

Groce UMC
2025 Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and Committees

LEADERSHIP TEAM (TL3)

TL3 – Team Loving, Learning & Leading

The TL3 team provides overall leadership for Groce and performs the specific duties of the Finance Committee and Trustees.

Chair	True Morse (2025)
Finance Chair	Gary Brockway (2027)
Trustees Chair	Will Troxell (2027)
SPRC	Diane McEntire (2027)
Member-at-Large	Loring McIntyre (2025)
Member-at-Large	Tracey Briggs (2027)
UMM	Fred Bailey
United Women of Faith	Pam Rogalski (2027)
Lay Leader	Rocky Redd (2025)
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Laura Jones
Pastor	Jill Rhinehart

MINISTRY TEAMS

Lay Delegate: Laura Jones
Alternate Delate: Phil Crouch

Chairs Happily Uniting Ministries (CHUMs)

CHUMs enhance alignment, coordination, communication, and collaboration between the ministry teams to better achieve Groce's mission and vision.

Nurture Ministry Team Chair	Pam Rogalski
Outreach Ministry Team Chair	Marge Ottofy, Jane Williams
Worship & Witness Ministry Team Chair	Laura Jones
Leadership Team Chair	True Morse
Pastor	Jill Rhinehart

Nurture Ministry

2025

Gail Sherman
Sandra Crouch
Bob Briggs

2026

Pam Rogalski (Chair)
Nancy Saxman
Sandra Justus

2027

Tricia Clark
Nancy Donnelly

Pastor: Jill Rhinehart

The nurture ministry considers, develops, and coordinates ministries that will nurture the Groce congregation in the growth of faithful discipleship and the development of Christian fellowship. The Nurture Ministry shall have oversight of the following ministries as well as collaborate and partner with the other ministry teams on joint ministry efforts:

- Attendance follow-up
- Bereavement
- Bible & short-term study groups
- Care for college-age young adults (care packages, etc.)
- Homebound Ministry
- Library
- Ministry Care Groups
- New Member Shepherds
- Nursery services
- Prayer Chain
- Special events/dinners that are internally focused for Groce and not already led by the Hospitality Committee
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School if internally focused for Groce children

The nurture ministry may decide to name coordinators of adult, children, family, and youth ministries who will advocate for the special needs of these age levels in the nurturing ministries of the congregation.

Youth Leadership: Jill Rhinehart, Stan Boyd

Bereavement: Sally Smith

Homebound Ministry: Carolyn Ariail (Chair), Sylvia Nicks, Laura Jones, Tricia Clark, Phil Kromer/Kathryn Morgan, Sophie Moxley

Tables of 16 Coordinator: Linda Lankton

Outreach Ministry

2025

Jane Williams (Co-Chair)

Marge Ottofy (Co-Chair)

Linda Geer

2026

Roberta Binder

Stan Boyd

Jackie Davis

2027

Jane Morse

Phil Crouch

Gerald Davis

Pastor: Jill Rhinehart

Welcome Table Coordinators: Linda Geer and Maro Slaughter

Family to Family (Reynolds Middle & High): Tina Stovall

Family to Family (Bell Elementary): Jane Morse

The outreach ministry considers, develops, and coordinates ministries that will enable the congregation to reach out and touch the sick and suffering, the poor and the oppressed in

Groce's community and the world. This ministry shall have oversight of the following ministries as well as collaborate and partner with the other ministry teams on joint ministry efforts:

- Charles C. Bell Elementary School learning buddies
- Disaster relief missions
- Family to Family Program
- Ministries beyond the local church and community, UM outreach (i.e. Africa University, UMCOR, etc.)
- Mission project support (with Youth, United Women of Faith, UM Men or other groups of the church)
- Outwardly focused special events such as legacy activities Trunk & Treat, Fall Festival, Spring Fling, Pumpkin Patch
- Pet Ministry
- Support of local ministries such as ABCCM, Vets Restoration Quarters, Habitat for Humanity, MANNA Food Bank, Haywood Street Ministries, and Transformation Village
- Welcome Table
- St. Vincent De Paul

Worship/Witness Ministry

2025

Phil Crouch
Betty Jones
Nancy Lewis

2026

Debbie Bailey
Terri Justus
Laura Jones (chair)

2027

Betty Brockway
Margaret Kuhn

Staff: Music Director

Altar Guild: Liz Ream

Communion Stewards: Terri Kilmer (Chair), Michelle Troxell, Lillian DeGobbie, Pam Rogalski, Jerry Kirschner, Sasha & Sophie Lamb, Maro Slaughter

Usher Coordinator: Tim Kilmer (8:30am), Jerry & Pat Kirschner (11am)

Offering Coordinator: Jerry Kirschner

The worship/witness ministry considers, develops, and coordinates ministries that invite and receive persons into a relationship with Jesus Christ through church. This ministry will provide opportunities for spiritual growth, and opportunities for worship, and celebration of God's presence. Witness shall oversee the following ministries as well as collaborate and partner with the other ministry teams on joint ministry efforts:

- Acolytes
- Altar Guild
- Children's Sermons
- Choirs (Children, Chancel, Handbells)
- Communion stewards and servers
- Greeters
- Liturgists
- Musicians & special performers
- Ushers

- Visitation Teams

COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

The finance committee is made up of the Leadership Team. Within the Leadership Team there is a sub-group, Business Leadership Team (BLT), consisting of the Finance Chair, Financial Secretary, Trustee Chair, Leadership Team Chair, and the Senior Pastor. The Church Administrator/Treasurer is staff to this team. This committee is responsible for the annual budget, monitoring expenses, financial controls, long-term financial planning, and managing debt.

Business Leadership Team (BLT)/EMT Epworth Ministry Team

Finance Chair	Gary Brockway (2027)
Financial Secretary	Jim Ariail (2027)
Trustee Chair	Will Troxell (2027)
Leadership Team Chair	True Morse (2025)
Member-at-Large	John Smith (2027)
Finance Treasurer	Gayle Decker
Pastor	Jill Rhinehart

Trustees Committee

The trustees committee consists of 9 members of the 12-person Leadership Team, excluding the Senior Pastor, Lay Leader, and Lay Delegate to the Conference. The Trustees are responsible for the church buildings, facility use, grounds, security, and vehicles including providing input to the Finance Committee for the budget for short- and long-term repairs, maintenance, and improvements.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
David Honeycutt	Ed Saxman	Diane McEntire (Chair)
Brad Ledbetter	Malinda Day	April Thomas
Margaret Kuhn	Jim Creel	Sally Smith

Lay Leader:	Rocky Redd
Lay Delegate:	Laura Jones
Pastor:	Jill Rhinehart

Lay Leadership and Development Committee

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Sally Smith	Carolyn Ariail	John Smith
	Nancy Creel	Jean Bailey

Lay Leader:	Rocky Redd
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Pastor/Chair: Jill Rhinehart

Technology/Communications Committee

Chair: Will Troxell

Members: Michelle Troxell, Veronica Bagwell, Bruce Robinson, Fred Bailey

Newsletter, Website, Facebook, Bulletin Boards: Veronica Bagwell

Parsonage Committee

Chair: Sally Smith

Members: Jerry Kirschner, Sandra Justus, Carolyn Ariail, Larry Barber

Pastor: Jill Rhinehart

Kitchen Committee

Nancy Creel

Jim Creel

Judy Sexton

Hospitality Committee

Jane Williams, Chair

Maro Slaughter

Carolyn Ariail

Nancy Creel