

## Current Mountainside UMC Lay Leadership

**The Charge Conference** is the basic governing body of each United Methodist church and is composed of all members of the Administrative Council. The charge conference meets at least once per year, directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the Administrative Council. It reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor, elects the members to the Administrative Council, the Finance Committee, the Trustees, the SPRC, and the Nominations Committee. The charge conference also recommends candidates for ordained ministry. Attendance is open to all; administrative council members vote.

**A Church Conference** is the same as a charge conference except that all church members may vote. Nearly all conferences in recent years have been church conferences rather than charge conferences. Church/charge conferences may be called as needed during the year; the District Superintendent or other ordained elder (NOT the pastor of the church calling the conference) presides.

**Administrative Council** is the church oversight committee charged with three functions: (1) Envision/Plan, Implement and Evaluate the congregation's ministry and its mission. It includes the pastor, the lay member of annual conference, representatives from the other church committees, and at-large members. The current chair is **Sarah Baron-DePalma**.

**Finance Committee** is charged with the stewardship of the church's financial resources. They prepare the annual budget for approval by the Admin Council, make recommendations on spending, and monitor expenditures. The current chair is **Bob Van Allen**.

**Staff-Parish Relations Committee** (SPRC) works closely with the pastor and staff concerning the relationship with the congregation and the entire work of the church. The SPRC confers with the district superintendent and/or the bishop concerning the appointment of the pastor for the church. The committee prepares the evaluation of the pastor and recommends the salary to the Charge Conference. The current chair is **Dana Roberson**.

**Trustees** are charged with the responsibility for the supervision and care of all property and equipment owned by the church. They plan and set policies for the maintenance and use of the property and equipment. The current chair is Zac Jankovsky.

**Nominations Committee** identifies, develops, deploys, evaluates, and monitors lay Christian spiritual leadership for the congregation. The pastor is the chairperson.

In addition to the committees elected by the Charge Conference, there are other bodies that work with the pastor and leadership to manage and oversee specific functions. At Mountainside they include:

**Missions Committee** oversees the mission planning and support for the church. They identify mission projects for participation and support of the congregation including missionaries, trips, teams and local outreach. They identify funding and personnel needs. The current chair is **Anne Merkley**.

**Worship Committee** coordinates with the pastor to plan sermon themes and appropriate music. They also oversee special worship visuals and sanctuary preparation. The current chair is **Janet Vertrees**.

**Connect Committee** oversees events and activities that connect our members to one another and our church to our East Mountain community. They work independently and in partnership with the other committees. The chair is **Claudia Broadwater**.

**Long Range Planning** (currently not an active group) oversees the future building plans and needs. They identify funding needs and sources. In conjunction with the trustees, they oversee construction of new projects. The current point of contact is **Lowell Wagner**.

**Funeral Committee** arranges meals for funeral receptions. **Tomi Taylor** is point of contact.

Other potential groups: Christian Education, grounds and building maintenance, short term groups as needed.