

# **Three Oaks United Methodist Church Leadership Directory 2017**

## **Church Council**

**This is the primary decision-making body of the local church which oversees all committees, including: S-PRC, Trustees, Nominations, Finance, Education, Worship, Fellowship, Missions, and Hospitality Team.**

**which reports to:**

## **Church Conference**

**Here decisions of the congregation's business, pastor's compensation package, membership, leadership, lay servants and candidates for ordained ministry are approved.**

**which reports to:**

## **District Conference**

**Here leaders are elected and decisions are made that impact our Kalamazoo District in the southwestern corner of Michigan.**

**which reports to:**

## **Annual Conference**

**This is where decisions are made that govern the Annual Conference and where delegates to the Jurisdictional and General Conference are elected. Our West Michigan Annual Conference includes the western half of Michigan's lower peninsula.**

**which reports to:**

## **Jurisdictional Conference**

**This is the body which elects and appoints bishops. It also makes other decisions that affect the jurisdiction, such as determining conference boundaries. Our North Central Jurisdiction (one of 5 in the United States) includes: ND, SD, MN, IA, WI, IL, IN, MI and OH.**

**which reports to:**

## **General Conference**

**This is the decision-making body for the entire church – worldwide membership. Legislation passed here becomes part of the Book of Discipline and the Book of Resolutions.**



**THREE OAKS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY  
2017**

**STAFF**

Pastor	Sherri Swanson	756-2053 (church), 469-4488 (home)
Secretary	Cheryl Kersey	756-2053 (church), 756-3957 (home)
Custodian	Mary Weers	756-7459
Organist	Martha Spychalski	465-9129
Wedding Facility Coordinator	Sabrina Bellaire	426-0769

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

*The Church Council envisions, plans, implements, and evaluates the overall mission and ministry of the congregation. This is the primary decision-making body of our church and its members are our central leaders. Council meetings are held bi-monthly. All members and constituents are welcome to attend.*

Chairperson	Richard Cooper (13)	756-9642
Recording Secretary	Nancy Caid (13)	756-9392
Memorial Secretary/Treasurer	Elna Rogers (16)	756-9596
Financial Secretary	Rhonda Hinman (99)	756-7560
Treasurer	Sharon Phillips (13)	820-2063
Finance Chair	Ron Petro (15)	756-9847
Staff-Parish Chair	<b><u>Bob Barnes (17)</u></b>	<b><u>219-778-2734</u></b>
Trustee Chair	elected by Trustees	_____
Education Chair	_____	_____
Fellowship Chair	Rhonda Petro (16)	756-9847
Missions Chair	Sharon Flick (13)	756-6494
Worship Chair	Joan Davidson (16)	756-3248
Hospitality Chair	Rhonda Hinman (13)	756-7560
Lay Member to Conference	Priscilla Hellenga (15)	574-876-5448
Lay Leader	Ron Petro (14)	756-9847
Pastor / Nominations Chair	Sherri Swanson (99)	469-4488
At-Large Member	Alexis Renbarger (16)	756-5611

( ) denotes year term began.

## STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

*The S-PRC works to strengthen the relationship between the congregation and our paid staff. Committee members conduct annual evaluations and make salary recommendations for all employees. Working closely with our District Superintendent, this committee offers consultation in the appointment process so that the congregation's needs are clearly identified and appropriate pastoral leadership is secured.*

S-PRC Chair	<u>Bob Barnes</u>	<u>219-778-2734</u>
Lay Member to Conference	Priscilla Hellenga	574-876-5448
Lay Leader	Ron Petro	756-9847
2017	2018	2019
<u>Julie Beckett</u>	Jim Flick	<u>Bob Barnes</u>
<u>325-5161</u>	756-6494	<u>219-778-2734</u>
Bob Tatina	Karen Seifert	<u>Alexis Renbarger</u>
<u>426-3744</u>	756-9210	<u>756-5611</u>

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*The Board of Trustees has responsibility for the supervision, oversight, and care of all property and equipment owned by the church. They elect officers who serve as legal representatives of the congregation. Our Trustees often schedule work days in the spring and/or fall; for these events and other special projects, they rely on the assistance of everyone in the church family to keep our building in good shape.*

Trustees Chair	<u>elected by Trustees</u> _____		
2017	2018	2019	
Elmer Doyle	Doug Hinman	<u>Keith Kehoe</u>	<u>369-1281</u>
545-8871	756-7560	<u>Ellen Sokolowski</u>	<u>756-9876</u>
Joe Hinman	Kyle Backus		
313-0105	487-8103		
Jon Vollman	Bob Barnes		
756-9194	219-778-2734		

## NOMINATIONS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

*The Nominations & Leadership Development Committee recruits, prepares and develops effective lay leadership to guide the ministry of the congregation. Committee members seek to identify the gifts, skills, interests and abilities of individuals in the congregation, and match these with opportunities for service. They nominate a slate of officers to be elected by the annual Church Conference for the coming year.*

Nominations Chair	Sherri Swanson	756-2053
Lay Leader	Ron Petro	756-9847
2017	2018	2019
Joan Davidson	Tracy Donner	<u>Don Evans</u>
756-3248	756-9005	<u>756-2140</u>
Marcia Hess	Rhonda Hinman	<u>Nicole Kehoe</u>
545-0063	756-7560	<u>759-4123</u>

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

*The Finance Committee is charged with the task of preparing an annual budget for adoption by the Church Council. The committee determines what fundraising methods will be used to adequately support the church's ministry and interprets to the congregation the biblical and theological basis for good stewardship practices.*

Finance Chair	Ron Petro	756-9847
Memorial Secretary	Elna Rogers	756-9596
Financial Secretary	Rhonda Hinman	756-7560
Counter	Jim Flick	756-6494
Treasurer	Sharon Phillips	820-2063
Lay Leader	Ron Petro	756-9847
Lay Member to Conference	Priscilla Hellenga	574-876-5448
Church Council Chair	Richard Cooper	756-9642
Staff-Parish Chair	<u>Bob Barnes</u>	<u>219-778-2734</u>
Trustee Representative(s)	elected by Trustees	
At-Large Member	Eleanor Desmond	756-9160

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

*The Worship Committee coordinates with the pastor and music leaders to ensure that our worship services are uplifting and meaningful for the congregation. Committee members give particular attention to our worship services during the holiday seasons (such as Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter) and when we are celebrating Holy Communion.*

Worship Chair	Joan Davidson	756-3248
Organist / Pianist	Martha Spsychalski	756-9675
Choir Director	Sharon Flick	756-6494
Head Usher	Jim Flick	756-6494

### At-Large Members:

	2017		2018		2019
Linda Barnes	219-778-2734	Joan Davidson	756-3248	<u>Connie Warnke</u>	<u>612-8195</u>
Debby Springer	545-8154	<u>Tracy Donner</u>	<u>756-9005</u>	<u>Chris Zebell</u>	<u>756-9423</u>
		<u>Amy Vollman</u>	<u>756-3952</u>		

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*The Education Committee provides opportunities for learners of all ages to grow in Christian faith. In our church, this committee coordinates our weekly Sunday School and Children's Church ministry. It may also oversee programs such as: Bible studies, youth fellowship, and Vacation Bible School.*

Education Chair		
Sunday School Teachers		
Grades K-5:	Joy Ackerman	876-2238
	Nancy Caid	612-0319
	Annette Donner	756-9005
	Cheryl Kersey	756-3957
	Katharine Kersey	756-3957
	Nikki Springer	756-2236
Adults:	Sherri Swanson	469-4488
Children's Church		

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

*The Missions Committee calls us to reach out with the love of Christ wherever there is need in our community and around the world. With donations from the congregation, this committee has engaged in several hands-on mission projects, including: school bags for Haiti, health kits for hurricane victims, care packages for military troops, shoe boxes with Christmas gifts for children, and supplies for our local food pantry.*

Missions Chair	Sharon Flick	756-6494			
Harbor Country Food Pantry	Nancy Davis	756-3511			
	2017		2018		2019
Julie Beckett	325-5162	Mary Klug	695-5795	Sharon Flick	756-6494
Linda Doyle	545-8871	Shirley Schroeter	469-3553	<u>Robin Ireland</u>	<u>426-3660</u>
				<u>Bonnie Pickens</u>	<u>756-9487</u>

## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

*The Fellowship Committee plans occasions for our church family to gather together, form relationships with one another, and have fun. Some past events have included: Harvest Dinner, Easter Breakfast, Summer Picnic, Hawaiian Luau, Mexican Fiesta, Game Night, Bowling, and a Silver Hawks baseball game.*

Fellowship Chair		Rhonda Petro      756-9847
2017	2018	2019
Nancy Davis      756-3511	Nicole Kehoe      269-759-4123	<u>Don Evans</u> <u>756-2140</u>
Pat Dimmitt      756-3531	Mindy Backus      269-487-8103	<u>Rhonda Hinman</u> <u>756-7560</u>
Sharon Phillips      820-2063		Rhonda Petro      756-9847

## HOSPITALITY TEAM

*The Hospitality Team offers "radical hospitality" to visitors at our worship services. Team members are charged with the task of letting people know our doors are open and providing a generous welcome to all who enter our building. They make sure that each guest is greeted warmly and personally, introduced to others, and invited to coffee hour or other church events. Informational packets are shared with newcomers and gifts are given to new members.*

Hospitality Chair		Rhonda Hinman      756-7560
2017	2018	2019
Jim Flick      756-6494	Elmer Doyle      545-8871	Rhonda Hinman      756-7560
Rhonda Petro      756-9847	Linda Doyle      545-8871	_____
	Chris Zebell      756-9423	_____

## SERVICE POSITIONS

*Many individuals share their time generously with the congregation in caring for a variety of ongoing ministries. Though not a part of any specific committee, these are some of the people who serve our church in important ways.*

Membership Secretary	Cheryl Kersey	756-3957
Webmaster & Facebook	Cheryl Kersey	756-3957
Greeters	Rhonda Hinman	756-7560
Prayer Tree Coordinator	Charmaine Thompson	756-9445
Church Sign	Nancy Davis	756-3511
	Sue Rubeck	756-5968
Historian	<u>Priscilla Hellenga</u>	<u>574-876-5448</u>
Library	Rhonda Hinman	756-7560
Kitchen Supplies	Rhonda Hinman	756-7560
Funeral Dinner Co-Chairs	Rhonda Hinman	756-7560
	Chris Zebell	756-9423
Nursery Coordinator	Nancy Caid	756-9392