

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Church Staff & Lay Leadership for 2026

Church Council

Chairperson:	Brandon Mitchell '28
Vice Chair (2027)	
Lay Leaders:	John Hall
Pastor:	Steve Murphy
Dir. of Family Ministries	Lydia Cauley
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Vanessa Gordon '27
Treasurer	Tom Berry
Trustee Chair:	Tom Copolo
Finance Chair:	Bill Bissinger
Staff Parish Chair:	Leigh Muller
Methodist Men Representative:	Glenn Reynolds
United Methodist Women	Evelyn Johnson
Young Adult Representative:	Janeen Webb
Youth Representative:	Maggie Muller
Recording Sec. (Council and Charge Conf.)	Janeen Webb

Membership Secretary	
Church Historian	Ron Lott

Church Staff

Senior Pastor:	Steve Murphy
Director of Family Ministries	Lydia Cauley
Director of Music and Arts	Henry Branson
Treasurer:	Tom Berry
Facility Manager:	Pete Horne
Office Administrator and Communications	Jonathan Hudson
Principal Organist:	
Director of Aldersgate Weekday Ministry:	Evelyn Johnson

Lay Leadership and Nominations

2026	2027	2028
Erin Medlyn	Randy Gordon	Barry Snyder
John Sanders	Sheilah Lowans	Cynthia Bell
Jan Howe	Cindy Stanley	David Anderson
Lay Leader:	John Hall	
Senior Pastor(Chair):	Steve Murphy	

Staff Parish Relations

2026	2027	2028
Leigh Muller(Chair)	Scott Voorhees	Ginia Roll
David Hartwell	Ken Morris	Steve Smith
Jeri Vincent	Jane Mullins	Lisa Pendergraph
Lay Rep to Annual Conference:	Vanessa Gordon	
Lay Leader:	John Hall	

Finance

Chair	Bill Bissinger	
Vice Chair		
Council Chair	Brandon Mitchell	
Treasurer	Tom Berry	
Financial Secretary	Carl Allen	
Lay Leader	John Hall	
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Vanessa Gordon	
Staff-Parish Rep.		
Trustee Representative		
Endowment	Mike Hughes	
Auditor		
2026	2027	2028
Susan Parham	Roy Swaringen	Syd Dursse
Dan Barbour	Mark Thomas	Phil Hardy
	Vanessa Gordon	David Woodell

Trustees

2026	2027	2028
Julie Reo (Secretary)	Eileen Hartwell	Tim Carter
Lee Kane (Vice Chair)	Pete Muller	John Field
Tom Copolo (Chair)	Bob Gallegly	Holly Fishback
Facility Manager: Pete Horne		

Parsonage Committee

Chair	George Carver	
Pastor's Spouse	Jill Murphy	
Facility Manager	Pete Horne	
Trustee Representative	John Field	
SPRC Representative	Jane Mullins	
2026	2027	2028
George Carver	Patti Bradshaw	John Field

Adult Christian Formation

2026	2027	2028
Ellen Venable	Krissy Snyder	Marie Padley
Liz Crose	Judy Alford	Ivanna Anderson - Ch.
Cindy Copolo	Regina Carver	
	Richard King	
Staff Liaison:	Steve Murphy	
Certified Lay Minister:	Barbara Atkinson	

Missions + Evangelism

2026	2027	2028
Gene Bell - Chair	Kitty Creery	Glenn Reynolds
Kristin Lott	Greg Fisher	Tom Roberts
Dawn Kane	Jeff Sturkey	Anabela Mendes
Regina Whitaker		

Worship

Chair	Debbie Sykes ‘26	
Director of Music and Arts	Henry Branson	
Acolytes	Audrey Neal	
Lay Readers	Chick Hinton and Judy Sanders	
Altar Guild Chair	Cathy Cozart and Sharon MacLaurin	
Ushers/Greeters	Chick Hinton	
Weddings	Cathy Cozart	
Bereavement	Chick Hinton	
AV Production	Jeff Sturkey	
Love Feast	Evelyn and Ric Johnson, Randy Gordon	
Trustee Rep	Chick Hinton	
Certified Lay Minister:	Barbara Atkinson	
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Carol Chelette		Linda Morris

Nurture and Membership Care

Feed My Flock - Holly Fishback, Judy Alford
Cards and Notes - Chick Hinton, Vanessa Gordon
Sacred Stitches – Susan Leonard, Susan Parham

Food and Fellowship

Leaders: Wanda Crutchfield
Sunday Coffee - Randy Gordon,
Special Events - UMM President

Children and Youth Christian Formation Team

- Chair
Lydia Cauley - Director of Youth and Children's Ministries
Marie Padley
Maggie Muller
Robin Carter
Karsan Hardy
Evelyn Johnson

Aldersgate Weekday School Board (July 1 – July 30)

Director	Evelyn Johnson	
Youth and Children’s Director	Lydia Cauley	
Trustee Rep	Eileen Hartwell	
Preschool Rep	Judi Oosthuizen	
After School Rep	Lynn Wilfong	
Parent Rep	Pete Muller	
SPRC Rep	Jeri Vincent	
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Mary Tom Roberts	Jill Bosecker	Ron Bradshaw
Cynthia Bell	Carol Chelette	Tom Werner