

# Canton First Methodist Church

## 2026 Leadership Teams

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### Administrative Leadership

#### Governing Board

**Chairperson** – Gini Mizelle (2027)

**Vice Chairperson** – Mike Haire (2026)

**Secretary** – Gil Edwards (2027)

**Lay Leader** – Susan Dreschel (2026)

**Lay Delegates** – Mike McCord (2026), Nan Peters (2027), Rod Metcalf (2028)

**Members at Large** – Ellen Purdy (2027), Kristen Small (2028), Bill Price (2028), Jeremy Bowden (2028), Audrea Richardson (2028)

#### Ex-officio Members (with vote):

**Lead Pastor** – Dr. Kenny Ott

**Treasurer** – James Cannon (2027)

**Preschool Council Chairperson** – Daniel Harrison (2026)

#### Ex-officio Member (without vote):

**Executive Director of Administration** – Julie Little

#### Sub-Committees of the Governing Board

**Personnel Committee:** Gini Mizelle (Chair), Jeremy Bowden, Susan Dreschel, Rod Metcalf, Nan Peters

**Finance Committee:** Gil Edwards (Chair), James Cannon, Gini Mizelle, Mike McCord (Lay Delegate), Ellen Purdy

**Trustees Representatives:** Mike Haire (Chair), Gini Mizelle, Gil Edwards, Susan Dreschel, Bill Price, Kristen Small

#### Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development

**Chairperson** – Rev. Kenny Ott

**Vice Chairperson** – Susan Dreschel

##### Class of 2026

Sarah Gaither

Jeff McGhee

##### Class of 2027

Denny Milholland

Laurie Carroll

##### Class of 2028

Dave Sullivan

Bob Hulsey

## Ministry Areas Leadership

### Prayer Ministry

**Pastor/Staff Representative:** Julie Little

**Members:** Mariska Anderson, Dee Cannon, Ruthanne Giattino, Pat Johnson, Millie Lace, Karen McClellan, Mike McCord, Dave Sullivan, Jeanne Sullivan, Rachel Witzigreuter

### Preschool Ministry Council

**Chairperson:** Daniel Harrison

**Secretary:** Jana Prance

**Pastor/Staff Representative:** Susan Brown

**Director:** Melissa Deegan

**Associate Director:** Stephanie Jones

**Preschool Representative:** Jeanne Sullivan

#### 2025

Jana Prance

Katie Haley

Valerie Edwards

#### 2026

Daniel Harrison

Barbara Jacoby

#### 2027

Beverly Skinner

Donna Town

Andrea Payne

Ben Thacker

### Children's Ministry Council

**Pastor/Staff Representatives:** Elaine Daniel, Rev. Matt Abel

**Ex-officio:** Lindsay Fry, Cara Binkley

**Members:** Caleb Proctor, Katie Proctor, Heather Kent, Kaitlyn Thacker, Laura Booth, Hannah Shores, Sharon Bost

### Student Ministry Council

**Pastor/Staff Representative:** Kayla DeSimone

**Adult Leaders:** Jeremy Bowden, Virginia Johns, Shawn McClellan, Denny Milholland, John Pawlenko

**Student Leaders:** Reagan Booth, Madeline Flourney, Reid Gaither, Cole Mizelle, Abby Reiner, Clara Reiner, Mason Walters

## Women's Ministry Council

**Pastor/Staff Representative:** Julie Little

**Members:** Jackie Cutts, Kim Harding, Lisa Lundy, Kelly McKibben, Cathi Ott, Ellen Purdy, Mary Beth Williams, Gwen Gasdick, Beth McCord, Jennifer McClellan, Cheryl Mosley, Andrea Payne, Betsy Still

## Men's Ministry Council

**Pastor/Staff Representative:** Rev. Matt Abel

**Members:** Mike McCord, Denny Milholland, Austin Booth, Bill Reiner, Courey Carter, Dave Sullivan, Shawn McClellan, Tim Heintz, Alan Miller

## Missions Ministry Council

**Chairpersons** – Kendall and Carol Jones

**Pastor/Staff Representative** – Rev. Dean Osuch

**Members:** Austin Booth, Dee Cannon, Valerie Edwards, Randy Edwards, Nan Peters, Jim Busi, Terri Busi

## Ed Towers Community Fund Ministry Council

**Chairperson** – Anne Huffman

**Secretary** – Susan Thacker

**Pastor/Staff Representative** – Rev. Kenny Ott

**Members:** Ann Cox, Terri Davis, Rev. Coy Hinton, Rev. Dean Osuch, Susan May

## Altar Guild Ministry Council

**Chairperson** – Anne Coffman

**Pastor/Staff Representative** – Corey Shores

**Members:** Elaine Daniel, Elaine McDaris, Nancy Sams, Pam Stark, Sharon Shores