

# PILLAR LEADERS

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WINTER PARK

We are excited about what this year holds for our church family and community. Here are the annual letters from our 2020 Pillar Leaders.

As I begin my third year as the Vibrant Family Pillar Leader, I continue to be enthusiastic about the many examples of growth and service throughout our church. And, the outlook for 2020 brings many opportunities to continue in this work. I see God changing the lives of our ministry leaders and also the lives of those touched by our ministries.



Through the influence of our ministry leaders, we are initiating a new congregational care plan as well as cultivating new experiences for Act II, our ministry for those 55+. The Diversity Committee is at the forefront of educating and offering opportunities for our church to be aware and serve. A few examples include book studies, open forum dialogues, and partnerships with community and religious groups. The Preschools (MSEE and TCA) and dance ministry, Studio 150, continue to embrace new perspectives, greater diversity, and create inclusion in all aspects of their work. The Health and Wholeness ministry is a great source of programs and initiatives for our church family to recharge and nurture our minds and bodies while also caring for the creation around us (Think most recently of our Christmas Eve candle recycling program!).

I invite you to join in the work of our Vibrant Family pillar this year. Feel free to reach out to me directly or any of the ministry leaders within our pillar. We are excited about the work to be accomplished to further the vision of FUMCWP and the mission set forth for the greater church.

**Lynn Striepe – Vibrant Family Pillar Leader**

I am pleased to have been asked to serve as Pillar Leader for Gracious Hosts. Since joining FUMCWP five years ago, I have enjoyed serving in various capacities and look forward to broadening my outreach within our church. I especially enjoy developing and strengthening relationships. I look forward to extending our outreach to the larger community, warmly welcoming and including everyone, as we seek to personify the spiritual gift of hospitality, making disciples of all people. "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2



**Arnetta Rodgers – Gracious Hosts Pillar Leader**

I'm excited about 2020 because there's an opportunity for everyone to be involved. From New Members, to Connect Groups, Kinfolk, and Discipleship, there is a place for all to plug in and become Passionate Seekers!



This year we will see a renewed emphasis on Connect Groups. Our desire is that every person takes the opportunity to join a connect group this year. Connect Groups meet regularly to foster spiritual growth, a sense of belonging, and to equip themselves for life and the journey.

I'm also happy that everyone will have the chance to take the next step in discipleship as we journey together through the Lenten season. The Center for Creative Discipleship, led by Michael Kormanicki, has worked hard to bring an "Active Faith" approach to discipleship. Beginning in February we'll all be able to participate in realizing the vision of "Involvement as a way to create a thriving church."

I see God's hands in action every time we love one another as Christ commanded. Every time we reach out to a friend in need, show patience with someone who may not deserve it, or walk the proverbial second mile when only one is required, we live out the Great Commission.

**Bob Atchison – Passionate Seekers Pillar Leader**

In 2020, we look forward enthusiastically to continuing to evolve and grow the extraordinary discipleship and impact of our many ministries. Important among our goals is expanding our congregation's knowledge of what this church is accomplishing in the world. We also wish to invite you to work with us, sharing your spirit, special gifts and talents as we seek God's grace and help develop individuals who are able to thrive individually and contribute within increasingly healthy communities both abroad and here at home. Our joy of breathing hope into one another and expanding their capacities to live fully and meaningfully is truly Christ's work. Please learn more. We welcome your inquiries. Join us in his service.



**Lloyd Jaeger – Christ-like Servants Pillar Leader**