

## Trinity UMC Church Council

At Charge Conference, we elected to shift from an Administrative Board to a Church Council. The Church Council shall work to unite best business practices, the function of Administration with Discipleship Ministers who equip persons to be obedient to Christ's Command to make Disciples. Therefore, Trinity UMC shall live in the world of Big Stone Gap while forming relationships with people in the community to make of them Disciples of Christ.

We continue to have three Administrative Committees. The Chairpersons of The Staff Parish Relations Committee, The Finance Committee, and The Board of Trustees are the elected voting members of the Church Council. If the chairperson cannot attend a Church Council Meeting, she or he shall ask a member of their committee to fill their chair for that meeting, with voting privileges. The Chairpersons of Staff Parish, Finance, and Trustees shall call Committee meetings a minimum of twice each year. It is vital to the life of the church that we constantly equip, train, and empower new leaders who are trained and committed to the Mission and Vision of Trinity UMC.

We added Five Discipleship Ministers who shall train and equip new Discipleship Leaders and Teams. These Ministers have spent the last 18 months preparing to engage our community with the Good News of Christ. The goal is to train Discipleship Leaders who shall plant new small groups within the congregation and the community.

The three Counseling Offices have long been ex-officio members of the Administrative Board. The Pastor is the communication liaison of the District and Conference Office. The Delegate to Annual Conference is the communication liaison of the laity of Holston Annual Conference. The Lay Leader is the communication liaison of the congregation.

**Church Council Chair:** Diane Botts

**Administrative Officers:** (Oversight of Real Property and Human Resources)

Staff Parish Chair: To Be Elected

Peggy Beverly  
Lana Prater  
TBE  
Sandra Marshall  
Donna Mahan  
TBE

Finance Chair: Phil Robbins

Ruben Alman  
Skip Skinner  
Cathy Galyean  
Lloyd Robinette  
TBE

Trustees Chair: Chris Higgins

Martha Spurlock  
David Shupe  
Pat Bowden  
Alberta Mitchell  
Spencer Quesenberry

**Discipleship Ministers:** (Oversight of Making Disciples of Christ)

Discipleship: David Shupe

Small Groups: Katie Shupe

Spiritual Development: Martha Spurlock

Acts of Compassion: Kim Parsons

Director of Music: Rick Galyean

**Counseling Offices** (Oversight of Unity)

Pastor: Robert Burlingham

Lay Leader: Bill Cole

Delegate to Annual Conference: Alberta Mitchell

Other Committees

**Nominations and Leadership Committee**

Chairperson: The Pastor

Jan Zentmeyer

Mary Beth Allen

Donald Shorter

Christy Smith

Pat Bowden

Susan Herndon

**Memorial Fund Committee**

Chairperson: Donna Mahan

Kim Parsons

Mary Beth Allen

Jackie Mainous