

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.

Trustees – The Keeper of the House

(Creates places where ministry can flourish)

Trustees care for the spaces where the life of the church unfolds. They faithfully steward the church's buildings and property, creating welcoming environments where worship, discipleship, service, and community can flourish. They recognize that every space entrusted to our care helps embody the love of Jesus for the good of our communities.

Who We Seek to Be

- Practical, dependable, and faithful.
- Attentive to the care of shared spaces.
- Creates environments where people experience the welcome of Christ.

Growing in Grace

- Growing from maintaining property to creating places of welcome.
- Growing from preserving buildings to preparing for ministry.

Committee Description

The Board of Trustees stewards the church's buildings, grounds, and physical resources so that the ministries of UPUMC can thrive. By faithfully caring for God's house, Trustees help create spaces where people can worship, grow in faith, build relationships, and serve their neighbors.

Through their quiet and faithful work, Trustees make it possible for the congregation to embody the love of Jesus for the good of our communities.

Meeting Time: Monthly, as determined by the Board.
