

CUMMING FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2024

**NOTES:**

1. Names in **bold** type indicate 2024 is first year serving in that position.
2. The Senior Pastor, as the administrative officer of the church, serves as an ex officio member with vote on all councils, boards, task forces, committees, etc. of the church unless otherwise prohibited by *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.
3. The Senior Pastor may designate staff members to serve as ex-officio members of certain committees, councils, boards, etc. Such ex-officio members will have vote unless such is prohibited by *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*.

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

Executive

Church Council Chair (*3<sup>rd</sup> Lay Delegate to Annual Conference*) .....**Jeff Roy**  
Church Council Vice-Chair (*4<sup>th</sup> Lay Delegate to Annual Conference*) ..... **Ann Teasley**  
Recording Secretary..... **Barbara Ledbetter**  
Co-Lay Leaders (*1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Lay Delegates to Annual Conference*) ..... Debbie Poss and Don Slater (3)

Administrative Chairs

Board of Trustees Chair .....**Gary Pierson**  
Finance Committee Chair ..... Dana Letchworth (2)  
Church Treasurer.....Sandy Ray(+)  
Staff-Parish Relations Chair .....**Jerry Harris**

Ministry Area Team Captains

Hospitality Team Co-Captains ..... **Patrick Webb & Susan Van Veld**  
Faith Development Team Co-Captains..... **Lynn Pugh & Ann Tallant**  
Preschool Board Chair..... Kathy Thomas (2)  
Congregational Care Team Captain.....  
Missions & Service Team Captain ..... Christa O’Neal (2)  
Generosity Team Co-Captains ..... Robert & Janet Scott (3)  
President of United Women in Faith .....Janet Scott  
President of United Methodist Men.....John Heath  
Youth Representative.....Anderson McKnight (2)  
Young Adult Representative..... **Brody Durany**

Clergy Staff

Senior Pastor ..... Rev. Dr. Matt Stewart  
Pastor of Missions & Ministries ..... Rev. Gia Jones  
Assistant Pastor..... Rev. Fede Apecena

Staff

Director of Children Ministries.....Cherie Perkins  
Director of Student Ministries .....Nate Bramel  
Church Administrator/Director of Hospitality ..... Kristy Thompson  
Director of Music, Worship & Arts..... John Hutchinson  
Asst. Director of Music, Worship & Arts..... Matthias Young

At-Large Members

Class of 2024 .....Kevin Tallant, Scott Messer, Craig Hethcox

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<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES</b>
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**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

CLASS OF 2024	Johanne Daigh	Sue Buckalew	Carol Johnson
CLASS OF 2025	Sharon Knolls	Jerry Harris	Rachael Bardall
CLASS OF 2026		<b>Alan Ewing</b>	
Lay Leader(s)	Debbie Poss and Don Slater (Vice-Chairs)		
Staff:	Senior Pastor (Chair), all appointed clergy and Executive Administrative Assistant		

**STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

CLASS OF 2024	Barbara Barnett	<b>Amanda Neighbours</b>	
CLASS OF 2025	Jason Smith	Chuck Pugh	Sharon Walton (Vice-Chair)
CLASS OF 2026	<b>Jerry Harris</b> (Chair)	<b>Harold Knolls</b>	
Lay Leader(s):	Debbie Poss		
Staff:	Senior Pastor		

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CLASS OF 2024	Jerry Sanders		Elizabeth Porcel
CLASS OF 2025	Gary Pierson (Chair)	Megan Hunt	Gloria Buice
CLASS OF 2026	<b>Joe Thornton</b>	<b>Emily Thorton</b>	<b>John McGruder</b>
Staff: ( <i>without vote</i> )	Senior Pastor and Church Administrator		

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Chair	Dana Letchworth (2)
Vice-Chair	Tim Heard (2)
Church Treasurer	Sandy Ray (+)
Generosity Team Co-Captains	Robert and Janet Scott (3)
Generosity Vice-Captain	<b>Cindee Riordan</b>
Lay Leaders	Debbie Poss and Don Slater (3)
Church Council Chair	<b>Jeff Roy</b>
Board of Trustees Chair	<b>Gary Pierson</b>
SPRC Chair	<b>Jerry Harris</b>
CLASS OF 2024	Judy Carter      Dana Letchworth      Jim Grant
CLASS OF 2025	Mary Helen McGruder      Tim Heard      Siv Keyser
Staff: ( <i>with vote</i> )	All Appointed Clergy
Staff: ( <i>without vote</i> )	Financial Administrator & Church Administrator

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**HOSPITALITY TEAM**

Hospitality Team Co-Captains **Susan Van Veld** and **Patrick Webb**  
Greeter Team Coordinator Sharon Knolls (2)  
Modern Worship Greeter Team Coordinator Linda Butler (2)  
CLASS OF 2024 Sue Buckalew  
CLASS OF 2025 Claudia Baldowski Cerue Harris  
CLASS OF 2026 **Albert & Florence Rabindran** **Darrick & Colette Zink**  
STAFF: Pastor of Missions & Ministries, Assistant Pastor,  
Director of Hospitality, & Director of Communications

**WORSHIP TEAM**

Modern Worship Setup/Communion Coordinator Vickie Stuckey (3)  
Traditional Altar Guild/Communion Coordinator  
Traditional Acolyte Coordinators  
Traditional Usher Coordinator Ken Baldowski (+)  
Traditional Altar Flowers Coordinator Renee Turner (+)  
Flower Ministry Coordinator Patrick Webb (+)  
Seasonal Decorations Coordinator Rick and Nancy Graves (2)  
STAFF: All appointed clergy, Director of Music, Worship & Arts, Asst. Director of Music,  
and Director of Hospitality

**FAITH DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

Faith Development Team Captain **Lynn Pugh & Ann Tallant**  
Library Committee Chair **Camille McElroy**  
Preschool Committee Chair Kathy Thomas (2)  
Children Council Representative To Be Assigned by Children's Council  
Youth Ministry Team Chair Ryan Payne (+)  
Safe Sanctuary Coordinator Barbara Ledbetter (+)  
College Care Pals Coordinator Christa O'Neal (2)  
Church Historians Ken Baldowski (2) & **Paula Kennedy**  
CLASS of 2024 **Claudia Baldowski**  
CLASS of 2025 Howard Allred Ann Teasley Ann Tallant  
CLASS of 2026 **Brian Thomas**  
STAFF: Pastor of Mission & Ministries, Director of Nursery, Director of Preschool, Director  
& Asst. Director of Children's Ministries, Director of Student Ministries

**PRESCHOOL BOARD**

Preschool Board Chair Kathy Thomas (2)  
Preschool Director *(without vote)* Rachael Bardall (2)  
Preschool Assistant Directors *(without vote)* Kim Hannigan (2)  
Board of Trustees Representative **Gary Pierson**  
Staff-Parish Relations Representative Sharon Walton (2)  
Committee on Finance Representative Dana Letchworth (2)  
CLASS of 2024 Laurin Dunleavy Andi Furman Sue Buckalew  
CLASS of 2025 Micah Patrick Claudia Baldowski Mary Elizabeth McKnight  
CLASS of 2026 **Anthony Tarantino** **Josh Freitag**  
STAFF: Pastor of Mission & Ministries

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**CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM**

Congregational Care Team Captain  
Stephen Ministry Coordinator  
Intercessory Prayer Ministry Coordinator  
Homebound CD Ministry Coordinator  
Gentle Souls Coordinator  
New Baby Ministry Coordinator  
Special Birthday Notes Coordinator  
Nursing Home Ministry Representative  
CLASS of 2024                      Bev Nichols  
CLASS of 2025                      Linda Sue Meagher  
CLASS of 2026                      **Frances Pyne-Cummings**  
STAFF:     Pastor of Mission & Ministries

**Kim Kennedy**  
**Leigh & Craig Hethcox**  
**Dailey Parr**  
**Peg Kneiss**  
Anita Seay, Nursery Director (3)  
**Linda Brimmer**

Diane Cooper  
Harold Knolls  
**Ethan Hills**

**MISSIONS & SERVICE TEAM**

Missions & Service Team Captain  
Food Ministry Council Representative  
Scouting Coordinator  
CLASS of 2024                      Dave Adams  
CLASS of 2025                      Marilyn Savage  
CLASS of 2026                      **Nicole & Daniel Ross**  
STAFF:     Pastor of Missions & Ministries, Assistant Pastor, Director of Outreach,  
                 and Food Bank Director

Christa O'Neal (2)  
Bill Bierschenk (+)  
Jennifer Hanks (2)  
Christa O'Neal  
Metz & Mary Grace Holder

**GENEROSITY TEAM**

Generosity Team Co-Captains  
Generosity Team Vice Captain  
Chair Committee on Finance  
CLASS of 2024                      Roger & Siv Keyser  
CLASS of 2025                      Sharon Heard  
CLASS of 2026                      **Cerue Harris**  
STAFF:     Senior Pastor, Financial Administrator, and Director of Communications

Robert & Janet Scott (3)  
**Cindee Riordan**  
Dana Letchworth (2)  
Jennifer Hanks  
Jack Kneiss