

**HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2026 PROPOSED LEADERSHIP LIST**

MISSION STATEMENT: LOVE GOD. OFFER CHRIST TO ALL.

The purpose of all church committees is to fulfill our mission statement.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Shall provide oversight for the church's program of nurture, outreach and witness. The Church Council shall envision, implement and evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. It shall also establish the annual church budget on recommendation of the committee on finance.

- *Chair:-----Bob Hood -----(205) 586-8060
- *Church Treasurer: -----Dennis Leftwich----- (828) 526-2747
- *Finance Chair/Representative: -----Mike Murphy----- (828) 200-0129
- *Lay Members to Annual Conf: -----Patti Moschouris ----- (828) 421-7316
Elizabeth Gordon ----- (828) 200-0805
- *Lay Leader: -----Patti Moschouris ----- (828) 421-7316
- *Senior Pastor:-----Randy Lucas -----526-2465
- *SPRC Chair: -----Lora Speed-Beegle----- (828) 371-0888
- *Trustees Chair/Representative: -----TBD
- *UMM President/Representative: -----Bob Sutton-----526-5427
- *UMW President/Representative: -----N/A
- *Young Adult Representative: -----Elizabeth Gordon -----200-0805
- *Youth Representative:-----TBD
- Gordon Center Rep:-----Ryan Bryson----- (828) 421-2957
- Igniting Ministry -----Julie Jared -----526-8214
- Ministries Team:-----Kristy Martin -----200-0477
- Membership Secretaries:-----Geri Crowe/Paula Gordon-----526-3451/342-4378
- Recording Secretary:-----Elizabeth Gordon----- (828) 200-0805

*(Book of Discipline)

Staff - Rev. Christine Murphy, Kristy Martin

At large members:

Class of 2026
Buz Dotson

Class of 2027
Sara Mayer

Class of 2028
Nancy Butler

OFFICE STAFF

- Senior Pastor:-----Randy Lucas ----- (828) 371-2992
- Assistant Pastor:-----Christine Murphy ----- (828) 200-0131
- Office Manager:-----Craig Eister ----- (770) 329-5950
- Financial Secretary:-----Keith Crawford ----- (404) 317-6510
- Sextons:-----Marlene and Gary Nix----- (706) 212-0563
- Director of Food Service Ministries:-----Kristy Martin ----- (828) 200-0477

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Shall compile annually a complete budget for the local church and submit to the church council for review and adoption. Shall be charged with the responsibility for developing and implementing plans that will raise sufficient income to meet the budget adopted by the church council, administering the funds received according to instructions from the church council.

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*Lay Members Annual Conf. -----Patti Moschouris----- (828) 421-7316
Elizabeth Gordon----- (828) 200-0805
*Staff-Parish Chair/Rep:-----TBD
*Trustees Rep:-----TBD
*Treasurer: -----Dennis Leftwich----- (828) 526-2747
*Financial Secretary: -----Keith Crawford ----- (404) 317-6510
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Class of 2026

Jim Hines

Class of 2027

Larry Ray

Class of 2028

Niki Bloedow

COMMITTEE on NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Identify and develop the spiritual gifts and abilities of the membership to serve the church through the various committees.

Chair: -----Randy Lucas -----526-2465
Lay Leader: -----Patti Moschouris-----421-7316

Class of 2026

Lora Speed-Beegle
Elizabeth Gordon

Class of 2027

Brenda Pierson
Paula Gordon

Class of 2028

Cindy Reed
Fran Leftwich

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To promote unity in the church, support and evaluate the staff, and to create, maintain, and update job descriptions as needed.

Chair: -----Lora Speed-Beegle ----- (828) 371-0888
Lay Members / Annual Conf. -----Patti Moschouris----- (828) 421-7316

Class of 2026

Don Germano
Cindy Reed
Meridith Watson

Class of 2027

Robin Phillips
Tony Sullivan
Lora Speed-Beegle

Class of 2028

Susan Hood
April Getz
Lorine Spencer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Manage the real and personal property of the church.

2026 Chairperson-----TBD

Class of 2026

Jan Potts
Cecil Hines
Canty Worley

Class of 2027

Dana Gordon
Tom Brock
Dennis Leftwich

Class of 2028

Ken Knight
Jeff Getz
Steve Mehder

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY TEAM

Prepare the church for all services, schedule flowers for all occasions, schedule the acolytes, and set up for Communion Sundays.

Chair: -----Meridith Watson -----526-4980

Nancy Ostema
Sara Mayer

Joy Still
Meridith Watson

Margie Melvin
Jan Potts

WEDDING FACILITATOR

Jan Potts

IGNITING MINISTRY

Creating stronger relationships within the community and the church with outdoor fellowship, the Easter Cross, Halloween, the Christmas parade, and Foyer Groups.

Chair: -----Julie Jared -----(828) 226-3485

Elizabeth Motz

Fran Leftwich

Fred Motz

MINISTRIES TEAM

To identify and recommend areas of need in our community and beyond which would benefit from our support and help us fulfill the church's mission.

Chair: -----Kristy Martin -----200-0477

Igniting Ministry Chairperson: -----Julie Jared -----526-8214

Staff - Rev. Christine Murphy

Elizabeth Gordon

Brenda Pierson

Jodie Zoellner

Lynn Kleifgen

Sabrina Cashion

Head Usher-----Naomi Chastain -----526-3487

Creation Care Contact

As the result of a petition that was passed at the 2023 Annual Conference, all local churches are requested to designate a layperson who will serve as the Creation Care Coordinator and facilitate communication between the local congregation and the Conference team so that the Mission Engagement Office and Creation Care Team can provide resources and support.

Creation Care Contact Luke Osteen / Patricia Smith (828) 421-7006

FUNERAL MEAL MINISTRY

Joy Still Margie Melvin Meridith Watson Kristin Edwards Cindy Reed
Brenda Pierson Nancy Ostema Jan Potts Virginia Nix Mary Dotson Linda Dryman

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES TEAM

Providing Oversight and Support of our Ministry to Children and Youth

Children's Ministry Team - Elizabeth Gordon, Diane Dickey

Youth Ministry Team - Lora Speed-Beegle, Patti Moschouris, April Getz,
Niki Bloedow, Cayden Pierson

AFFILIATED WITH HUMC BUT NOT APPOINTED BY CHARGE CONFERENCE

**GORDON CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTOR**

Ryan Bryson - President

Niki Bloedow- Secretary

Tina Rogers

Sophie Austin

Jackie Petrone

Josh Smith

Katie Hertz - Parent Rep

Sara Chrestman - Staff Rep

Christine Murphy - HUMC Rep

Wilma Gordon - ex officio