



*Brevard First*  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

## Board of Stewards Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 6:30PM

Attendees : Harold Barnette, Jeremy Gibbs, Brittany Ingold, Veranita Alvord, Katrina Cantler, Anna McCall, Jay Farrell, Mike Harle, Carol Rutledge, Jamie Gilmore

Time Keeper	Jamie
Opening prayer	Harold
Devotion/My Story	Mike, Carol and Veranita
Closing Prayer	Jay

### 1. August 2025 minutes review and approval

### 2. Ministries Updates (8 min total)

#### a. Cultivate - Debra

#### b. Grow - Katrina

#### c. Nurture - Jay

- i. The past nurture meeting was very healthy.
- ii. Bell choir has a new temporary leader through December 2025. Our first practice was last week and went well
- iii. Bart Gilleland is leading the Chancel Choir wonderfully
- iv. Children's Choir, led by Debra Gaddy, starting on September 17th
- v. Nothing different to report about the prayer groups

#### d. Serve - Jamie

- i. The new blessing box is up! Thanks to Steve Pagano for the help with this! There is also a library in the box.
  1. Next step : Paint before stocking
  2. Jamie will be working on a bulletin insert regarding the "ins and outs" of the blessing box.
  3. Tell people you know in the community that the blessing box is HERE. Word of mouth is helpful.
- ii. The Serve group provided fruit trays for the Transylvania county back to school.
- iii. Brevard College move-in day went well, lots of volunteers and we all had a great time giving out gift bags
- iv. Sirgio from Bread of Life is presenting the Mission Moment at the 9.14 Sunday services
- v. On 9.20, the Celebration of Abundance will be at the Dunns Rock Community Center at 5:30PM. RSVP forms are on our website
- vi. On 9.21 Pat Wilkins will be at the church for a meet and greet



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- vii. Our church sponsored a back to school event at Camp Tekoa. This was well appreciated by the families and was a great way to serve.

### **3. Postpone to October Christmas Celebration Service**

**Debra**

### **4. Personnel**

**Mike**

#### **a. Music Director - Search Committee**

- i. Good opportunity to plan and expand our music leadership
- ii. What do we want for our future for the music program to be?
- iii. We have a group of people who have said they'd like to serve on the search committee team:
  - 1. Carol Bachmeyer
  - 2. Deb Yunker
  - 3. Mike Keeter
  - 4. Others...
- iv. We need to have a well rounded search committee of people who have a broad idea of our music ministry.
- v. We don't have a clear timeline to when this committee will start. This needs to be addressed before January 2026.
- vi. We need to decide what we want to do. Full time positions for organist/choir directors? Often, we won't find both within one person. We need to think through what TYPE of roles we want to offer/promote.
- vii. Thoughts on full or part time positions...
  - 1. Can we find people to fill these roles within this community? The cost of living in Brevard is HIGH. The reality of filling these positions with someone local is something to consider.
  - 2. BFUMC's organ is a wonderful opportunity for a musician.
  - 3. We could advertise the position through the conference & district.
  - 4. An evaluation of what we are looking for is important. These are specific skillsets & a person may be better at one role than another.
  - 5. Ideally, this person would encourage the musical gifts that are residing within our congregation. The director needs to tap into the people who are willing to share their gifts.
  - 6. Team player
  - 7. Move forward by honoring our past
  - 8. Putting an add out for an organist, contract work
  - 9. Vance Reese has offered to assist with finding organists
  - 10. Bart's training and experience with musicians and vocalists is something we need to note
- viii. Review the current job description, make any modifications or changes needed, reach out to the church for people who are interested in being a part of the search committee (a well rounded person who looks at the music program in a broad way). More than likely, we won't have someone completely hired on by January 2026. We need to think of different ways to get an organist in the building, whether that be full time or seasonally

### **5. Finance and Budget, Stewardship**

**Peter**

#### **a. Property updates - DOT, Pardee Medical Complex**



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- b. Met with Lucy Massagee regarding the DOT. Lucy will help us continue to negotiate with the DOT. We are needing to pull our past arborist report back out, as well as the report with our engineers.
- c. We have a payment that's on file with the courthouse, we are looking to get that redirected to our account.
- d. Pardee : Lucy will be taking the recent discussion regarding the Caldwell lot on our behalf to the Pardee developers.
- e. The construction team needs to start vacating Methodist Drive and park elsewhere. Harold asked important questions about timing, equipment, etc. We haven't heard back from Ron Siggs yet - but will keep you posted on that status.

### **6. Facilities Update**

**Eli**

#### **a. Facilities Use Inventory**

- i. There are resources available at the church, but the larger conversation has not been had yet
- ii. Thinking about how our "space ministry" can collaborate with the other ministries

#### **b. Caldwell St Parking Lot Work Day, Saturday 9/13, 8:00am**

- i. Mulch spreading, trimming limbs
- ii. Lowe's delivered the fence materials on 9/5
- iii. Eli set posts on 9/6
- iv. Dumpster delivered on 9/12
- v. City of Brevard picking up debris on 9/15
- vi. The congregation stepping in to take care of the labor of the fence will be huge.

### **7. Fall and Winter Highlights and Planning**

- a. Exciting fall ahead
- b. Consecration Sunday & Pumpkin lunch will be fun
- c. There was a larger turnout for the Labor Day service than anticipated

### **Closing Prayer**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 6:30pm**

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Devotion/My Story	Brittany W
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