

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Cherryville, North Carolina
2026 Nominations For Officers

THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Chair* Janice Hovis
Vice Chair TBE
Pastor* Rev. Zack Christy
Director of Christian Education* Bess Thornburg
Secretary* Teresa Gardo
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference* TBA
Lay Leader* Bess Thornburg
Church Historian Jerry Thornburg
Representatives of:
Youth Representative* TBE

CHURCH COUNCIL-AT-LARGE

Class of 2026

Susan Beam
Crystal Thornburg
Chuck Dellinger

Class of 2027

Chrystal Harmon
Phyllis Thornburg
Darin Webb

Class of 2028

Tom Allen
Karen Freeman
Juanita Gunnell

PASTOR, PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Palmer Huffstetler: Chair*

Class of 2026

Emily Winter
Janice Hovis
Brian Emerson

Class of 2027

Palmer Huffstetler
Renee Allen
Tim Pruitt

Class of 2028

Dawn Whitworth
Cindy Holland
Chuck Dellinger

TBA: Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Bruce Barrett: Chair*

Class of 2026

Danny Webb
Ethan Beck (Secretary)
Dave Plake (Vice Chair)

Class of 2027

Matt Brafford
Steve Beam
Kacee Buff

Class of 2028

Bruce Barrett
Seth Freeman
Jon Carpenter

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

Lynn Bowen: Chair*

Class of 2026

Crystal Thornburg
Gary Freeman
Lynn Bowen

Class of 2027

Sandra Beam
Emily Webb
Debbie Gantt

Class of 2028

Genea Moss
Steve Bowen
Susan Fraley

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Pam Owens: Chair*

Janice Hovis, Church Council Chair
TBA, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference
Teresa Gardo, Financial Secretary

Bruce Barrett, Chair Trustees
Mildred Young, Treasurer*
Palmer Huffstetler, PPRC Chair

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Class of 2026

Seth Freeman
Pam Owens
Teci Webb

Class of 2027

Steve Bowen
Andrew Harmon
Tad Huffstetler

Class of 2028

M'Shel Bowen
Doug Whitworth
Stacey Bradley

Offering collectors: Gary Freeman, Danny Webb, Chad Thornburg, Steve Beam, Randy Baxter & Finance Chair
Offering counters: Nancy Catena, Judy Bingham, Pam Anthony & Teci Webb

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Dawn Whitworth: Chair *

Director of Christian Education Bess Thornburg
Sunday School Secretary* Kay Moths
Nursery Susan Beam
Children’s Sunday School..... Maria Pruitt
UMK’s Representative..... Brian Emerson
Youth Representative..... Mallie Emerson
Young Adult Representatives Kristen Freeman
College Care Representative..... Kristen Freeman
FFF Bunch / Senior Adult Representatives..... Keith & Kathy Kiser, Pam Anthony
Sunday School Adult Representative..... Phyllis Thornburg

MISSIONS & OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Susan Fraley: Chair*

Class of 2026

Chrystal Harmon
Tim Pruitt
Susan Fraley

Class of 2027

Cindy Ford
Bill Moss
Justin Winter

Class of 2028

Gary Freeman
Debbie Gantt
Jill Puett

BACKPACK MINISTRY

M’Shel Bowen: Chair*

Carol Metzger
Susan Fraley
Andrew Harmon

Rhonda Ballard
Tim Pruitt
M’Shel Bowen

Dave Plake

SAFE SANCTUARIES COMMITTEE

Bess Thornburg (DCE) Mildred Young Maria Pruitt
Melanie Thornburg (Custodian Of Documents) Zack Christy (Pastor) Matt Brafford (Rep. of Trustees)

EVANGELISM MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Crystal Thornburg: Chair*

Gary Freeman
Crystal Thornburg
Terry Moss

Pam Anthony
Randy Baxter
Mildred Young

Clay Thornburg
Matt Brafford

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Zack Christy: Chair*

Class of 2026

Chrystal Harmon
Scott Beam
Genea Moss

Class of 2027

Susan Beam
Lynn Bowen
Juanita Gunnell

Class of 2028

Debbie Gantt
Doris Huss
Ken Bowen

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Andrew Harmon: Chair*

Class of 2026

Andrew Harmon
Billy Crews
Kaci Beck

Class of 2027

Molly Carpenter
Robin Wilent
Dave Plake

Class of 2028

Teresa Hopper
Fred Rudder
Amber Brafford

HEAD USHER: Steve Beam
SOUND & VIDEO TECH: Cam Alfaro
FLOWER COORDINATOR:
CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER: Bess Thornburg

Choir Director (ex-officio)
Organist (ex-officio)
PARAMENTS: Doris Huss

FAMILY LIFE / SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE / KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Lynn Bowen & Kaci Beck: Co-Chairs*

Class of 2026

Ethan & Kaci Beck
Chris & Bobbi Ballard
Tommy & Renee Allen
Phyllis Thornburg (Kitchen only)
Debbie Gantt (Kitchen only)
Doris Huss (Kitchen only)

Class of 2027

Steve & Lynn Bowen
Keith & Kathy Kiser
Andrew & Chrystal Harmon

Class of 2028

Tim & Maria Pruitt
Chris & Emily Parris
Justin & Emily Winter

Ex-Officio

Minister Of Music
Sound & Video Techs

PRESCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

M'Shel Bowen: Chair*

Class of 2026

Jenny Emerson
Emily Parris
Linda Brittain

Class of 2027

Susan Fraley
Pam Anthony
Kathy Kiser

Class of 2028

Gail Jenkins
Susan Carswell
Linda Alexander

Pastor: Zack Christy (Voice & Vote, if needed)
DCE: Bess Thornburg
Chair of Adm. Council: Janice Hovis
Director of Preschool: (Voice, No Vote) Trinity Smith

Rep. of Finance: M'Shel Bowen
Rep. of Trustees: Seth Freeman
Rep. of Education: TBE
Rep. of Pastor Parish: TBE

ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES

Janice Hovis, Church Council Chair
Bruce Barrett, Trustee Chair
Pam Owens, Finance Chair
Mildred Young, Treasurer
Bess Thornburg, Lay Leader

ADVISORS TO ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES

Nancy Catena
Palmer Huffstetler
Mickey Payseur
Teci Webb

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Pam Owens
Jerry Thornburg
Allen Fraley
Andrew Harmon

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Debbie Gantt (Chair) Linda Alexander
Carol Metzger Jerry Thornburg
Kathy Kiser Ilene Dellinger
Mary Etta Stephenson

BOY SCOUTS

Andrew Harmon, Scout Master
Ken Bowen, Charter
Organization Rep.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Kaci Beck: Chair

Class of 2026

Seth Freeman
Darlene Mayhew
Tessley Hayes

Class of 2027

Kaci Beck
Hazeline Moss
Kristen Freeman

Class of 2028

Julie Lyles
Melissa Summer
Susan Beam

Danny Webb – Rep. of Trustees, Vernon Smith - Men's Bible Class, Juanita Gunnell – O'Dell Scholarship

*Indicates those asked to attend the Administrative Council