

St. John UMC Committee Definitions
(provided by committee heads, August 2017)

Church Council - The church council is the group of leaders that guides and furthers the ministry of the congregation. The church council exists to create and supervise the strategic plan for an effective congregation.

Finance – The finance committee raises, manages, and disburses the funds of the congregation to help realize the mission and vision of the church.

Staff Parish Relations – The work of the SPRC is to encourage, evaluate, and support the pastor and staff, and promote positive relationships among the staff and congregation.

Trustees – “The board of Trustees shall have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real property owned by the local church and of all property and equipment acquired directly by the local church or by any society, board, class, commission, or similar organization connected therewith.”
from *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*, 2016

Nominations and Leadership Development (formerly Lay Leadership)– The leadership committee works to identify, develop, deploy, evaluate, and monitor Christian spiritual leadership for the local congregation.

Recreation – The Recreation committee mainly oversees maintenance and use of the Clarks Hill Lake property and the summer worship services.

Grounds – The Grounds Committee is the group charged with maintaining and improving the landscaping of the Church to ensure a welcoming environment for all who worship at St. John United Methodist Church.

Kitchen – The Kitchen Committee oversees the function of the Kitchen - A copy of the Guidelines for using these facilities can be found in the Church Office. We will be updating this just as soon as renovations are complete.

Library – The library committee maintains various media to provide people with resources for discipleship, ministry, education, and fellowship.

Historian – The church Historian is to preserve and maintain archival records and artifacts and promote interest in the history of the United Methodist Church and our own congregation.

Nurture and Care – The Nurture committee seeks to support the interconnectedness of the congregation through the shepherding ministry of bereavement, health, and shut-ins

Stewardship – The stewardship committee implements a year-round focus on education, inspiration, and action for the congregation to live in daily stewardship of their lives through their “prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.”

Mission (formerly Outreach) – The Mission Committee seeks to engage the church and community in education, experiences, and support of mission opportunities.

Worship –The Worship Committee works directly with the Pastor, Music Director, and the Lay Leaders of worship to coordinate events throughout the liturgical calendar year. This includes the recruitment and training of members of the Altar Guild, Communion Stewards, Greeters, Lay Readers, Liturgists, Acolytes, Ushers, and Wedding and Funeral Directors, and the supervision over supplies and policies relating to worship.

Endowment -

Evangelism (formerly Newcomers) – The Evangelism committee helps to build discipleship by welcoming people, engaging and nurturing them, and sending them forth in ministry.

Communications - Communications ministry engages the congregation and the community by creating, sharing, and promoting all the ministry events, needs, and activities of the church.

Education – The purpose of the Education committee is to nurture lifelong faith formation; not only to inform, but to transform people into Christian discipleship.

Members: Program Director (chair)

Teacher representatives:

Children’s Education: Carol Capers and Erika Doster

Preschool Education: Julie Lyda

Youth Education: Alison Wright

Adult Education: _____

Age-level Coordinators

Sunday School Superintendent – Becky Rogers

UMW - The Purpose of UMW is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative supportive fellowship; and to expand concept of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. **Mission/Vision:** Turning faith, hope, and love into action on behalf of women, children, and youth around the world.

UMM - The *2016 United Methodist Book of Discipline* charges the General Commission on United Methodist Men with the “primary oversight for the coordination and resourcing of men’s ministry with The United Methodist Church.” (*paragraph 2302*) **Mission:** To Help Men Grow In Christ, So Others May Know Christ.

Age-level Coordinators

Family Ministries-addresses the needs/wants of the family in implementing activities and policies in fellowship, education, worship, mission, and other areas of discipleship.

Young Adult Ministries - addresses the needs/wants of young adults in implementing activities and policies in fellowship, education, worship, mission, and other areas of discipleship.

Senior Adult Ministries - addresses the needs/wants of older adults in implementing activities and policies in fellowship, education, worship, mission, and other areas of discipleship.

Children’s Ministries - plans and implements activities and policies to love, encourage, nurture, and protect children ages 0-11 in their growth as Christian disciples.

Youth Ministries – plans and implements activities and policies to love, encourage, nurture, and challenge youth ages 12 to 18 in their growth as Christian disciples.