

RICHMOND

First United Methodist Church Newsletter



BY: PASTOR SUNHWA

“Many Colors, One Spirit 2025”

Hello, Richmond First! I am your pastor, Sunhwa.

Fall is here! I hope you are enjoying the beautiful colors of the season—the trees, hills, and streets are filled with God’s wonderful artistry.

During our recent devotion time, I asked the congregation this question:

“Friends, what color best describes your year in 2025?”

One person said blue, because she recently lost her loved ones and has friends who are sick.

Another said gray, because she had a difficult year but received great comfort and support from others.

Someone chose pink, because even though her life has challenges, she tries to stay positive.

Others chose purple, a color that gives them energy and joy.

For my family, I would choose yellow—a fun and refreshing color. This year, we enjoyed traveling and a family reunion, even though those plans were unexpected.

As a church, what color might we choose?

Perhaps red, representing Pentecost and the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. Or maybe purple, representing Advent, as we begin preparing our hearts for the coming season.

I like to think our church is like a tree in the fall—many colors, yet beautifully united. Each of us brings our own story and journey, and together we reflect the beauty of God’s work among us.

Though we have experienced both joy and sorrow this year, everything reminds us how truly blessed we have been in 2025. Our church continues to grow, to serve, and to move forward in faith.

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, let us thank God for His faithfulness and thank one another for sharing in this journey together.



Exciting News In Our Church Office!

We are happy to share that we were quickly blessed to be able to fill the Church Administrator position. You know her as a kind-hearted, generous, and familiar member within our church family. Darlene Kelly has taken over as the lead Office Administrator here at RFUMC! We are delighted to have her in this role! As the role develops, please take note of her hours in the weekly emails.

We are grateful to have had Kristina's continued support in this role through October. Now, as we enter November, Jen has graciously offered to return to ensure a smooth transition of the upcoming holidays and New Year responsibilities. Jen's wealth of knowledge during this time will be so helpful. We are so thankful for everyone's teamwork as we are moving through this time of change!

Please join us in welcoming Darlene and extending our warmest welcome and appreciation for her commitment as she settles into her new role! Also, please extend our sincerest thanks to Kristina and Jen for their service to our church.

Sending Love and Blessings to All of You!

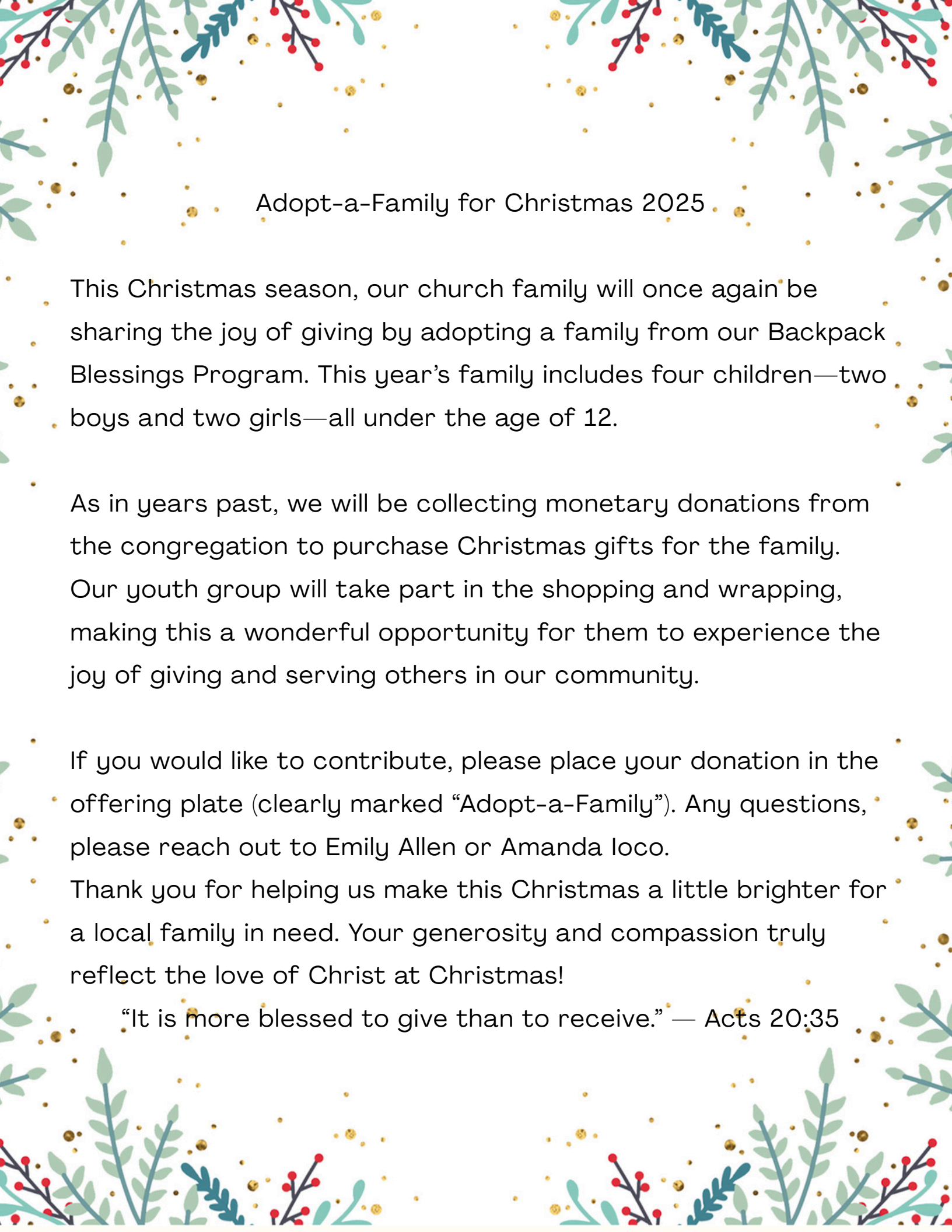
Your SPRC: Amy Foster, Amanda Ioco, Vicki Lyszcyk, and Larry Kondek

Welcome OUR NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

By Darlene Kelly

Happy November everyone! I'm writing this as your new church admin person, also known as church secretary. I'm excited to be taking on this new role within the church and looking forward to working with you all and would like to share some background about myself you may not know.

My husband Ken and I joined the church a few years ago and we've come to really enjoy it. Ken and I live in Columbus Township with our dog Riley. I grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, attended the Methodist Church in Crystal Falls and also attended Northern Michigan University before moving downstate. I have worked in offices my whole life, in hospitals and most recently automotive. I'm sure it won't be long before the church office feels like home.



Adopt-a-Family for Christmas 2025

This Christmas season, our church family will once again be sharing the joy of giving by adopting a family from our Backpack Blessings Program. This year's family includes four children—two boys and two girls—all under the age of 12.

As in years past, we will be collecting monetary donations from the congregation to purchase Christmas gifts for the family. Our youth group will take part in the shopping and wrapping, making this a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the joy of giving and serving others in our community.

If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the offering plate (clearly marked "Adopt-a-Family"). Any questions, please reach out to Emily Allen or Amanda Ioco.

Thank you for helping us make this Christmas a little brighter for a local family in need. Your generosity and compassion truly reflect the love of Christ at Christmas!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." — Acts 20:35



Important Dates

- 11/2-** Sunday Service 9:30am
White Elephant drop off 11/2-11/5
All Saint's Day Service
- 11/3-** Praise Group 6pm
- 11/5-** Busy Hands 9:30am
Set up for Bazaar
- 11/8-** Bazaar! 10am-2pm
- 11/9-** Sunday Service 9:30am
Potato Sunday
- 11/10-** Praise Group 6pm
- 11/11-** Veteran's Day
Praise Group 6pm
- 11/12- Busy Hands 10-12
- 11/13-** UMW
- 11/15-** Vision Team Meeting 10am
- 11/16-** Sunday Service 9:30am
UMM meet at Ken's Kitchen 8am
- 11/17-** Praise Group 6pm
- 11/19- Busy Hands
Thanksgiving lunch at Washington 12pm
- 11/23-** Sunday Service 9:30am
Thanksgiving Sunday
- 11/24-** Praise Group 6pm
- 11/27-** Thanksgiving
- 11/29-** Hanging of the Greens
- 11/30 -** Sunday Service 9:30am/Choir Practice

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



By: Donna Quick

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Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Once again there was a 'Baby Shower' at FUMC UWF! Thank you for the generous gifts and cash donations that purchased 2 new car seats and a number of Gas and Grocery Gift Cards, a suggestion of the Compassion Pregnancy Center. The Center is extremely grateful!!

Thank you to our hostesses Jean Brederland and Kathy Harley for the special dessert and tasty favors! "To Him be the Glory..."

'Busy Hands' is wrapping it up and will be ready for Bazaar2025! This is our Fund Raiser to support our mission to this church, our District and Conference Missions, Red Bird, Methodist Retirement Home, Heifer Project and Community Outreach. We look to our Church Family for all the support you can offer. Many 'Hands' needed on Wednesday Nov. 5 beginning at 10 to set-up! Christine Rowley is preparing lunch for all the workers! Come, join the fellowship, if you are able. Remember:

Nov. 2, Sunday~ You may offer or be recruited to help with set-up after worship.

~ 'White Elephant' items may be brought in thru Wednesday. Note no Clothing or large items...clean is very helpful!

Nov. 5 Wednesday~ Set-up Day! 'Busy Hands' and ALL Hands @ 10, Lunch @ noon (not quitting time) Thank You Christine!

NOV. 8, SATURDAY~ BAZAAR DAY 10-2...INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS!!

CRAFTS 'BUSY HANDS & HOME CRAFTERS

BAKE SALE~~~PLEASE BAKE Bring items Fri. pm/Sat by 9

SEE 'U' SUNDAY 9:30 FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!!



By: Susan Foster

November has Arrived!!

Our Bazaar is Saturday, November 8th from 10-2pm

All the years work to prepare for this day makes it our time to shine with a lot of help from our church members.

Some of you were here on Wednesdays making things- some of you donated craft kits and supplies- some of you had been baking for the bake sale- some of you helped set things up for the big day- many of you will spend the day working the sale- and many of you have been praying for a successful day so we can continue to support the many good causes within the church and the larger community of our world.

DON'T FORGET TO COME AND DO SOME SHOPPING!!

!! White Elephant Items!!

White Elephant Items can be dropped off at the church starting Nov 2-5. If no one at the church, Donna Quick 586 850-8783. If I'm not available, will make arrangements. Thanks





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Craft Sale, White Elephant, Bake Sale!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8

10:00AM- 2:00PM

RICHMOND FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
69495 N. MAIN STREET



*Choir practice for Christmas Eve Service
will begin on November 30th at 4pm.
Christmas Eve Service and concert will be
held at 7pm.*

*Hanging of the Greens will take place on
November 29. Time TBD*



*Advent signup sheet is located in the back
of the church. Advent starts December 1st.*

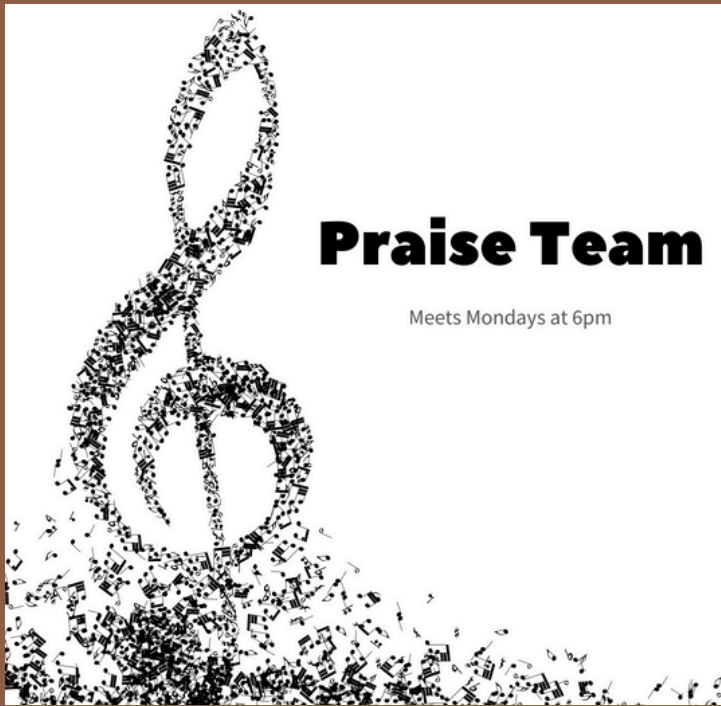


There is now a sign-up sheet for Sunday coffee hour. You can bring a treat for Sunday Service.

If you would like to donate altar flowers from your garden or the store, there is a sign up sheet hanging in the back of the church by the picture frame.



If you have a prayer request, please fill out the yellow prayer request form and place it in the office on Sunday so they can be added to the weekly email on Monday. The Sunday bulletin is printed on Thursday morning so any requests after will not be able to be added until Monday weekly email, unless it's an emergency prayer of course!



Veterans Day is Nov 11th. Salute to everyone who has made an immense sacrifice for the country. Your patriotism is an example for all of us. Thank you so much.
Happy Veterans Day!



OTHER

BACKPACK BLESSINGS



The donations for the month of November to be collected are; stuffing mix, Jello and angel food cake mix.

If you would like to volunteer with or donate to this great community wide outreach, please contact Laura Pobanz at (586) 727-2656.



KROGER

Last Quarter Total Donations Was \$51.55 Enter Richmond First United Methodist Church in the search button or our non-profit number AB956. Please let friends and family know so that they can register us as their non-profit organization also.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 4: Emily Allen
Debbie Fejedelem
November 9: Peg Patchel
November 11: Ken Durda
November 12: Joan Dawe
November 13: Lizabeth Wisner
November 20: Douglas McMartin
November 21: Grace Allen
November 24: Alane Rowley
November 25: Brenna Kramer
November 27: Steve Peninger
Joe Dibley
November 28: David Denny



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

November 8:
Gary & Mary Michelsen

November 28:
Steve & Sherry Peninger





We Are Praying For You!

Vicki Lyszczyk's friend Renee, who is undergoing Cancer treatment.

Jacob Rhein - has Cipro toxicity. He is now able to move his head 10%. Jacob is great nephew of Jim and Debbie Rhein.

Relative of Alane Rowley, Cody Ballard, 10 years old, diagnosed with Leukemia.

Lauren Tennimon's mom, Terri, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Chelsea Jones, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer.

Doug MacMartin, prayers for health concerns.

Jaynmarie Hubanks friend, Bear's son Frank, prayers for coping with Epileptic seizures.

Carol Jarrett, friend of Kristina Livingston, has been diagnosed with brain cancer.

Cec's Brother-in-law's health concerns.

Joey, Peggy and Dan Carroll's grandson, Rachel Collins's son, prayers for Pediatric Therapy.

Tom and Glenda Rix and family, their nephew, Wayne Moore passed away from cancer.

Mark McKiernan, friend of the Quick Family, Intense treatments for brain tumor.

Jodi Bishop, Fighting Ovarian Cancer

Josh, grandson of Wayne Murray in hospital with lung issues.

Kathy Wojciechowski, Aunt of Laura Pobanz, has Parkinson's disease and liver and pancreatic cancer.

Patricia Rosso, friend of Ken and Darlene Kelly, has Parkinson's Disease and is in need of kidney and liver transplant.

OTHER PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

Those families with loved ones that have passed recently

Local and national leaders

Medical and health professionals

Service men and women

The students, teachers, and staff of the school

Those seeking employment, housing, and everyday needs



All Saint's Day

This is a day to remember the whole company of Christians of every time and place! We celebrate the memory of our family members and friends who have passed into life eternal, especially those this past year.

This is a day with not only a common meaning for the whole community of faith, but also special and distinctive meanings for each of us

Donald Rhein - passed 6/15/2025 - brother/brother-in-law of Jim & Debbie Rhein

Helga Rhein - passed 8/17/2025 - sister-in-law of Jim and Debbie Rhein

David Gates - passed 9/21/2025 - uncle of Debbie and Jim Rhein

Lucille Augusta Trombley - October 19, 2025 - Aunt of Donna Quick

OCTOBER FACTS & FIGURES



DATE	ATTENDANCE	GIVING TOTAL
10/5/2025	51	4082
10/12/2025	35	3077
10/19/2025	43	2410
10/26/2025	48	1771

October Giving Total:\$11,340

CHURCH LEADERSHIP 2024

CHAIR OF COUNCIL: Glenn Quick (2025)

LAY LEADER: Laura Pobanz (2024)

SPRC MEMBERS: Delcourt Mark (Chair, 2024)
Lyszczyk, Vicki (2025)
Kondek, Larry (2025)
Foster Amy (2026)

FINANCE TEAM: Livingston Tina (Chair)
Gutt, Christine (Treasurer)
Nieman, Sue (Financial Secretary)

TRUSTEES: Habel, Derek (Chair)
Light, Scott
Dickson, Jennifer

MEMBERS AT LARGE: Foster, Susan

NOMINATING: Pastor Sunhwa
Foster, Susan