



ALAMO HEIGHTS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Board of Stewards – Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2026

5:00PM in Room W100

<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
X		Dianne Dorsett	Chair
X		Steve Waters	Chair Trustees
	X	Renee Kizziar	Chair Foundation
X		Pat Crump	Chair SPRC
X		Johnny Boyd	Chair Finance
X		Dan St. Romain	Lay Leader
X		Vanessa Konkol	Secretary
X		Carrie Lobasso	Finance
	X	Hill Ojeda	Finance
	X	Thad C. Ziegler	Trustee
	X	Sally Flanagan	Trustee
	X	Scott Boynton	Trustee
X		Caroline Wernli	SPRC
X		Randy Holmes	SPRC
	X	John Burnam	SPRC
X		James L. Smith	At-Large
X		Camille Jones	At-Large
X		John Townsend	At-Large
X		Rev. Jason Adams	Senior Pastor
	X	Rev. Linda Baumheckel	Congregational Care Pastor
	X	Rev. Chris Estus	Recovery Pastor
Z		Reed McNitzky	Modern Worship Pastor
X		Darrell Smith	Discipleship & Communications Pastor
	X	Donna Strieb	Spiritual Formation & Taizé Worship Pastor
X		Janet Weatherston	Missions & Outreach Pastor
X		Valerie Slade	Executive Director
X		Lindsay Hannah	Finance Director

Visiting Presenters: Nona Schwab, Angela Leonhardt, Emma Garza, Sarah Ortiz, & Adam Crowell

Welcome – Dianne Dorsett

Prayer — Janet Weatherston

Approval of April Meeting Minutes – Dianne Dorsett:

- MOTION 1st: Steve Waters
- MOTION 2nd: John Townsend
- DECISION: Passes

SPRC Staff Introductions - Pat Crump/Valerie Slade

1. Sarah Ortiz - Associate Director of Modern Worship & Technical Arts
Joining of 2 PT positions into one FT role.
2. Angela Leonhardt - Associate Director of Music and Worship
Arts for All lead, Children's music program lead
3. Emma Garza - Youth Director
Has been here for 1 year, has 6 years' experience in youth ministry at various churches.
4. Open Positions: Associate Youth Director, Summer Intern, Ashley Person's position now needs to be filled (was prior filled by 2 people, looking for backfill for PT/20 hours a week)
Links on screen, newsletter, website - looking to source internal to congregation. Posted on Ahumc.org/jobs

Finance Report – Johnny Boyd

April 2026 Financial Explanations – Johnny Boyd/Lindsay Hannah

April receipts were more than expected by \$19.4K. This was largely attributable to two bequests received and annual pledges paid in full. Household givers were 301 with a per capita giving of \$820. There were 9 new givers in plate cash for the month. April disbursements were less than anticipated by \$10.7K. This was driven by favorable variances in salaries and benefits and programs, partially offset by more than expected costs for facilities operations and technical arts. Programs were less than anticipated because VBS registration fees were collected while the related expenses have not been incurred. Facilities operations were over budget because of higher than planned utilities costs. Technical arts were unfavorable because of a computer purchased for the team. We paid our apportionment balance for the month. Overall, April's net results were above projections by \$30.1K

Johnny showed a video clip of the "60 Greatest Playoff Moments," featuring the San Antonio Spurs 1999 Memorial Day Miracle game. Spurs were down 18 points and took the lead, ultimately winning the NBA Championship. The clip was used as a visual to show progress and illustrate the gratitude we have for the unexpected gifts given this month to further God's Kingdom.

ADDENDUM 1: April 2026 Board Financial Statement

ADDENDUM 2: April 2026 Per Capita Giving

Trustees Report – Steve Waters / JOHNNY BOYD

Grow Together Building Committee Update - Report depicts the actions of the building committee. Currently, there is 1 active project; upper Terrace Project, which includes concepts, logistics, costs, and potential contractors. Timing is not set but anticipated to be completed by Nov. 1, which is the same day as official kickoff.

- Phase 1 Security project: a new security system is needed and we are currently working with security consultants.
- Sometimes, during construction, we may have to shift the phase of GTC that it falls into (EX: Paint cannot occur before carpet install, etc.)

Foundation Update – Renee Kizziar (*update will be deferred to next month's meeting*)

Grow Together Campaign Update - Valerie Slade

Funding - Our consultant set goal to raise 60% of funding through initial advance gift commitments. Total cost is \$5.7m. As of this week, we have raised \$3.2m in pledges! This total puts us at 56% of our 60% goal! Some members have already attended GTC meetings and received pledge cards, though not all have turned pledge cards back in, yet.

- BOS members, please turn in your pledge cards.
- Collected: \$1m 670 currently collected/received.
- Building committee is very conscious of what has been collected as pledges are spread out over a 3-year period and funds have not been received in total.
- May-July 2026: Pastor Jason and Pastor Reed are hosting follow-up coffee conversations with members who have attended GTC meetings, to build personal relationships and make sure all questions are being answered. This includes house calls, if requested
- August 2026: *Spotlight Gatherings* will be hosted to have GT presentations to various church areas (choir, youth, children's groups). *Spotlight Gatherings* will be tailored to show separate groups what will be happening in their areas.
- August 23: *Terrace Dedication Ceremony* to be held, in-between services. There will be a fun, refreshments, and a ground-breaking program.
- Sept 13: *GTC Official Kickoff Sunday*
 - Dog wash & Doggy Treat Bake Sale, hosted by the Youth Ministry
 - Piggybank Collection, hosted by Children's Ministry
- Oct.4: *Commitment Sunday* (A calling team will call each parishioner)
- Nov.1: *GTC Official Kickoff Celebration*, hosted in church parking lot
 - "Plunge the Pastor Booth," hosted by Youth Ministries

Senior Pastor's Comments – Jason Adams

- In June, Pastor Jason will be at the oldest camp revival, the Bend Revival.

- In August, Pastor Jason will attend the largest camp revival in the Fort Davis Mountains of Texas called Bloys Camp.
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- July will be spent planning preaching for the GTC. Our pastors in our home congregation will be featured during services over this time.
- Many celebrations to look forward to for our congregation in the coming months!

Chairman of the Board's Comments – Dianne Dorsett: Tonight, I invited Janet to come and highlight opportunities for service areas that are needing support.

Janet Weatherston: Communion in Sanctuary and CLC is a special area needing volunteers. In the Upper Room, when Jesus gathered with his disciples, who prepared the meal? It's a silent servant who did it, one who was not needing recognition. This is a similar service role to set out the sacraments before the service. After the service, there is a need to clean up and put away the elements. This is a beautiful way to serve (family, youth, children can participate). During the clean-up portion, the leftover juice is poured, not into the drain, but onto the ground. Bread is saved for an animal needing food. This is a great service that benefits so many coming to church to experience Christ in the breaking of the bread.

- Requirement is a 15-min commitment before and after each service, as well as in-between services. Pastors will help and direct and be available. Colin Bryant, here in our church kitchen, bakes the bread, sets it out, and pours the juice.
- Dates Needed: Sunday mornings on Communion Sunday (1st Sun monthly, all services).
- Volunteers can choose which months they are available to support.

Thank you for being here and being on this board.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Jason

Next Meeting: *Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 5pm in W100*