

Long Memorial United Methodist Church

2026 Lay Leadership / Church Officers

Approved by Charge Conference - October 12, 2025

- **Bold** text indicates a new person to that role in 2026.
- "Class of..." indicates the calendar year through which a committee member is expected to serve. Someone in the Class of 2026 would serve through December 31, 2026.
- Terms for newly elected persons begin January 1.
- Changes may occur throughout the year; please note the date of any subsequent modifications

Church Council:

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| Chair | Kelly Mundy |
| Lay Leader | Tommy Humphries |
| Vice-Chair Church Council | Linda Mabe |
| Delegate to Annual Conference | Laura Atkins |
| Church Treasurer | Billie Oakley |
| Financial Secretary | Nancy Lee Newell |
| Recording Secretary | Linda Mabe |
| Communications Chair | Martha Butler |
| Pastor | Ed Priestaf |
| Education Committee Chair | Gordon Carver, Jr |
| Endowment Committee Chair | Bob Morgan |
| Finance Committee Chair | Patti Morgan |
| Lay Leadership Team Chair | Ed Priestaf |
| Mission Committee Chair | Emily Humphries, Meg Denton |
| Nurture Committee Chair | Lori Burnette |
| Preschool Board Chair | Betsy Sandy |
| Staff Parish Committee Chair | Terry Allen |
| Trustees Chair | George Gentry |
| United Women in Faith President | Karen Kerrick |
| United Methodist Men President | To Be Elected By UMM |
| UM Youth Representatives—Mid and HS | To Be Elected By UMYF |
| Worship Committee Chair | Martha Butler |

*In addition to those leaders listed above, the **Council** includes the following **Members at Large:***

| Class of 2026 | Class of 2027 | Class of 2028 |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Tommy Humphries | Barbara Alexander | Robert Allen |
| Casey Gentry | Kenneth Strachan | Sally Humphries |
| Paul Helminger | Donna Kurst | Janice Wilson |
| | David Lewis | Jona Fitzgerald |
| | Mark Galloway | Steve Bailey |

Staff Parish Relations Committee:

Chair: Terry Allen

| <u>Class of 2026</u> | <u>Class of 2027</u> | <u>Class of 2028</u> |
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| Terry Allen | Jamie Young | Doug Mabe |
| Lin Cates | Brent Groce | Steve Bailey |
| | Jona Fitzgerald | Beverly Hicks |

Also includes: Lay Leader, Lay Member to Annual Conference

NOTE: *Members may serve for a maximum of six consecutive years, per the Book of Discipline (§258.2b);*

Board of Trustees:

Chair: **George Gentry**

| <u>Class of 2026</u> | <u>Class of 2027</u> | <u>Class of 2028</u> |
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| Lou Lockhart | Robert Allen | Keith Burnette |
| Hunt Fitzgerald | George Gentry | Cathy Lowery |
| Walt Rogers | Jim Kurst | Tom Fitzgerald |

Parsonage Committee: Tonya Gentry (Chair), Paige Fitzgerald, Patti Morgan, Jamie Mundy, Sam Bailey

Finance Committee:

Chair: Patti Morgan

Treasurer: Billie Oakley Financial Secretary: Nancy Lee Newell

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| Clay Tuck | Patti Morgan | Gordon Carver, Jr. |
| Jeff Fitzgerald | Donna Kurst | Jay Bayliff |
| Ben Tillet | | Ted Michie |

Also includes: Council Chair, Lay Leader, Conference Delegate, Endowment Chair, SPRC Chair, Trustee Chair

Lay Leadership Team (Nominations Committee):

Chair: Ed Priestaf

Vice Chair (Lay Leader): **Tommy Humphries**

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| Kelly Mundy | Hogan Carringer | Jona Fitzgerald |
| Teresa Fitzgerald | Ashley Bailey | |

NOTE: *Retiring members may NOT be re-nominated/elected consecutively, per the Book of Discipline (§258.1d)*

Nurture Ministries:

Chair: Lori Burnett
Beverly Hicks, Lori Burnette, Linda Bridges,
Martha Allen

Outreach & Missions:

Chairs or Co-Chairs: Emily Humphries, Meg Denton
Back Pack Pals Chair: Cheryl Allen, **Robert Allen**
Hand Made's Prayer Shawl Ministry Chair: Teresa Fitzgerald
PuMP Representative: Bo Freeman
At-Large: Jim Kurst, Ellen Harris, Susan Wilkerson
Meg Denton, Mary Calhoun, **Anne Priest, Jim Priest, Maribel Strachan, Laurie and Steve Shull, Jenna Clayton, Anna Scott Lawrence**

Worship Team:

Chair: Martha Butler
Flowers: **Peggy Wade**
Altar Guild: Cornelia Loftis _____
Communion: Amy Bayliff (Chair), Ellen Harris, Sallie Weinberger, Kathleen Hall
Usher Coordinators: Jamie Mundy, Woody Garrett
Wedding Coordinators: Connee White (Chair), Linda Bridges, Sally Humphries, Pam Day
Funeral Coordinators: Johnny Bradsher, Robert Wrenn, George Gentry
Music: Chuck Higgins
Audio-Visual and Online Streaming: Hunt Fitzgerald

Endowment Committee: *(5 voting members)*

Chair: **Bob Morgan**

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| Michelle Young | Laura Atkins | Jeff Fitzgerald |
| Bob Morgan | Walt Rogers | |
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Also includes non-voting members: Treasurer, Finance Chair, Trustee Chair, Pastor

Preschool Board:

Chair: **Betsy Sandy**

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| Betsy Sandy | Kelly Mundy | Loudell Medford |
| Lily Weinberger | Amy Bayliff | Martha Allen |
| | Sallie Weinberger | Jeanne Webster |

Education:

Chair: Gordon Carver, Jr.
Sunday School Secretary: Will Carver

Social Media/Communications Coordinating team:

Chair: **Martha Butler**

Webmaster: Martha Butler, assistant **Janice Wilson**

Remind (via text, email, call) Administrator: Donna Kurst

Face Book and Instagram Administrator: Maribel Strachan

Google Administrator: Jona Fitzgerald

Online Streaming: Hunt Fitzgerald

Columbarium Committee: Alan Hicks (Chair), Bill Sabiston, Elizabeth Sabiston, Janice Wilson, Jeff Fitzgerald, Gloria Bumpass

Robert E. Long Loan: Lin Cates - Chair, Dolly Denton, Leon Long, **Carol Hadley, Steve Bailey**

Membership Secretary: Peggy Wade

Summer Literacy Coordinating Committee

Site Director (To be hired), Autumn Gentry (Children's Director), Doug Mabe (SPRC), Beverly Hicks, Don Hill, Pam Day (Preschool), Ed Priestaf (Pastor), George Gentry (Trustee), Sally Humphries, Stacey Paith, Harriet Tillet, **Zandra Hill**, Jackie Priestaf

*Includes Ex-officio (with vote): Hired Site Director, LM Children's Ministries Director, LM Preschool Director, LM SPRC Representative, LM Trustee Representative, LM Pastor, Parent Representative, **Satellite Site Representative***

Personnel Subcommittee (Authorized by Church Council to recruit, interview, hire, terminate, and address other human resources issues). Accountable to SLCC, SPRC, and Church Council. Must include SPRC Representative:

Pastor

SPRC - Doug Mabe

Harriet Tillet

Beverly Hicks