

St. Charles United Methodist Church

Church Council

Mission

The Church Council will lead the church in providing a nurturing environment to fulfill the role of making disciples for Jesus Christ and for allowing those disciples to grow into fully engaged followers of Christ in the ministries of His church and in outreach to the whole world. Nurturing will focus on education, worship, membership care, small groups, and stewardship. Outreach will focus on the needs of the local and larger communities and will emphasize education, health and welfare, Christian unity, compassion, and justice.

Vision

Mission and Vision are terms often used interchangeably. Here the term “vision” is meant to describe “What St. Charles United Methodist Church strives to be”. We will make disciples for Jesus Christ in our local community and in the whole world. We will make a real difference in St. Charles Parish and in the lives of our members. We will utilize strategies of Worshiping, Serving, Growing, and Inviting in a continuous cycle. Our mantra is **NO LIMITS!**

Roles and Responsibilities

The Church Council will meet a minimum of once per quarter. More frequent monthly meetings are the norm for St. Charles. The Church Council will be the decision making body for our local church and will assure the following:

Envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate our congregation’s ministry and mission for nurture, outreach, and witness.

Review the membership trends of our church and strive to take actions that will result in ever increasing disciples for Jesus.

Fill interim vacancies that occur in lay leaders of the church between sessions of the annual conference.

Approve and annual budget based on recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Recommend to the charge conference salary and remuneration for the pastor and other staff based on input from the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Assure adequate housing arrangements are provided for the pastor.

Membership

Membership shall include, but not be limited to: Church Council Chairperson, Lay Leader, SPRC Chairperson, Finance Committee Chair, Trustees Chair, Church Treasurer, Lay representative to

annual conference, and the pastor. Chairpersons of ministries established by the church and members at large elected at the annual charge conference are also members of the Council.

Church Council Team:	Leadership & Membership	Team Expiry
Church Council Chairperson	Dan McNeill	12/31/2015
Nominations & Leader Development	Tim Lawson	
Staff-Parish Relations Committee	Jim Adams	12/31/2015
Trustees	Ronnie Schindler	12/31/2015
Finance Committee Chair	Al Martin	12/31/2015
Lay Leader	Kirk Fabre	12/31/2015
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Pam Waguespack	12/31/2015
Financial Secretary	David Lambert	12/31/2015
Church Treasurer	Ray Cesta	12/31/2015
Membership Secretary	Karen Nauck	
Adult Education Chairperson	Chris LaBure	12/31/2015
Children's Council Chairperson	Pending	
Evangelism Committee Chairperson	Jerry Schultz	12/31/2015
Worship Committee Chairperson	Alisa House	12/31/2015
Missions Committee Chairperson	Jim Miller	12/31/2015
Congregational Care Chairperson	Earline Guidry	12/31/2015
Scouting Representative	Bruce Leinweber	12/31/2015

Members At Large:

Robert Hamlin	12/31/2015
Teresa Hooker	12/31/2015
Glenn Lambert	12/31/2015
Bob Douglas	12/31/2016
Kay Wilkins	12/31/2016
Dane DePriest	12/31/2016
Jill Eilers	12/31/2017
Kirk Fabre	12/31/2017
Cheryl Mender	12/31/2017

Annual Calendar

First Quarter

- Approve Annual Budget in January
- Approve plans from each Ministry Chair for their annual activities

Second Quarter

- Evaluate and approve plans for VBS
- Support plans for worldwide missions trips

Third Quarter

Evaluate finances and adjust as needed
Begin planning for Stewardship Campaign
Begin Lay Leadership plans in prep for Charge Conference

Fourth Quarter

Stewardship Campaign
Charge Conference