

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2019 LAY LEADERSHIP REPORT

Par. 252.1: *Purpose- The **church council** shall provide for planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness, and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. The church council shall be amenable to and function as the administrative agency of the charge conference.*

From Par. 252.5: The charge (church) conference will determine the size of the council, as few as eleven and as many as the charge conference deems appropriate.

Membership prescribed by the Discipline (Par. 252.5):

- (a) Chairperson----- Jay Christensen
- (b) Lay Leader(s) ----- Sue Miller
- (c) Staff-Parish Relations Committee (chair or representative) ----- Chris Lindgren
- (d) Finance Committee (chairperson or representative) ----- Darrell Hoogheem
- (e) Trustees (chairperson or representative) ----- Gabe Wagner
- (f) Church Treasurer(s) ----- Leilani VandeWall
- (g) Lay Members to Annual Conference ----- Karen Adams (2019)
----- Marilyn Porter (2019)

- (i) Christian Education Committee (chair or rep.) ----- Michelle Lahner

Council Secretary----- Ginny Foster
Pastor (s) ----- Bruce Wittern

At Large Members

2019	2020	2021
Mike Foster	Terri Nielsen	Craig Alexander
Brian VandeRee	Dave Kurtz	Whitey Miller
	Mike Maxwell	Larry Lewis

Other positions not on Church Council:

Financial Secretary ----- Sheryl Dickey
Membership Secretary ----- Beverly Van Devender
Historian-----
Cub Scout Pack 71 & Boy Scout Troop 71 Liaison ----- Bryan Johnson

Staff Parish Relations Committee - (Par. 258.2)

(Chairperson – Chris Lindgren, Lay Leader – Sue Miller, Lay Member of Annual Conference – Marilyn Porter

2019	2020	2021
Shirley Gallagher	Chris Lindgren	Rick Hersom
Vicki Arkema	Kelly Asperheim	Jay Fox
Marcia Alexander	Daniel Foster	Sue Mitchell

Board of Trustees - (Par. 252.5)

(Chairperson elected by Trustees: Gabe Wagner Vice-Chair, Greg Johnson Secretary: Deb Johnson)

2019	2020	2021
Deb Johnson	Kim Andeway	Cheryl Lockwood
Gabe Wagner	Alan DeBruin	Mike Mitchell
Greg Johnson	Brian Edel	Brett Mowrey
		Gaylord DeJong

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating Committee) – (Par 258.1)

(**Chairperson:** Pastor, Bruce Wittern; **Lay Leader,** Sue Miller)

2019	2020	2021
Daniel Foster	Alan DeBruin	Michelle Engel
Phyllis Fox	Rick Hersom	Marlene Maxwell
Barb Johnson	Janet Osweiler	Dave Figland

Finance Committee – (Par. 258.4)

(**Chairperson:** Darrell Hoogheem, **Pastor(s),** Bruce Wittern, **Chairperson of Church Council:** Jay Christensen, **Chairperson or Representative of SPRC:** _____, **Representative of Trustees:** _____, **Lay Leader:**, Sue Miller, **Treasurer:** Leilani VandeWall, **Financial Secretary:** Sheryl Dickey)

2019	2020	2021
Darrell Hoogheem	Jake Roberts	Dan Adams
Duane Haberichter	Ed Butler	Jane Krutzfeldt
Nate Lahner		

Education Committee **Director of Children and Youth Ministries:** Karen Adams, **Chair:** Michelle Lahner

2019	2020	2021
Jim Veldhuizen	Kara Edel	Jan Dodd
Michelle Lahner	Bob Morris	Linda Lindgren
Aimee Wagner	Morgan Mowrey	Janelle Canfield

Endowment Committee – (Par. 2534) (**Pastor, Bruce Wittern; Treasurer, Leilani VandeWall; Representative of Finance Committee:** _____, **Representative of Trustees:**) Mary Johnson, Chris Hyland, David Figland

Hospitality Committee Sue Miller, Sue Mitchell, Connie Bryan, Barb DeBruin -----

Memorial Committee Members: Carol Ludwick, Janan Clark, Marilyn Obermire, Dave Figland, Phyllis Fox

Worship Committee Purpose: Support pastor and music staff in leadership of regular and special worship services.

Members: Quinton Tschetter, Beverly Van Devender, Bob Morris, Candace Slobe, Cynde Briggs, Karen Adams, Larry Gordy, Sue Mitchell, Judy Lewis, Pastor Bruce Wittern

Task Forces under Worship Work Area: **Organ Task Force** - Carolyn Tschetter, **Ushers** – Larry Gordy **Acolyte Coordinator** – Karen Adams & Rachel Strong, **Fellowship Time Coordinator** - Janan Clark, **Audio/Visual Coordinator:** Scott Ewing, **Worship Service Greeter Coordinator** – Diane Gordy, **Communion Stewards Coordinator** – Judy Lewis & Sheryl Dickey

Mission Committee Lawrence Rouw, Kelly Asperheim, Michelle Engel

Members of Team HOPE: Hal & Sharoll Edmundson, Candace Slobe, Cynde Briggs, Sharon Shaulis, Craig & Marcia Alexander, Lawrence & Donna Rouw, James & Barb Johnson, Marilyn Porter, Whitey Miller

Taylor Scholarship Purpose: Grant college scholarships to CUMC members who apply.

Chairperson – Brent Knoot Members: Judy Lewis, Craig Alexander

Bridge Event Committee Chair., Steve DeJong, Craig Alexander, Scott DeJong, Dan Adams, Karen Adams, Bryan Johnson, Candace Slobe, Cynde Briggs

Safety Task Force Craig Alexander, Rick Bryan, Gabe Wagner, Greg Johnson, Kim Andeway, Larry Gordy.

Church Council

The Church Council, sometimes spoken of as the Ad Council is the primary administrative body and decision making group of the local church carrying out the business of the Charge Conference. This Council is also responsible to help the congregation keep on the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Chairs of various committees and boards along with at large members make up this body.

Our Council usually meets the third Wednesday of the month.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is responsible for consulting with the pastor regarding relationships between the staff and the congregation. When personnel issues arise the SPRC works with the pastor to resolve them. The committee is to encourage and respect the pastor and staff, and to promote unity. The SPRC is to develop and approve job descriptions for the staff and this is the committee that consults with the superintendent when pastoral changes are to be made. The SPRC meets in closed session and information shared in the committee shall be confidential.

Our SPRC usually meets on the first Wednesday evening of the month.

Bridge Event Committee

Our Bridge Event Committee is one of the newer committees of our church for the purpose of planning and carrying out events to form a bridge of relationships of persons from our congregation with persons in our community that may not have a relationship with a local church. While this group certainly needs to be praying as we prepare to build bridge we do not engage in public praying or preaching at these events. Examples include our fishing derby, bike ride on the trail, fall festival with trunk or treat, and carnival at Penn Mall.

This committee does not have a regularly scheduled time to meet, but meets periodically to make arrangements for the events we plan.

Worship Committee

The worship committee meets to plan, discuss, and evaluate the worship experiences we offer at Central Church. This committee plans and schedules special worship services for the different seasons of the Church year and makes an effort to include a variety of persons in our worship through instrumental and vocal music, ushering, drama, greeting, lectors, A/V techs, communion servers, etc.

Our worship committee meets a few times a year.

Board of Trustees

The board of trustees is the group of men and women in the church that are responsible for the property of the church. With a beautiful old building like Central Church and our somewhat "newer" education wing, fellowship hall and office complex that can be a daunting task. Recently they played a key role in preparing for and overseeing the capital campaign projects that included the sanctuary and education building roofs, the extensive work done to preserve our three large stained glass windows, and the construction of our parking lot. They are responsible for the upkeep of our grounds, as well as our buildings. Our trustees have an ongoing project list and invite our congregation to volunteer to assist with this various projects.

Our Board of Trustees usually meets at 6:30 on the second Wednesday evening of the month.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of Central Church prepares a yearly budget and reviews detailed reports of receipts and expenses that our church has each month. While the committee sees reports of giving they do not have access to private donor information. A member of this committee meets together with our financial secretary to count our weekly offerings. This committee provides a check and balance system to see that we are good stewards of the financial gifts entrusted to our church. They keep track of our financial status of our congregation.

Our Finance Committee usually meets at 6:00 on the second Wednesday of the month.