

**Lincolnton Methodist Church**  
Leadership Council Meeting



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<b>1.0 Call to Order – May 6, 2026</b>	<b>Stephanie Goldman</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sound check for online participants</li> <li>• Opening Prayer</li> </ul>	
<b>1.1 Members Present</b>	<b>Beth Brigdon</b>
<b>Leadership Council</b>	<b>Ministry/Program Leaders</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Stephanie Goldman, Chair (SPR Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> John Brantley, Vice Chair, (Trustee) <input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Cadden, Treasurer (Finance) <input type="checkbox"/> Beth Brigdon, Secretary <input type="checkbox"/> Rev. Mike Gudka, Pastor <input type="checkbox"/> Clay Antonakos (Trustee Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Cartledge (Finance Chair) <input type="checkbox"/> Steven Dawkins (Finance) <input type="checkbox"/> Nick Perrin (Trustee) <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Powell (Lay Leader) <input type="checkbox"/> Brian McCorvey (SPR) <input type="checkbox"/> Rod Pye (SPR)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Ministries – Katelyn Norman <input type="checkbox"/> GMC Deacon-in-Training – Lisa Powell <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Closet – Cynthia Carroll <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Fellowship – Jim Butler <input type="checkbox"/> Music – <input type="checkbox"/> Parsonage – Debbie Rankin <input type="checkbox"/> River of Life (ROL) – Leigh Beggs <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School – Dan Whitehead <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Ministries – Jennie Simons <input type="checkbox"/> Youth – S. Goldman/K. Cartledge
<b>2.0 Secretary's Report</b>	<b>Beth Brigdon</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes: 4/12/26 minutes (<i>separate attachment</i>)</li> <li>• Website Update: Action Item – Policy Library</li> <li>• Calendar Review <a href="https://lincolntonmethodist.org/calendar">https://lincolntonmethodist.org/calendar</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reminder: EMAIL Janice at <a href="mailto:churchoffice@lincolntonmethodist.org">churchoffice@lincolntonmethodist.org</a> all updates including requests for reservations of facilities &amp; the van</li> <li>○ Reminder of Major Events (everyone)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>3.0 Finance Report</b>	<b>Kristen Cartledge</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly financials report             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ General Fund Report as of 4/30/26 (<i>attachment</i>)</li> <li>○ Designated Funds Balance Report as of 4/30/26 (<i>attachment</i>)</li> <li>○ Capital Campaign Update (including Loan Balance)</li> <li>○ Credit Card - Status Update</li> <li>○ Online Payment – Status Report</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>4.0 Old Business</b>	<b>Stephanie Goldman</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action Items from Prior Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New Youth Breakfast for 2026-27 school year Planning (Youth Council/Rod)</li> <li>○ Improvement Tasks (see list below)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Task Force Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Phase 3 Facilities Planning Task Force Update</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Lisa Powell
<b>5.0 Trustees Report</b>	<b>Clay Antonakos</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Door Installation (after Easter)</li> <li>○ Bell Tower Inspection</li> <li>○ Security camera installation around main campus</li> <li>○ Sanctuary Projector cable swap</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>6.0 SPR Report</b>	<b>Stephanie Goldman</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel Job Posting(s) &amp; search update</li> <li>• Employee Policy Manual Status – (Action-Beth)</li> <li>• Evening Nursery Feedback (Stephanie)</li> </ul>	

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<b>7.0 Lay Leaders' Report</b>	<b>Lisa Powell</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pew Cards/Books Feedback</li> <li>• New Order of Worship format feedback</li> </ul>	
<b>8.0 Ministry Updates</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Our Daily Bread - replacement for Upper Room Feedback</li> <li>○ Annual Conference - Lay Representative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Thurs, 6/4 at 6:00 PM – Sat, 6/6, at noon</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Reminder of Pastor Mike's Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Education: 6/29 - 7/6 (out Sunday 7/5 - Communion)</li> <li>▪ Vacation: 7/27-8/3 (out Sunday 8/2 - Communion)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Pastor Mike
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sunday School (including Promotion Sunday July 26)</li> <li>○ River of Life (June 10-14) Planning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Dan Whitehead Leigh/Chuck Beggs
<b>9.0 New Business</b>	<b>Stephanie Goldman</b>
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<b>10.0 Upcoming Meeting Reminders</b>	<b>Stephanie Goldman</b>
• No meetings in June & July – Email or Call Stephanie if you have issues	
<b>11.0 General Session - Adjournment</b>	<b>Stephanie Goldman</b>
5 min break	
<b>12.0 Executive Session</b>	<b>Stephanie Goldman</b>

**Ministry Rotation Schedule – UPDATED (4/12/26)**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ○ Jan 11: Master's Closet    | ○ July: No Meeting              |
| ○ Feb 8: Music               | ○ August 5: Youth               |
| ○ Mar 8: Children's          | ○ Sept 2: Parsonage             |
| ○ Apr 12: Women's            | ○ Oct 7: GMC Deacon-in-Training |
| ○ May 6: ROL & Sunday School | ○ Nov 4: Men's                  |
| ○ June: No meeting           | ○ Dec: No Meeting               |

**Improvements List:**

- Website Improvements
  - Live Calendar Updates
- Worship Experience Improvements
  - Proclaim implementation (new Worship software)
  - Live Streaming (instead of relying on Facebook)
  - Podcasting
- New administrative software (Parking lot - pending staffing)
  - Membership data management
  - Visitor mgt
  - Communication management (text, email, newsletters)
  - Volunteer management
  - Event Registration management
  - Giving management (online; pledges; annual statements)

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