



Pulpit Committee

Alma Church of God | 2024

Chris Sipka- Chair



Chris has attended Alma Church of God for 40 years and has been privileged to serve as Director of His Place for 25 of those years. She is married to Tim and they have 3 sons: Phil in Chicago, Steve (Elyse) and granddaughter Frankie in Indianapolis, and Mark (Austin) in LA. They love this church family and the community of Alma. Chris and Tim plan to live here in retirement and continue to stay involved for years to come.

Pat Benson – Vice Chair



Pat lives in Alma with her husband, Ed and they are proud grandparents to nine grandchildren. She has been attending Alma Church of God for approximately twelve years and has come to love the people and feel at home there. Pat enjoys entertaining, decorating, crafts and all things, Christmas. She loves the Lord and is humbled to be asked to serve.

Mark Kemler



Mark grew up in Alma where he attended the Alma Church of God. He has been married for 17 years to Erika and they have 2 daughters Norah and Lyra. Before moving back to Alma they lived in both Georgia and Florida for a time. Mark now teaches in the Alma School district. Two of his spiritual gifts are encouragement and discernment.

Ben Bontrager



Ben grew up in Ithaca and began attending the Filling Station while in high school. He slowly started attending more broader church functions and was invited to intern with Ben Kreider during college. Ben attended Calvin University and graduated with a major in finance and a minor in youth ministry. Currently, he works as a financial advisor at Rehmann and serves in our church as a youth leader and in the music worship ministries. Ben spends his free time studying for the Certified Financial Planner designation, enjoying time with his girlfriend, Ash Holland, and backpacking.

Brian Hancock



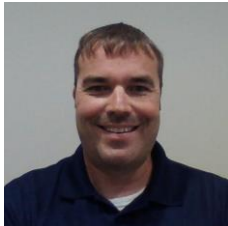
Brian Hancock and his wife (Kristie) and two daughters (Grace and Harper) have attended Alma Church of God for almost a decade. Brian is an assistant professor of teacher education at Alma College and he and Kristie were first drawn to Alma COG for their youth programs. Brian and family appreciate Alma COG's welcoming presence in Alma and continued emphasis on positive outreach into our community.

Bill Hirschman



Bill was born and raised in the Ithaca area and attended Ithaca High School, Ferris State College, and Central Michigan University. Bill is a certified public accountant and has spent his entire accounting career with Roslund, Prestage & Company, PC. Bill and his wife Shelley have two children, Nathan Hirschman, and Sara De Jong. Bill has been a member of the Church of God for more than 40 years, first at the Ithaca Church of God, then with the Alma Church of God, and has been serving as Treasurer for the past several years.

Jason Lombard



Jason lives in Ithaca with his wife Stefanie, their two boys, Jeffrey and Andrew, and their dog Cash. He is employed by DeWitt Lumber Company as a Contractor/Project Salesmen. He enjoys being a passionate fan of the Michigan State Spartans Basketball and Football Teams. As a family, they enjoy camping, spending time outdoors, and traveling together.

Kristina Eggenberger



Kristina has attended Alma Church of God for 25 years. She has served as a Sunday School teacher, small group leader, and was a member of the bylaws committee. Currently she serves as the chairperson of the Governing Board. Kristina is a social studies teacher at Alma High School. She and her husband, Ben, live in Alma. They have two adult daughters, Emily and Elaine.