



United Methodist Church of Kent

A Place to Grow

July 2025 – June 2026 Leadership Roster

Through the waters of our baptism, God calls each of us to be faithful disciples, to grow to maturity in faith, and to engage actively in the ministry of nurturing followers of Jesus Christ who transform the world through love, justice, and service. As we engage in this ministry together, servant leaders among us are called, equipped, and entrusted with the vital task of managing and deploying God’s gifts through our congregation toward our mission. With deep gratitude for God’s calling on each of our lives, the following are those servant leaders whom we entrust with this ministry of leadership in the coming year.

Church Council

Stewards of the overall ministry, mission, and vision of the congregation. Plans, sets goals for, implements, and evaluates the overall ministry of the congregation to fulfill its mission. Functions as the administrative agency of the charge conference. (min. 11 members)

Chairperson:

Claire Bank (2028)

District at-large members of the annual conference:

Judith Nedel (2026)

Claire Bank (2026)

Michael Stiller (2026)

Lay member of the annual conference:

Roger Stiller

Lay Leader:

Michael Goff (2026)

Secretary:

Laura Stephens (2026)

United Women in Faith president:

Krista Clavecilla

United Christian Ministries board representatives:

Judith Nedel and Rick Stout

Pastor:

Nathan Howe

Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries:

Rick Stout

Board of Trustees chairperson:

Randy Smith (2028)

SPRC chairperson:

Sally Dean (2026)

Finance Committee chairperson:

Kevin Patrick (2028)

Gifts, Memorials, and Investments chairperson:

Greg Ina (2028)

Treasurer:

Gail Pytel

Finance Director:

Lynnette Begue-Lavery

At-large members:

2026

Barbara McColloch

Richard Pryor

2027

Mark Bergman

Laurel Stiller

2028

Abby Dean

Andrew Alderson

Board of Trustees

Stewards of the building and grounds. Function as Christian stewards of the property God has entrusted to the congregation. This includes supervising and maintaining both the physical property of the congregation and gifts made to the congregation so that the ministries of the church can be effective and all legal requirements related to the property are satisfied.

Chairperson: Randy Smith (2028)

2026

John Enlow
RJ McCullagh
Bob Dean

2027

Tina Ballentine
Chris Coiner
Doug Wight

2028

Mary Jacoby
Sean Phillips
Jennifer Wilson

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Stewards of the relationship between the congregation and the staff for the sake of the mission. Assists the pastor and staff in assessing their gifts, maintaining holistic health, and setting priorities for leadership and service. Communicates with the lay leadership committee and/or the church council when there is a need for other leaders or employed staff. Works with the pastor and other staff to fulfill legal and ethical responsibilities related to staff. (between 5 and 9 members; no staff member or immediate family member of a pastor or staff member may serve on the committee; only one person from an immediate family residing in the same household shall serve on the committee)

Chairperson: Sally Dean (2026)

Lay Leader: Michael Goff (2026)

Lay member of the annual conference: Roger Stiller

2026

Tom Lundberg
Sue Webb
Chris Schjeldahl

2027

Krista Clavecilla
Dottie Emerick
Karen Beck

2028

Deb Grant
Mark Bergman
Ginny Smith

Lay Leadership Committee

Stewards of the leadership roles in the life of the congregation. Identifies, develops, deploys, evaluates, and monitors Christian leadership so that the congregation carries out ministries for the transformation of the community; guides the church council on matters regarding laity in leadership in the congregation. (not more than 9 members, in addition to the pastor and the lay leader; the pastor is the chairperson)

Chairperson: Nathan Howe

Lay Leader: Michael Goff (2026)

2026

Dottie Emerick
Patty Yensel

2027

Margaret Siegfried
Kiersten McMahon

2028

Dave Gynn
Emily Russell

Finance Committee

Stewards of the financial resources of the congregation for the sake of the mission. May delegate planning, strategizing, and implementing ways to generate more resources for mission and ministry. Finds creative ways, in collaboration with the church council, to grow the congregation into a tithing community with an attitude of gratitude and generosity. Receives financial requests to be included in the annual budget. Submits a complete budget to the church council for review and adoption annually. Develops and implements plans that raise income sufficient to meet the budget and administers funds received according to church council instructions.

<i>Chairperson:</i>	Kevin Patrick (2028)		
<i>Church Council chairperson:</i>	Claire Bank (2028)		
<i>Counting Comm. chairperson:</i>	Jan Taylor		
<i>SPRC rep.:</i>	Sally Dean (2026)		
<i>Stewardship rep.:</i>	Cathy Stemen (2026)		
<i>Finance Director:</i>	Lynnette Begue-Lavery		
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Gail Pytel		
<i>Treasurer of UWF:</i>	Tina Ballentine		
<i>Pastor:</i>	Nathan Howe		
<i>Lay Leader:</i>	Michael Goff (2026)		
<i>Trustees chairperson:</i>	Randy Smith (2028)		
<i>Gifts, Memorials, and Investments:</i>	Greg Ina (2028)		
<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>	
David Dix	Mark Lewis	Janeen Phillips	
	Desmeal Leigh	Sally Ruckman	

Budget Committee

<i>Church Council chairperson:</i>	Claire Bank (2028)
<i>Finance committee chairperson:</i>	Kevin Patrick (2028)
<i>Lay Leader:</i>	Michael Goff (2026)
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Gail Pytel
<i>Missions chairperson:</i>	Wanema Flasher (2028)
<i>SPRC chairperson:</i>	Sally Dean (2026)
<i>Trustees chairperson:</i>	Randy Smith (2028)
<i>Finance Director:</i>	Lynnette Begue-Lavery

Counting Committee

<i>Chairpersons:</i>	Jan Taylor and Leslie Tan
<u>Counters</u>	
	Neil Schafer, Sarah Derritt, Esther Cross

Gifts, Memorials, and Investments Committee

Chairperson: Greg Ina (2028)
Trustees chairperson: Randy Smith (2028)
Finance chairperson: Kevin Patrick (2028)
Pastor: Nathan Howe
Finance Director: Lynnette Begue-Lavery
Treasurer: Gail Pytel
Investment Manager: Debbie Eichler

2026

Eric Wertz

2027

Donna Stiller

Jim Myers

2028

Jeanna Pisegna

Stewardship Committee

Chairperson: Cathy Stemen (2026)
Treasurer: Gail Pytel
Finance Director: Lynnette Begue-Lavery

2026

Glenn Luttner

Jill Fankhauser

Carolyn Tenner

2027

Donna Stiller

Ed Clark

2028

Bob Dean

Audit Committee

Tom Lundberg, Janeen Phillips

Education Committee

Chairperson: Rick Stout
Director of Children's Ministries: Chelsea Alderson
Tree City Preschool Director: Sarah Krizanic

2026

Carole Stokes

Valerie Hymes

2027

Dan Russell

Mary Culton

Sandy Kerstetter

2028

Sherry Rosche

Christine Goff

Cati Greenwood

Carol Pozuc

Lisa Stavitski

Music Committee

Chairperson: Keith Young (2028)

Director of Music: Frank Wiley

2026

Gail Lundberg

Deña Kooijman

2027

Sue Maxwell

Julie Schmidt

2028

Karen Bennett

Laurel Stiller

Church Fellowship

Chairperson: Krista Clavecilla (2027)

2026

Linda Silbaugh

Donna Jobin

Cindy Huck

2027

Maggie Bergman

Judy Lorenz

2028

Cara Desko

Mission/Outreach

Chairperson: Wanema Flasher (2028)

2026

Gail Closs

Michelle Ina

2027

Gary Harris

2028

Adam Stephens

Laurel Stiller

Ministry Coordinators

Kitchen Coordinator:

Staci Stout

Tuesday Work Group:

Nelson Madden

Library:

Meghan Harper, Peg Arnold, Wendy Gray, Sandy Tinker

Lay Readers:

Alex and Wendy Seed (2028)

Communion Servers:

Susan Smith (2026)

Communion Bread:

Becky Mulloy (2028)

AARP TaxAide Chair:

Jan Long

Trash and Treasure:

Carol Pozuc

Records and History

Deb Saito

Worship A/V

audio: Andrew Alderson, Adam C. Alderson, Bill Childers, Desmeal Leigh, Tom Lundberg,
Adam Stephens, Mike Stiller

10:30 camera: Eric Wertz, Andrew Alderson, Adam C. Alderson (sub), Tom Lundberg (sub)

10:30 streaming: Adam C. Alderson, Andrew Alderson, Tom Lundberg, Desmeal Leigh

9:30 streaming: Adam C. Alderson, Randy Smith

Communion Stewards

8:30 am: Dave and Pat Gynn, John and Sandy Kerstetter

10:30 am: Becky Mulloy and Peg Arnold, Edgar and Deña Kooijman, John Lewis and Ginny Smith

Video Projection

David Blair, Tom McGrew, John Kerstetter, Desmeal Leigh, Adam C. Alderson, Tom Lundberg,
Rick Stout, Mark Ryland, Andrew Alderson, Jeanna Pisegna, Bill Childers, Georgia Foster,
Adam Stephens

Altar Guild

Sandra Kennedy, Jill Beer, Darlene Kousaie, Wendy Seed