladys Templin. We partner with Kalamazoo First UMC in Ty and Sawyer's baptism.

Asa Joseph Pfothenhauer Latunski, born August 17, 2018 is the son of Joseph Latunski and Kim Pfothenhauer. They reside in Napa, California. We partner with Hillside Church, Napa, California in Asa's baptism.

Through the ongoing ministries of Kalamazoo First UMC and Hillside Church of Napa, we covenant that

“With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.”

(part of the Baptismal Covenant of The UMC)

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Scenes from the Sunday, Dec. 30th baptism of 3 children related to CUMC members, Mary Ellen Maas and Gladys Templin:

Ty Daniel Ferency, Sawyer John Ferency and Asa Josep Pfothenhauer Latunski. Also seen here are "Uncle" Dan Temple at the piano and Mary Boudreau singing together both the anthem and the offertory music, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly," and "Some Children See Him."





Please mark your calendars!

On Wednesday, February 20th, the Grand Trunk Western Railroad will be set-up for Day Trippers. If you have any questions, please call Jack at 517-731-1812

Please join us!

Mary Boudreau and Bob Pena are expanding ways to reach out to the area with news about Central. We will be coordinating new ideas in social media, press releases, and activities that utilize our unique location. If you have information to share or ideas please let us know bodreau.mary1231 <mailto:angeenp@gmail.com> or 517-896-1671. thank you!

Additional hearing aids are available on loan during the service. Ask an usher if you need one. These new devices are in memory of Marion and Rolin Stutes and Donald McLaughlin.

Central LIVE on the Airwaves

WJIM-AM 1240

Broadcast weekly

9:30-10:30



Sponsor a radio broadcast in memory or honor of a loved one...or just because...! Call 485-9477

We frequently hear stories from many folks who say that Central's Radio Broadcast is:

- A **blessing** to those who are not able to attend.
- A **witness** to the community.
- A **comfort** to those who are honored.
- A **privilege** to carry on the tradition.

You are invited to participate individually or by partnering with others in continuing to bless others via Central Live on the Airwaves!

Contact the Office for available dates and indicate who is being honored or remembered. (485-9477)

You may also contribute towards the radio ministry without sponsoring a specific broadcast.

The cost is \$250 per week.

Our 55th Year of Broadcasts.

**“Together at the Table”
by Bishop Karen P. Oliveto
Small Group Report**

Pastor Mark, Pastor Russell and Pastor Ellen; Al and Sharon Doering, Gene and Caryn Welter, Jim, Bonnie and Leora recently completed their small group study of the book, *Together at the Table* under the leadership of Denny Stoneman. Each Monday evening they also enjoyed a shared meal.

Here are some thoughts/comments from members of the group as they reflected on the experience:



“Together at the Table was thought-provoking.”

“Group dynamics were over the top.”

“[This] is an excellent book that stresses the importance of empathy for all, that we might consider “other.”

“The table literally, and metaphorically, is a great equalizer for all of us, regardless of race, economic status, sexual orientation, gender, nationality, or religion.”

“What I enjoyed the most was putting into practice what we were learning each week, seeing each other as unique gifts and welcoming the differences.”

“Sharing both a meal as well as communion weekly brought the book into timely application.

“Sharon and Al warmly welcomed us weekly to their home and their table.”

**For Immediate Release**

December 28, 2018

To the People of the United Methodist Church:

Grace and Peace to you in these days of Christmas, and at the conclusion of a calendar year.

At the fall meeting of the Council of Bishops at St. Simon's Island, Georgia, bishops approved a motion to send a pastoral letter to the Global LGBTQ community. A writing team, composed of a bishop from each central conference and jurisdiction, completed this task, on behalf of the Council. The letter follows.

We share this letter with you as an expression of our desire to strengthen the body of Christ. We confess our participation in the harm we have done to one another and to the LGBTQ community. In offering this letter we bear witness to the light of Jesus Christ, which enlightens everyone and is coming into the world (John 1: 9). And we pray that in the days ahead we will, with him, grow and become strong, that we will be filled with wisdom, and that the favor of God will rest upon us (Luke 2: 40).

The peace of the Lord,

+Ken Carter

Resident Bishop, Florida Conference President, Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church



Friday, December 28, 2018

To our Global LGBTQ Kin in Christ,

The Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church recognizes the ways in which the convening of the Special Session of General Conference creates a time and space of harm for you and members of your family. To be the focus of attention, discussion and debate is hurtful.

Demeaning and dehumanizing comments and attacks on LGBTQ persons in conversations related to the upcoming February Conference are a great tragedy and do violence to hearts, minds, and spirits. When you suffer, the whole body of Christ suffers. Together, we need to work to resist hate, violence, and oppression of persons. In these attitudes and actions, great harm is done throughout the community, to the offended and the offender.

As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12: We cannot say to a part of the body, "I have no need of you." We belong to each other. In our Baptism, we are incorporated into the Church, the body of Christ, and made one in Christ. The Church pledges to every baptized member: "Your joy, your pain, your gain, your loss, are ours, for you are one of us." (*The UMC Book of Worship*, pg. 83). Our Book of Discipline clearly states that all people are of sacred worth.

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As leaders of the church, we are brokenhearted by conversations that dishonor, objectify and dehumanize. We confess, as Bishops of The United Methodist Church and as we attempt to honor our convictions, that our actions and words have not always been life-giving or honoring of the LGBTQ community. Amid our sorrow, we seek to learn and grow in grace. To that end, we commit ourselves to helping people who disagree with each other to have conversations that include, honor, and respect people with different convictions. We are a diverse group of leaders—conservative, centrist, progressive—however, we are unified in our commitment to work together in ways that will give you and all God’s children strength, comfort and hope for better and more merciful tomorrows.

As the Special Session of General Conference approaches, we pray that the Holy Spirit will draw us together. May we see the image of God in one another, treat one another with tenderness, and love one another fiercely. Bearing Christ’s love in these ways, we pray to be God’s faithful witnesses.

The Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church

Janet Geisler leads the Bell Choir in special Christmas music.

Shaun Grabowski and Bob Pena reading the liturgy for the lighting of the Advent wreath.

Time for the “Young at Heart” at the creche with Pastor Mark.

Susan Grettenberger as liturgist one Advent Sunday.

Mary Boudreau gave the sermon, Dec. 16, “The First Lecture,” after receiving her Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

Pastor Mark celebrating all the ways Central participates in generous giving all year long, including the South Lansing Food Bank donations.



Mission Commission

COMING: January 20, 2019 HUMAN RELATIONS DAY This is a special offering of the General UMC and supports neighborhood ministries in the US and Puerto Rico. These ministries work with Community Developers, and community advocacy groups through United Methodist Voluntary Services, and with at risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. These are ministries which seek to work WITH others rather than to or for others.

WATCH FOR sale of Valentines for Church World Service Blanket program February 3rd and 10th.

Thank you for your support of the Mission Program at Central UMC.

The Mission Commission

A Mission Commission Christmas tree project this year was the Baby Box project for Haitian babies through the organization, "Soaring." We have given them storage room in one of our church rooms as they collect the various contents for each baby box before they are sent to Haiti.

Win Anderson and Mary Nesman are seen reading the liturgy for the Advent Wreath lighting.

Our church is truly blessed to have 3 retired pastors actively participating here in addition to Pastor Mark. Seen here are Pastors Bill Amundsen, Russell McReynolds, Mark Thompson and Ellen Zienert.



“Sip-n-Sing”

Lovely photos of the CUMC congregation enjoying themselves during “Sip-n-Sing”.

Breakfast was donated and served each Sunday by Gene Welter, Mike Garcia, Peter Sysyn, and Bob Pena. We would like to thank you!



Mary Boudreau and her daughter, Ashley, at Mary's graduation and Michigan State University.

From Mary: "I would like to thank my Central Family for their prayers and support through the years that have helped me to achieve my dream: Doctor of Nursing Practice from MSU. With God's help I will use this knowledge to help people heal". Mary Boudreau



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Thank you for participating in Central UMC

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Senior Minister

Rev. Bill Amundsen, *Assistant Pastor*

Joi Tennant, *Small Group Coordinator*

Caryn Welter, *Director, Music and Worship, Organist*

Alison Geesey, *Director, Chancel Choir*

Soprano, Anna Poco

Alto, Colleen McNickle

Tenor, David Miechiels

Baritone, Cody Harrell

Janet Geissler, *Director, Bell Choir*

Delicia Lockhart, *Office Manager*

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Coffee Fellowship 9:00

Sunday Worship – 9:30 AM

Fellowship Hour – 10:30 AM

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Thank you.

Central United Methodist Church 2019 Focus: Outreach ~ Hospitality ~ Nurture**2019 Leadership for Central UMC (elected and selected)**

Positions elected by Church Conference are in bold print.

Other positions are filled with persons selected by various leaders overseeing that specific ministry

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chairperson	Allen Clarkson
Vice Chairperson	Russell McReynolds
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Lay Leader	David Stinson
Treasurer	Bill Tennant
Finance Chairperson	Jamie Zimmer
Staff Parish Relations	Lisa Speck
Trustees 2019 Chair (Elected yearly by Trustees)	_____
Missions Chairperson	Cathy Amundsen
Music Committee Co-Chairpersons	Bob Ebersole / Joe Weisinberger
Education Committee Chairperson	_____
(left open intentionally to discern direction of Committee)	
Life Group Coordinator	Joi Tennant
Outreach and Marketing Team Co-Chairpersons	Bob Pena / Mary Boudreau
Church and Society Committee Chairperson	_____
(left open intentionally to discern direction of Committee)	
Lay Members to Annual Conf.	Pat Bell / Pat Mort
Church Historian	John Houston
Congregation Representatives	Mike Garcia, Stacy Morris, Sandra Humphrey
Paid Staff:	
Assistant Pastor	Rev. Bill Amundsen
Director, Music Ministries / Worship Arts	Caryn Welter
Senior Pastor (voice, no vote)	Rev. Mark Thompson

APPOINTED CLERGY AND PAID STAFF

Senior Pastor	Mark Thompson (appointed by Bishop)
Assistant Pastor	Bill Amundsen (employed by Central)
Office Manager	Delicia Lockhart
Director, Music Ministries / Worship Arts	Caryn Welter
Chancel Choir Director	Alison Geesey
Bell Choir Director	Janet Geissler
Chancel Choir Section Leaders	
Soprano: Jenn Giustino	Alto: Anna POCO
Tenor: Jarod Moyer	Bass: Cody Harrell
Bookkeeper / Financial Secretary	Betsy Mauk
Facilities Manager	Bruce Newton
Custodian/Building Attendant	Jack Neller
Building Attendants	Cameron Brown, Ross Evoy
Website Administrator	Renee Hall

LEADERSHIP TEAM (ADVISORY ONLY)

Chairperson: Mark Thompson
Assistant Pastor: Bill Amundsen
Director of Music Ministries/Worship Arts: Caryn Welter
Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee: Lisa Speck
Chair of Finance Committee: Jamie Zimmer
Chair of Trustees: _____ (2019, elected by Trustees)
Lay Leader: David Stinson

OUTREACH AND MARKETING MINISTRIES

Team Leaders: Bob Pena / Mary Boudreau
Team Members: TBD by Team Leaders

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Cathy Amundsen
Committee Members: Kathy Hicks, Nancy O'Shea, Susan Grettenberger, Estela de-Hudy

CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

Chairperson: _____ (left open intentionally to discern direction of Committee)
Committee Members: Penny Zago, Pat Bell, Ellen Zeinert

WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Music Committee Co-Chairpersons: Bob Ebersole / Joe Weisinberger
Committee Members: Dick Bates, Janet Geissler, Carolyn Kirkby, Jeannie Sanders,
Judy Patrick, John Houston
Music Librarian: Gene Welter
Music Office Assistant: Sue Kephart
Staff Liaison: Caryn Welter, Director of Music Ministries/Worship Arts

Engaging Worship Team:

Team Leader – Staff Liaison: Caryn Welter, Music Ministries and Worship Arts Director
Team Members: Mike Garcia, John Houston, Peter Hudy, Sue Kephart, Larry Beckon,
Edie Robinson, Mary Ellen Maas

Liturgists Coordinator: Edie Robinson

Liturgists: Leora Stutes, Benjamin Hudy-Velasco, Stephanie Hall, Joe Huston, Mike Garcia,
Kathy MacLaren, Peter Hudy, Robert Wolfer, Jon Reynolds, Betsy Reynolds, Catherine
Hibbard, Joi Tennant, Ashley Grettenberger, Susan Grettenberger, Allen Clarkson,
Sue Kephart

Ushers Co-Coordinator: Edie Robinson and Lisa Speck

Ushers: Mary Nesman, Howard Sewell, Al Grofvert, Mike Garcia, Doug Bowers, Mary Bowers,
Linda Towsley, Mark Graham, Sue Strait, Tom Kephart, Pat Mort, Al Doering, Sharon Doering, Bill
McCracken

Greeter Coordinator: Sue Strait

Greeters: Mary Bowers, Doug Bowers, Elaine Brown, Murray Brown, Mary Beth Pifer,
Penny Zago, John Zago, Al Doering, Sharon Doering, Nancy Dibble, Mary Ellen Maas,
Kathy McLaren, Kathy Prout, Dottie Stark, Linda Townsley, Allen Clarkson,
Lee Clarkson, Faye McCracken, Bill McCracken, Nancy Foutch, Richardo Muniz,
Mike Garcia, Lisa Speck, Cathy Amundsen, Bill Amundsen, John Houston

Worship Ministries, Continued

Communion Preparation Stewards Coordinator:

Stewards: Doug Bowers, Mary Bowers, Kathy MacLaren, Dorothy Anderson, Mary
Boudreau, Sue Strait, Mary Beth Pifer, Mike Sanders, Jeannie Sanders, Cathy
Amundsen, Joan Brandstadt, Rock Brandstadt, Sharon Doering, Al Doering,
Linda Edgar, Lisa Speck, Bill Amundsen

Communion Server Coordinator: _____

Servers:

Altar Guild Coordinator: Mary Bowers

Banner Guild Coordinator: Mary Ellen Maas

Radio and AV- Co-Coordinator: Bill Tennant and Peter Hudy

Team Members, Mike Garcia, Timoteo Hudy-Velasco, James Hepfer, Lee Clarkson
Finn Clarkson, Allen Clarkson, Dave Stinson, Mike Cooper

NURTURE MINISTRIES

Nurture and Visitation Ministry

Team Leader: Faye McCracken

Committee Members: Sue Strait, Mary Jessup, Edie Robinson

Life Groups Ministry

Coordinator: Joi Tennant

Life Group Leaders:

Day Trippers: Rev. Bill Amundsen

Vespers: Jamie Zimmer, Paul Zimmer

Small Group Book Study Program: Joi Tennant

Coffee Fellowship Ministry Coordinators

Before Worship: Gene Welter

After Worship: Mike Garcia

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Education Committee

Chairperson: _____ (left open intentionally to discern direction of Committee)

Team Members: Leslie Prame, Estela de-Hudy, Nancy O’Shea, Russell McReynolds

Children’s Ministries Chairperson: _____

Life Groups Coordinator: Joi Tennant

History and Archives: John Houston

Librarian: Leah Fitch

Library Team: Stephanie Hall, Catherine Hibbard, Win Anderson (Emeritus)

Christian Camping: Joi Tennant

Wedding Coordinator: _____

Funeral and Home Meals Ministry Coordinator: Sue Strait, Mary Bowers

Team: Joan Brandstadt, Elaine Brown, Betsy Reynolds, Mary Ellen Maas,

Cathy Amundsen, Faye McCracken

STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Lisa Speak

Committee Members:

Serve through 2019: Bill McCracken, Russell McReynolds, Ashley Grettenberger

Serve through 2020: Denny Stoneman, Lisa Speak

Serve through 2021: Peter Hudy, Shannon Branstner, Julie Welch

Lay Leader: David Stinson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2019 Chairperson: _____ (Elected by Trustees each January)

2019 Vice Chairperson: _____ (Elected by Trustees each January)

Serve through 2019: Mike Garcia, Linda Towsley, Kathy Prout

Serve through 2020: Stacy Morris, Ann Ezop, Larry Beckon

Serve through 2021: Susan Grettenberger, _____ , _____

Scholarships Committee

Co-Chairpersons: Dick Bates, Gene Welter

Team Members, Leora Stutes, _____

Memorials Committee

Chairperson: Mary Jessup

Committee: Carolyn Kirkby, Jan Kennedy, Peter Hudy

Landscaping Team

Coordinator: _____

Team: Carolyn Kirkby, Mary Boudreau, Cathy Amundsen, Michael Robbins,
Mark Graham

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Jamie Zimmer

Vice Chairperson: Bill Tennant

Committee Members: Marte Boote, Mary Morris, Mary Boudreau

Treasurer: Bill Tennant

2019 Trustee Chairperson: _____ (elected by Trustees January each year)

SPRC Chairperson: Lisa Speck

Lay Leader: David Stinson

Administrative Council Chairperson: Allen Clarkson

Lay Members of the Annual Conference: Pat Bell, Pat Mort

Pastor: Mark Thompson (voice, no vote)

Office Manager: Delicia Lockhart (paid staff, consultant role)

NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(operates with consensus model as compared to voting model)

Chairperson: Mark Thompson (by virtue of The Book of Discipline)

Committee Members:

Serve through 2019: Peter Hudy

Serve through 2020: Penny Zago

Serve through 2021: Bill Tennant

Staff: Assistant Pastor: Bill Amundsen

Director of Music Ministries / Worship Arts: Caryn Welter



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