

St. James Lay Leadership – 2024

St. James United Methodist Church is governed according to the denomination's prescribed structure found in the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*. Below is a brief description of the standing committees and the individuals who are serving.

Church Council – in order to provide oversight and leadership throughout the year, the Church Council serves as our church's executive governing body, monitoring ministry progress and voting on strategic matters. The Council's primary duties include setting strategic direction for the church, overseeing the church governance and administration, and ensuring that our ministries are accomplishing the church's purpose, mission, and values.

2024 Chairperson is Mary Lu Fowler

Vice-Chair is Michael Miller

Committee Members are:

Laura Almond	Bob Bloom	Gavin Ballard	Linda Barnes
Cameron Carlisle	Rev. Ben Crismon	Andrea Dobson	Gene Fortson
Mary Lu Fowler	Debby Fiser	Bill McCrary	Michael Miller
Christian O'Neal	Jean Parham	Emily Perrone	Don Riggin
Rev. Jessica Durand	Rev. Greg Schick	Jeff Yates	

Staff Parish Relations Committee – governs policy for staff and clergy. The committee sets employment policy, guides the priorities of the pastoral and executive staff team, maintains oversight over personnel issues, and works to ensure that St. James is a fulfilling place to work. Members of this committee cannot be related to St. James staff members.

2024 Chairperson is Bob Bloom

Vice Chair is Drew Simon

Committee Members are:

Bob Bailey	Nan Black	Bob Bloom	Sammie Dunkum
Debby Fiser	Mark Mayo	Debi Piercy	Steve Routon
Drew Simon	Shelly Tucker	Darrick Wilson	Rev. Ben Crismon

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is charged with the care and maintenance of church property and holds the title to the church's property, buildings, and equipment. Trustees must be at least eighteen years of age. Key items include establishing policies and practices regarding maintenance, equipment, building use, Safe Gatherings, insurance, disaster planning, land acquisition and construction planning.

2024 Chairperson is Jeff Yates

Board members are:

Brian Dale	Donna Goss	Judy Jacobs	Blake James
Laura Johnson	Robin Mickel	Andrea Newton	Richard Phelps
Jeff Yates			

Finance and Stewardship Committee develops and administers a coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies and procedures for the church. It oversees financial health, the annual audit, provides financial direction; organizes the annual stewardship program, and communicates the church's financial condition to the Church Council.

2024 Chairperson is Laura Almond

Committee Members are:

Laura Almond	Ashley Carper	Don Cole	Max Davis
John Fowler, III	Nicole Gore	Phillip Jett	Jeff Johnson
Andy LaGrone	Rev. Ben Crismon	Rev. Jessica Durand	Rev. Greg Schick
Debby Fiser	Sue Frank	Jeff Yates	Teddy Stewart
Bob Bloom	Gene Fortson		

Committee on Nominations and Lay Development oversees the identification, development and care for the volunteer leaders at St. James. Key initiatives include preparing the annual nomination late and providing oversight of volunteer service and leadership develop at church.

Chairperson: Rev. Ben Crismon

Committee Members are:

Pam Gadberry	Raydodd Hester	Pat McAlpine	Sonya Murphy
Bo Plyler	Susie Rosenthal	Brenda Scission	Emily Stewart
Bill Waddell	Darrick Wilson		

The five committees above represent the five required committees that each local congregation must have according to the *Book of Discipline*. In addition to these committees, St. James has the following committees that support various administrative and ministry programs. For more information on these committees please contact the church office 501-217-6700.

Endowment Committee

Columbarium Committee

Kids LIFE Administrative Committee

Learning Center Administrative Committee

Fiser-Christie Lectureship Task Force

Senior Adult Ministries Task Force