

Duke Memorial UMC

2026 Lay Leadership

Contact office@dukememorial.org with questions for/about leadership!

Church Council

Church Council Leadership

Co-Chairperson: Caleb Parker
Co-Chairperson: Laura Tonkin
Secretary: Julie Allen
Lead Pastor: Rev. Heather Rodrigues

Ministry Teams

Children's Ministries Team Chair: Carolyn Arias
Mission Committee Chair: Matt Wood
Anti-Oppression Team Representative:

Administrative Teams

SPRC Chair: Jim Coble
Trustee Chair: Erika Sasser and Joey Browning
Finance Committee Chair: Rick Dail and Hazel Ryon
Legacy Committee Chair: Cooper Norris
Church Treasurer: Jane Hardin

Other Members

Youth Representative: Lena Tonkin
Lay Leader From Lay Leadership: Caitlin Paisley
Lay Leader from Finance: Mark Miller
Lay Leader from SPRC: Linda Barrow
Lay Members to AC: Jenna Everson-Mielke, David Eagle
Weekday School (non-voting): Julie Allen

DMUMC Staff

*Minister, Pastoral Care & Witness
(non-voting):* Rev. Mick Raynor
Minister, Spiritual Formation (non-voting): Katie Diaz
Minister of Music (non-voting): Cyril Murphy
Parents' Morning Out (non-voting): Julia Browning

Ministry Teams

Children's Ministries Team

Chair: Carolyn Arias
Nursery Coordinator: Julia Browning
Sunday School: Jessie Larkins, Rita MacMillan, Ashley Broadwater, Angela Ritter, Karl Knapp, Joey Browning, and Susan Henry-Crowe
Members: Meredith Brown, Kevin Cline, Vilma Forrester
Staff: Katie Diaz

Missions Team

Chair: Matt Wood
Families Moving Forward: Karalyn Colopy
JJ Henderson: Jerry Smith
Neighbor-to-Neighbor: Jerry Smith
Mobile Market: Matt Wood
Durham CAN: Tony Nicholson, Rick Larson
Good Samaritan: Angela Ritter
BUMP: Ada Brown
Creation Care Team: Jennifer Shingleton
Members: Sid Allen, Fuller Sasser
Staff: Rev. Mick Raynor

Uplifters Prayer Ministry

Co-Chairs: Joanna Fogle, Lee Fogle
Members: Stan Coffman, Ann Hall, Ann Stallings Smith, Jerry Smith, Don Underwood

Helping Hands Ministry Coordinators

Coordinators: Holly Eggleston, Nadine Hoover, Janet Celko, Nancy Lockamy, Donna Elium

Anti-Oppression Team

At Large: BethAnne Dorn
At Large: Frank Brown
At Large: McRae Scott
Youth: Sarah Rodrigues
DM Staff: Rev. Mick Raynor

Creation Care Team

Chair:: Jennifer Shingleton
Members: Jennifer Knoepp, Linda Rush Myers, Laura Tonkin

Administrative Teams

Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair: Rev. Heather Rodrigues
Lay Leader: Caitlin Paisley
Class of 2026: Seth Asbill, Caitlin Paisley
Class of 2027: Jane Hardin, Hazel Ryon
Class of 2028: Stuart Harrell, Tyler Tudor

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Jim Coble
Vice-Chair:
Lay Member to AC: Jenna Everson-Mielke
Class of 2026: Jonathan Bell
Class of 2027: Daniel Tonkin, Lucy Sasser, Jim Coble
Class of 2028: Karl Knapp, Brian Rybarczyk
Lay Leader from SPRC: Linda Barrow

Trustees

Chair: Erika Sasser
Vice-Chair: Joey Browning
Class of 2026: Kathy Bradley, Scott Whiteman
Class of 2027: Joey Browning, Julie Ellis, Erika Sasser
Class of 2028: Jen Denis-Hill, Christian Baker
Secretary: Julie Allen
Fiscal Analyst: Erika Sasser
Ex-Officio (non-voting): Julie Allen (DMWS), Joe Stevens (Staff), Julia Browning

Finance Committee

Chair: Rick Dail and Hazel Ryon
Lay Leader: Mark Miller

Treasurer: Jane Hardin
Financial Administrator
(non-voting): Kelly Kovalesky (Staff)
Church Council Chair: Caleb Parker and Laura Tonkin
Trustee Chair: Erika Sasser and Joey Browning
SPRC Chair: Jim Coble
Lay Member to Annual
Conference, Finance David Eagle
Stewardship: Thomas Phillips
Legacy Fund Chair: Cooper Norris
Audit Committee: Hazel Ryon
Scholarship Chair: Anita (Sissie) Shore
Class of 2026: Jay Blackwell
Class of 2027: Lee Ann Gelinne, Scott Pollard
Class of 2028: Justis Mitchell, Rick Dail

Financial Review Committee

Co-Chairs: Hazel Ryon
Assistant Treasurer: Blake Mielke
Members: Hazel Ryon, Leta Loyd, Blake Mielke

Legacy Investment Committee

Chair: Cooper Norris
Trustees Chair: Erika Sasser and Joey Browning
Finance Chair: Hazel Ryon and Rick Dail
Class of 2026: Cooper Norris, Jennifer Ingold Asbill
Class of 2027: Gair McCullough, Alison Eagle
Class of 2028: Randy Ellis, Art MacDonald

Memorial Church Fund

President: Ben Mixon
Secretary/Treasurer: Doris Brown
Church Council Chair : Laura Tonkin and Caleb Parker
Trustees Chair: Erika Sasser and Joey Browning
Finance Chair: Hazel Ryon and Rick Dail
Pastor: Rev. Heather Rodrigues
Member Emeritus Rhodney Reade

Members: Dotty Ritchie, Bill Self, Tad Deberry, Lisa Yarborough

History Team Committee

Chair:

CO 2026 Seth Asbill, Sid Allen

CO 2027 Fuller Sasser, James Caldwell

CO 2028 Helen Thomas

Columbarium Coordinator

Columbarium Coord.: Sid Allen

Church Membership/Database Coordinator

Membership Coord.: Mary Lee Bailey, Liz Bezera

Wesley Community Development Task Force Team

Members: Scott Whiteman, Kathy Bradley, David Eagle, Rick Larson, Karalyn Colopy, Heather Rodrigues, Hazel Ryon, Will Shingleton, Ed Hammond, John Quattlebaum, Karl Knapp, Jim Coble, Christian Baker, Jamie Lewis-Owens