

Trustee Activity Summary August 2025 – May 2026

The Trustees have the supervision, oversight, and care of all real and other property and equipment owned and acquired by the local church so that the ministries of the church are equipped to serve Christ fully. The Trustees review and submit a budget to the Finance Committee annually. A copy of the line-item budget is available in the church office.

2025 Trustee Actual Expenses: \$254,591.19 • 2026 Trustee Budget: \$290,600.00

Below is a review of the main activities considered and undertaken by the Trustees during the nine months ending April 30, 2026. Questions may be directed to Chairman Dykeman Bailey, and copies of each month's minutes are available for review in the church office. A complete list of Trustee members is also available in the office or may be viewed by clicking the link [2026 Leadership Roster](#) at the bottom of the weekly Steeple Call email newsletter.

Doors & Ramps/Awnings

- New hardware has been ordered for the Sanctuary doors. Other entrance doors are repaired.
- 9th Street doors have been tinted to minimize the heat buildup from the sun.
- The cracked concrete handicap ramp for the Sanctuary is replaced.
- The frayed awnings above the Sanctuary side entrances are repaired.
- An upcoming change for the Atrium is to install new hardware to make the left door the primary, active door with the handicap door on the right as an alternative. This reduces wear on the handicap door and heat/humidity infiltration during the summer from the prolonged open/shut time of the handicap door. The ELC family members are issued FOB's for entrance, allowing quicker entrance and for the doors to remain locked for security.

Equipment

- Completed HVAC replacement for the Sanctuary, including new ductwork design.
- Completed replacement of motorized lifts for the chandeliers in the Sanctuary.
- The kitchen hood suppression system is upgraded to interface with the building's fire alarm system.
- The elevator located in the Atrium has been repaired and returned to operation.

Furnishings

- Replacement of the exterior honorarium to Ms. Francis Lupton, which used the United Methodist cross and flame design, is in process following disaffiliation.
- The pastor's office furniture is updated.
- New chairs for the Choir room have arrived and are in use.

Parking

- Plans for the redesign and paving of the Arendell Street and Bridges Street parking lots are drawn and ready to solicit bids. Improvements include additional spaces and better lighting.
- To improve safety, parking cones now are placed in two street parking spaces by the Arendell Street exit during Sunday services, and off-duty police officers assist when available.

Real Property

- Trustees considered acquisition of properties contiguous to the church at the 900 block of Bridges and 104 N.10th Street with a main goal of gaining safer egress from the Arendell Street parking lot. The properties were not obtained.
- Tenants at 912 Arendell, owned by the church, vacated at the end of January 2026. Chalk & Gibbs is retained to locate new tenants, and prospects are reviewed as they are presented.

Safety & Security

- A new Emergency Preparedness team is formed by the Trustees. We are working with the Morehead Police Department to develop procedures on how to integrate with the Sunday greeters or others during services and to develop responses to a variety of emergencies that can occur on campus.
- The blinds are removed from the Fellowship Hall to allow for free egress to the courtyard.
- The Church's insurance has had a thorough review with a goal of proper coverage and implementing ongoing loss control strategies. Cyber Insurance was added, as well as Accident Insurance for Church volunteers.
- A Kitchen Use Agreement form was developed to be read and signed by non-church users of our facilities.
- Usage rules and chaperone requirements for the Church buses have been developed. The need for "lock boxes" to be placed on the buses to secure personal items is being addressed.

Vehicles

- Provided maintenance/updates for the food trailer, including battery replacement and cleaning; discussions are ongoing regarding utilization of the trailer and towing challenges.
- The old tool trailer has been transferred to Hope Mission.

Miscellaneous

- The dividing wall between two upstairs adult Sunday School rooms was removed to create one large room.
- The replacement of the attic access stairs to the steeple is approved and pending.
- Many ongoing maintenance issues are addressed daily, including the stripping and waxing of vinyl floors, repairing water stains, addressing restroom and elevator issues, and others. Broken window glass at 912 Arendell Street was replaced.