

Leadership as Discipleship

The Mission of University Park United Methodist Church:

Embodying the love of Jesus for the good of our communities.

Leadership at UPUMC is about more than just responsibilities. It is about disciples who are growing in grace and serving together for the sake of God's mission. Every leadership team helps our church live into our vision by embodying the love of Jesus for the good of our communities. Each leader represents the values of UPUMC both inside *and* outside the walls of the church. Requirements for serving in leadership in the following capacities require being a member in good standing, having a recorded gift to the ministry of the church in any amount in the last year, and being an active presence in the community of UPUMC.

We believe leadership is one of the ways we practice discipleship. As we serve together, God continues to grow us in grace, shaping us into the likeness of Christ through the shared work of ministry. Leadership is not reserved for those who have "arrived." Rather, it is one of the ways God's grace continues to transform us.

No leader will embody these characteristics perfectly. Rather, these profiles describe the kind of people God is continually forming us to become as we grow together in grace.

Each profile below offers a picture of the kind of leader we seek to become, along with some of the ways God often grows those who serve in that role.

Finance – The Steward

(Raises and releases resources for ministry)

Finance Committee members faithfully steward the financial resources entrusted to the church so that ministry can flourish. They recognize that every gift represents an opportunity to embody the love of Jesus for the good of our communities and seek to manage those resources with wisdom, integrity, and transparency.

Who We Seek to Be

- Careful, transparent, and trustworthy.
- Responsible and attentive to details.
- Sees every dollar as an opportunity to embody the love of Jesus.

Growing in Grace

- Growing from scarcity to abundance.
- Growing from ownership to stewardship.

Committee Description

The Finance Committee helps steward the financial life of the congregation in ways that support the church's mission and ministry. The committee prayerfully oversees the receiving, budgeting, managing, and distributing of financial resources so that UPUMC can faithfully embody the love of Jesus for the good of our communities.

By wisely caring for the church's financial resources, the Finance Committee helps ensure that today's ministry is sustained and tomorrow's opportunities can be embraced with faith and generosity.

Meeting Time: Monthly, as determined by the committee.
