

Epiphany 4

January 29, 2017



JACKSONVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH www.jaxfumc.org

# What is the Connectional Table?

by Rev. Lyle Holland

A single board structure that carries out the administrative functions of the Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and the Administrative Board. Since 2008, the Book of Discipline has provided congregations with the option to adopt such a structure as long as the provisions of paragraph 243 are observed. Congregations of various sizes have moved to a single board model. Many of these boards range in size from 9 to 13 members. Jacksonville First's single board, the Connectional Table, is composed of 15 members, excluding staff in attendance. Staff may have voice, but no vote.

The single or unified board at JFUMC is made up of three elements: board officers (chair, vice-chair, and treasurer), administrative teams (Trustees, SPRC, and Finance), and ministry area representatives (Witness and Worship, Outreach, and Nurture).

## Board Officers

In this structure, board officers' primary responsibility is to the overall work of the Connectional Table. This includes setting the agenda, leading meetings, maintaining records, and communication with the board and congregation. Matt Watkins returns to chair the Connectional Table after chairing the Administrative Board in 2016. Robbie Medders serves as the 2017 vice-chair of the Connectional Table after serving in this role on the 2016 Administrative Board. Nila Nabors serves as the 2017 Treasurer, replacing Robbin Hodges.

## Administrative Teams

All three administrative functions: Trustees, SPRC, and Finance, are represented by three person teams on the Connectional Table. Each team is set on staggered three year terms so that each year there is a combination of

experienced and new leadership. Each team is responsible for leading the Connectional Table in discussions and decisions related to their administrative function. All fifteen members of the Connectional Table have voice and vote, but the administrative teams have responsibility for oversight and implementation in their area.

### Trustees

- Rachel Rogers (2017)
- Bob Bishop (2018)
- Cody Jennings (2019)

### SPRC

- Pat Borstorff (2017)
- Greg Potts (2018)
- Jessica Rogers (2019)

### Finance

- Kellee Geier (2017)
- Brad Ingham (2018)
- Mary Jane Peters (2019)

## Ministry Area Representatives

Ministry Area Representatives bring the perspective of the various ministries and missions of JFUMC to the Connectional Table. They serve as liaisons between the Connectional Table and our many active ministry teams and committees like the Mission Committee. These three Connectional Table members have both voice and vote.

### **Witness and Worship:**

Connie Thompson  
*This area represents ministries related to worship, hospitality and evangelism.*

### **Outreach:**

Bernice George  
*This area represents ministries related to missions and community service.*

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# Faithful Giving

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION.....January 2017

### MONTHLY

2017 Monthly Budget Needs..... \$43,083.67

Monthly Budget Receipts as of 1.24.17 ..... \$34,333.50

### ANNUALLY

2017 Yearly Budget:..... \$517,004.00

2017 Receipts..... \$34,333.50

2017 Expenses ..... \$34,345.55

# Faithful Remembrances

## Memorial

**Helen Potts**

Howard & Nancy Bishop

**Buddy Tredaway**

Howard & Nancy Bishop

Friendship SS Class

*(Continued from page 1)*

## Nurture:

Cheryl Hartzog

*This area represents ministries related to Christian education and congregational care.*

## So, Why the Name "Connectional Table"?

United Methodist Churches have used a variety of names for the unified board. Some continued with the name Administrative Board or Council, or Church Council. A few churches borrowed from our heritage with the name Board of Stewards. While other congregations have adopted names such as: Nav-Team, Leadership Council, Executive Team, and Vision Team. In most cases, the name was to reflect the purpose and intention of the unified board. For JFUMC, the Connectional Table connects the administrative functions and ministries of the church around one table. The intent of the structure is to enhance communication, improve decision-making, and create alignment.

This is not a finished product. Like moving into a new house, living into a new administrative structure is a learning process. Please pray for the members and work of the Connectional Table so that JFUMC can be effective and fruitful in the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Grace and Peace,  
Lyle

# Faithful Attendance

## ATTENDANCE 1.22.2017

**MEMBERSHIP** .....634

T1 Worship 8:30.....35

New Community.....56

T2 Worship 10:50 .....86

Children's Church .....31

Nursery .....12

**Total Worship ..... 220**

Chapel.....46

Wed. Youth.....19

Sun. Youth .....14

## Sunday School

Adults.....102

Youth .....11

Children .....21

**Total Sunday School.. 134**

# JCOC



## HOURS

**Monday, Tuesday**

**& Thursday**

**10 am - 2 pm**

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## Calendar

<b>Jan. 29</b>	3p	Connectional Table meeting
	5p	Safe Sanctuary Training
<b>Jan. 30</b>	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	5:30p	Daisy/Brownie Scouts
	6p	CSA
	7p	BSA
<b>Jan. 31</b>	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	12p	Staff meeting
	5p	Neighbor2Neighbor
	6:30p	Narcotics Anon.
<b>Feb. 1</b>	9a	Kids 1st Chapel
	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	10a	JOY meeting
	3:15 p	CrossTown
	5:30p	Youth Activities
	6p	Handbell rehearsal
	7p	Choir rehearsal
<b>Feb. 2</b>	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	10a	JOY Quilters
	11a	Warm Hearts
	5:30p	The Landing
	6:30p	Narcotics Anon.
	7p	Audience of One reh.
<b>Feb. 3</b>	9a	Bridge Group
	9:30a	Kids 1st GMSC
	12p	JOY Quilters Sew Day

## Those Who Serve God in His Church

January 29 • Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>10:50 am</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Margarett Austin Jim Austin	Kim Stevens Tom Weems
<b>Readers:</b>	Lexi Curtis Makayla Gay	Lexi Curtis
<b>Acolytes:</b>		Jerry Jackson Jaden Watson
<b>Nursery:</b>	Melanie Curtis Elizabeth Renfroe (SUNDAY SCHOOL)	Brandi LaBenne
<b>Children's Church Volunteers:</b>	Sara Underwood	Melanie Raulerson

## The Serving Table

will be open

**Saturday, January 28**

**11:00 am to 12:30 pm**

in the **McWhorter Activity Center**

*Volunteers are asked to arrive by 9:00 am.*

## Bulletin of the **blooper**

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.”

*Proverbs 17:22*

The church choir will begin rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata next Wednesday at 7:00 pm. We have a special need for men's voices, but all parts are welcome.



**8 am to 4:30 pm M-Th**  
**8 am to 12 noon Fri.**

## Services This Week

**8:30 am New Community**  
McWhorter Activity Center  
Rev. Lyle Holland  
**Scripture:** Psalm 150,  
Romans 16:25-27  
**Sermon:** Flip the Switch:  
*Living Doxology*

**8:30 am Traditional**  
Sanctuary  
Holy Communion  
Rev. Andy Curtis  
**Scripture:** Psalm 150,  
Romans 16:25-27  
**Sermon:** Flip the Switch:  
*Living Doxology*

**10:50 am Traditional**  
Sanctuary  
Rev. Lyle Holland  
**Scripture:** Psalm 150,  
Romans 16:25-27  
**Sermon:** Flip the Switch:  
*Living Doxology*



**Safe Sanctuary Training**

There will be a training session on Sunday, January 29, at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. Remember, all employees and everyone working with children or youth is required to have Safe Sanctuary yearly. Childcare will be available.

**Confirmation Class**

Confirmation Classes will begin Sunday, February 5 from 5:30 - 6:45 pm in the Children's Worship Room. Please be in prayer for our 2017 confirmation class as they begin this next step in their walk of faith.

Mrs. Stacie

**Important Dates**  
 for  
**Children's Ministries**  
  
**January 29**  
**Safe Sanctuary Training**  
**5 pm in the Sanctuary**

# Adoption Fundraising Dinner

*for Baby Johnson  
daughter of Stacie and Matt Johnson*

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Pork Loin Dinner

Tickets are \$7 each

Tickets available in the church office or

during Sunday school.

**4** Takeout is available.



# Worth Listening To

Rev. Andy Curtis, Associate Pastor

I once heard Dr. William Rosser, preaching professor at Memphis Theological Seminary, tell a preaching class, “If people are going to leave their homes to come and hear you preach, you’d better give them something worth listening to.”

That’s great advice!

It’s advice that I recall every week as I prepare to preach. I study. I craft and order my words. I ponder and pray. All because I hope to speak words that are not only true, but that are worth listening to.

But, how do you judge if a sermon is worth listening to? For some, a sermon worth listening to is one that makes them feel good. For others, a sermon worth listening to is one that challenges them. And, I think most people would agree that a sermon worth listening to is one that’s short!

Regardless, of your personal sermonic preference, the Apostle Paul gives us a good definition of a sermon worth listening to when he writes, “May the glory be to God who can strengthen you with my good news and the message that I preach about Jesus Christ” (Romans 16:25a).

As a pastor, I believe a sermon worth preaching, and worth listening to, is one that glorifies God and strengthens the people by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ!

That sums it up quite nicely, and it is with this mindset that we will unpack the final verses of Romans 16 this Sunday.

I look forward to worshipping with you.

Peace,  
Andy

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Natasha Jackson**

*Summer Mission Trip Coordinator*

**Vicki Shaw**

*Encounter Coordinator*

**Elizabeth Renfroe**

*Minor Events Coordinator*

**Becky & Rusty Simmons**

*Safe Sanctuary Volunteer Coordinators*

**Marita Watson**

*Youth Sunday School Coordinator*

**Buffy Lockette**

*Publicity Coordinator*

**Frank & Cheryl Hartzog**

*Game & Snack Coordinators*

**Woody Francis**

**Carol Stokesberry**

*Pumpkin Patch Coordinators*



**ENCOUNTER  
YOUTH RETREAT  
February 17-19  
Cost \$170  
BE THERE!**

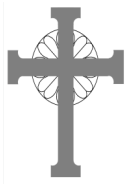
**Attention!** There will be no Youth Activities on Sunday, January 29.

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# February 2017



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			1 9a K1 Chapel 9:30a K1 GMSC 10a JOY meeting 4p CrossTown 5:30p Youth Activ. 6p Handbell reh. 7p Choir reh.	2 9:30a K1 GMSC 10a JOY Quilters 11a Warm Hearts 5:30p The Landing 6:30p NA 7p A of 1 reh.	3 9a Bridge Group 9:30a K1 GMSC 12p JOY Sew Day	4
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5 5:30p Youth Activ. Confirm. Class	6 9:30a K1 GMSC 5:30p GS Daisy, Brownies 6p CSA 7p BSA	7 9:30a K1 GMSC 12p Staff meeting 5p N2N 6:30p NA	8 9a K1 Chapel 9:30a K1 GMSC 10a JOY meeting 4p CrossTown 5:30p Youth Activ. 6p Handbell reh. 7p Choir reh.	9 9:30a K1 GMSC 11a Warm Hearts 5:30p The Landing 6:30p NA 7p A of 1 reh.	10 9a Bridge Group 9:30a K1 GMSC 12p JOY Sew Day	11
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## Relay for Life Silent Auction

12 Scout Sunday 5:30p Youth Activ. Confirm. Class	13 9:30a K1 GMSC 5:30p GS Daisy, Brownies 6p CSA 7p BSA	14 9:30a K1 GMSC 12p Staff meeting 5p N2N 6:30p NA	15 9a K1 Chapel 9:30a K1 GMSC 10a JOY meeting 10:30a Photo. class 4p CrossTown 5p Adoption Dinner 5:30p Youth Activ. 6p Handbell reh. 7p Choir reh.	16 9:30a K1 GMSC 11a Warm Hearts 5:30p The Landing 6:30p NA 7p A of 1 reh.	17 9a Bridge Group 9:30a K1 GMSC 12p JOY Sew Day	18 8a GS World Thinking Day
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## Encounter Youth Retreat

19 5:30p Confirm. Class	20 <b>President's Day</b> <b>Kids 1st closed</b> 6p CSA 7p BSA	21 9:30a K1 GMSC 12p Staff meeting 5p N2N 6:30p NA	22 9a K1 Chapel 9:30a K1 GMSC 10a JOY meeting 4p CrossTown 5:30p Youth Activ. 6p Handbell reh. 7p Choir reh.	23 9:30a K1 GMSC 11a Warm Hearts 5:30p The Landing 6:30p NA 7p A of 1 reh.	24 9a Bridge Group 9:30a K1 GMSC 12p JOY Sew Day	25 11a The Serving Table
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26 5:30p Youth Activ. Confirm. Class	27 9:30a K1 GMSC 5:30p GS Daisy, Brownies 6p CSA 7p BSA	28 9:30a K1 GMSC 12p Staff meeting 5p N2N 6:30p NA
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Abbreviations:	
A of 1	Audience of One
BSA	Boy Scouts of America
CM	Children's Ministries
CSA	Cub Scouts of America
GMSC	Gross Motor Skills Classes
GS	Girl Scouts
ICD	Ice Cream Disciples
K1	Kids 1st
N2N	Neighbor2Neighbor
NA	Narcotics Anonymous
SA	Senior Adult
WH	Warm Hearts



# The Prayer Page

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Note:** We encourage you to contact the church office any time you want to place someone on the prayer list. Help us keep the list trimmed: if you know of someone who has recovered and needs to come off, be sure to let us know. Prayer requests will be rotated off after 2 weeks if we have received no updates.

## Prayer Concerns

(ALL CAPS denotes church members)

Barbara Cospers	Irene Morris
Don Dempsey	Mike Murray
Susie Duncan	Elaine Romano
Corliss Ann Gibson	Thompson Waggoner
MARTHA GIBSON	Mitch Welch
Josh Johnson	Will Whaley
Frank Johnston	Pearl Williams
Mary Lou McCutcheon	ANN WOODROW

## Long Term Concerns

HELEN BARTHEL	CAROLYN LYNCH
DONNA BUTNER	FOY MORGAN
GLADYCE CORNELIUS	Diane Ponder
Barbara Cospers	MARGARET POTTS
CHALCY EVANS	MARY ROBERTSON
EARL GIBSON	RONNIE SANDERS
MARTHA GIBSON	TROY SANDERS
EVELYN GLAZNER	RITA SPRUIELL
HENRI GUNNELLS	RANDY WOODROW
LOTICE JONES	PAUL YOUNG
BETTY LAWLER	Laura Youngblood
JACK LAWLER	
LOUISE LUALLEN	



### Pray for Those Who Serve our Country:

If you have names and addresses for other military church members, please call the office: 435-6021.

† Deployed overseas    ‡ Home (in the States)

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| • MSG (P) David Beard ‡ | • LTC Pete Garver ‡    |
| • MAJ JEFFREY BUCKNER ‡ | • LCPL Tyler Jones ‡   |
| • SPC Mark Caballero †  | • SPC Colton Lacy ‡    |
| • HN Jake Daniel ‡      | • CPT Landon Maroney † |
| • LTC Michael Dempsey ‡ | • SFC Matthew Reid †   |
| • COL Doug Drake ‡      | • SGT Garrett Rose ‡   |
| • SPC Kyle Fields ‡     | • LTC MIKE THORNTON †  |
| • SPC Aaron Ford ‡      | • SSG Kody Williams ‡  |

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



A new photo directory is planned for this spring! Photo dates will be:

**March 30, 31 and April 1**

Please mark your calendars.

Registration for photo appointments will begin in a few short weeks. Please check and make sure that we have your current preferred contact information on file so that you won't miss any info!

More details will be published as soon as we have them, so be sure to watch the Flame.

## Kids 1st Teachers Needed

Kids 1st is currently seeking part-time teachers. Qualified applicants must be at least 19 years of age, willing to submit to background checks and fingerprinting, and have at least one year experience in working with pre-school aged children.



Interested applicants should pick up an application from the Kids 1st office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm, or send a resume to:

**What can I do now?**

[jennifer@jaxfumc.org](mailto:jennifer@jaxfumc.org). If you have any questions, you may reach Jennifer Thomas in the Kids 1st office at 256-782-0388.

## Safe Sanctuary Training

Mark your calendars now for the Safe Sanctuary Training later this month on Sunday, January 29 at 5:00 pm. This training is mandatory for all church employees and anyone who volunteers with children or youth. Please make every effort to attend; this is the main training event for 2017.

### WORSHIPTIMES

#### Sundays:

Traditional - 8:30 & 10:50 am

Contemporary - 8:30 am

Sunday School - 9:45 am

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