

Canterbury First Methodist Church

2026 Leadership Teams

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