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SHOW

the
**Love
of God**

**Annual Conference
June 4-7, 2023**



“SHOW THE LOVE OF GOD”

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” - John 13:34-35

Sisters and brothers in Christ, this is a historic Annual Conference. One that brings with it a sense of both grief and joy as we mourn the loss of our sisters and brothers to disaffiliation. However, we cannot and must not lose ourselves in the hopelessness of despair. We must exhibit the courage to live into the audacious promises of God that come when we love one another.

The Gospel of John describes perfectly what passionate spiritual disciples and leaders look like. Jesus states it clearly as a new commandment. Friends, this is a great opportunity to see the possibilities and live the promise of God’s preferred future. God’s future is rooted and grounded in the amazing love poured out for us in Jesus Christ. We have the opportunity at this Annual Conference to chart a new course. It is my prayer that as we begin this new journey by centering ourselves in a love that is a powerful witness to the world, we are reminded of who we are and whose we are.

Despite and oftentimes in spite of so much division and uncertainty, we have carried on the work of Christ as United Methodists because we believe that the foundation of salvation, peace, and justice are embedded in the new commandment that Jesus gives in John 13, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.” 1 John 4:19 also reminds us that, “We love because Christ loved us.” I pray that all we do and say at this historic watershed moment for The United Methodist Church in Kentucky will indeed “Show the Love of God.”

I love how Josh Kerby describes Jesus’ new commandment in his blog, “You Will Know Them By Their Love.” “I am convinced the way we live our lives and the way we treat others paint the truest picture of who we are. Our actions display what we stand for and what we think is right. As Christians, we are called to one thing in particular: Love God and love others.” May it be so among us all in this Annual Conference and into the future.

In Christ,

Bishop Leonard E. Fairley

Agenda Kentucky Annual Conference June 4-7, 2023
Owensboro Convention Center | All times are CT

Sunday, June 4

2-6 p.m.	Registration (Lobby)	
6:30 p.m.	Child Care Opens (Off Site at Settle Memorial)	
7 p.m.	Worshipful Work and Service of Blessing (German American Ballroom)	2

Monday, June 5

7:45 a.m.	Child Care Opens (Off Site at Settle Memorial)	
8:00 a.m.	Registration Continues (Lobby)	
8:00 a.m.	Ordination Rehearsal (Exhibit Hall 1, 2)	
9:00 a.m.	Opening Worship - (Exhibit Hall 1, 2)	3
	Bishop Leonard Fairley, preaching	
10:30 a.m.	Clergy Executive Session (German American Ballroom)	
	Laity Session (Exhibit Hall 1, 2)	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
	Special Meal: Ordinand Lunch with Bishop Fairley	
2:30 p.m.	Worshipful Work /Plenary (Exhibit Hall 1, 2)	
4:30 p.m.	Dinner Break	
5:00 p.m.	Child Care Closes for Dinner Break (Off Site at Settle Memorial)	
6:30 p.m.	Child Care Opens for Evening Session (Off Site at Settle Memorial)	
7:00 p.m.	A Service of Commissioning, Ordination (Exhibit Hall 1, 2)	9
	Bishop Swanson preaching	
9:15 p.m.	Child Care Closes (Off Site at Settle Memorial)	

Tuesday, June 6

8:30 a.m.	Child Care Opens (Off Site at Settle Memorial)	
9:00 a.m.	Worshipful Work/Plenary with Retirement Service (Exhibit Hall 1, 2)	20
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break: Special Meal Retiree Luncheon	
2:30 p.m.	Worshipful Work/Plenary with Mission Celebration Service (Exhibit Hall 1, 2)	
5:00 p.m.	Time of Celebration on the Riverfront (Fellowship time with food trucks and live music)	
5:15 p.m.	Child Care Closes (Off Site at Settle Memorial)	

Wednesday, June 7

8:30 a.m.	Child Care Opens (Off Site at Settle Memorial)	
9:00 a.m.	Worshipful Work/Memorial Service/Reading of Appointments (Exhibit Hall 1, 2)	22
12:00 p.m.	Dismiss with Blessing	
12:15 p.m.	Child Care Closes Immediately Following the Session (Off Site Settle Memorial)	
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ALL EVENTS ARE AT THE CONVENTION CENTER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

*My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*

~ Thomas Merton

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023 WORSHIP STATIONS

Worship during Annual Conference will include worship stations to help us focus on our theme, “Show the Love of God.” There are three worship stations, and they will be present in the Plenary Session during conference. They include Memory Trees, Reflection Station, and the Doodle Art Gallery.

Description of Worship Stations:

- 1. Memory Trees.** Rev. Amy Call and her planning team have created “Memory Trees,” which will be on tables in the exhibit hall where people can write memories or statements of loved ones they have lost over the past year. These can be tied to the branches of the tree. Memories will be written on paper shaped like leaves. Several pens will be left on the table.
- 2. Reflection Station.** During the laity session, the Young Adult Leadership Lab (Eliza Love, Erin Rice, and Tess Welch) are offering five questions for reflection:

What is the nature of God?

Who are we called to be?

What are we called to do?

How is God inviting you into deeper relationship?

Where do you have joy?

There are printed bookmarks with these questions that will be available in the laity session and after. These questions are to help guide holy conversations throughout Annual Conference. There will be tables where conference attendees can use post-its to respond to these questions and put them on a tri-fold display. They will continue this emphasis throughout Annual Conference.

- 3. Doodle Art Gallery** is a place to express your thoughts on the theme “Show the Love of God.” When you read those words, put something on the paper provided. It could be a doodle, a word, a photo, poem, or anything creative that communicates our theme. We will have a place where they can be displayed.

SUNDAY NIGHT WORSHIP, JUNE 4

Worshipful Work and Service of Blessing
All music performed by Jared Tanner and Steve Easley

Gathering Music: *Living Hope*
Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Opening Prayer: Rev. Chrysanthia Carr-Seals

Jesus, you prayed that your followers would be one (John 17:11). More than just unity of beliefs, this is to be unity of mission with You at our center, at our base, at our forefront, meeting us as we love and serve one another. Today, the church exists as a fractured body broken into thousands of denominations. Reform us, revive us, renew us, and teach us again how to follow your example of loving with a servant's heart. Help us to forgive as you have forgiven us. Help us to let go of our grudges, to forgive our enemies, and to treat others as we would want to be treated (Matthew 7:12) – even those who would betray us, much as you did with Judas and Peter. Amen.

Scripture: John 13:34-35
Philippians 2:1-5

Tess Welch

Song: *You Never Let Go*

Worshipful Work
Explanation of Voting Process
Board of Trustees Report
Voting

Songs: *Great are You Lord*
Open the Eyes of My Heart

Words of Hope and Encouragement: Bishop Leonard Fairley

Song: *Indescribable*

Blessing and Dismissal:

Rev. Chrysanthia Carr-Seals

This part of our work is done.

Our time to discern will soon bear its fruit.

May the one who has finished this part of the work in us be blessed. And may we ever know ourselves loved by God and one another.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Go forth in peace.

MONDAY WORSHIP, JUNE 5

Kentucky Annual Conference 2023 Opening Worship Service

Opening Hymn/Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision*
(UMC Hymnal #451)

Madisonville First UMC

Call to Worship:

Jonna Carter
Conference Lay Leader

Lift up your heads, O gates!

and be lifted up, O ancient doors!

that the King of glory may come in. (Psalm 24:7)

Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion!

For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says the Lord.

Many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day,

and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst.

(ZECHARIAH 2:10-11b)

Words of Welcome:

John Denham
Conference Lay Leader

Prayer for Annual Conference & Lord's Prayer:

Rev. Brad Smart
Dean of Cabinet

Gracious and almighty God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: We praise your name in worship and thanksgiving. You are the Alpha and Omega, the firm foundation upon which we stand. Thank you for your gifts of love, salvation, and new life this day and always.

We, your people called United Methodists in Kentucky, ask your blessing upon our proceedings for this Annual Conference. Grant us wisdom and understanding. Fill us with your love. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the plans you have for us, and may the workings we accomplish here be pleasing to you. May we show your love to the world.

As we prepare to commence the business of our church in your name, we unite ourselves in one voice to pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

“Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.”

Scripture: John 13:34-35

Bishop Leonard Fairley

Sermon: *I Believe Love Will Find A Way*

Bishop Leonard Fairley

Response: Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Jonna Carter

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope**

Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life
Amen.

Hymn of Response: *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*
(UMC Hymnal #581, verses 1,3, & 4) Madisonville First
UMC

Holy Communion: Bishop Leonard Fairley

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II, UMC
Hymnal pages 12-15

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and make with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my

body which is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

Giving the Bread and Cup

Elements are distributed to the congregation.

Communion Hymn: *One Bread, One Body*
(UMC Hymnal #620)

Madisonville First UMC

Closing Hymn: *Here I Am, Lord*
(UMC Hymnal #593)

Madisonville First UMC

Dismissal with Blessing:

Bishop Leonard Fairley

Go Forth in peace. The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Postlude: *Christ for the World We Sing*
(UMC Hymnal #568)

Madisonville First UMC

**Please stand*

ORDINATION & COMMISSIONING SERVICE

Prelude: *Fill My Cup; What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Madisonville FUMC
Orchestra

Processional Hymn*: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
(UMC Hymnal #139)

Greeting & Prayer:

Bishop Leonard Fairley

The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

We come together to praise God, to hear the holy word, and to seek for ourselves and others the power, presence, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you gave to your apostles many excellent gifts. Give your grace to all servants of your church, that we may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill our various ministries. Grant that we, your people, may follow where you lead, perfect our ministries, and live in joyful obedience to your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Ecumenical Greetings:

Most Reverend Bishop William F. Medley
*Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro,
Roman Catholic Church*

RECOGNITION OF COMMON MINISTRY AND REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Bishop Fairley:

Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God. Through baptism all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers, the church, Christ's body, made visible in the world. We all share in Christ's ministry of love and service for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation. Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry, I call upon all God's people gathered here:

Remember you are baptized, and be thankful.

All: We reaffirm our baptism and our common call to ministry. Thanks be to God!

PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE ORDAINED OR COMMISSIONED

Bishop Fairley:

Who presents these candidates to be ordained or commissioned?

Conference Lay Leader:

Jonna Carter

We have recommended them in our local congregations.

We present them with our prayers and support.

Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry: Rev. Craig Tuck, BOM Chair

We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our Discipline and this annual conference of The United Methodist Church.

We present them with our prayers and support.

BOM Representative:

Rev. Rachel Wallace, BOM Elder Representative

We present:

Claudia Nava-Galloway

Elizabeth Smith

and Dustin Woods

for ordination as an elder. We present them with our prayers and support.

We present:

Jason Elam

and Jordan Hunter

for commissioning as provisional members preparing for ordained ministry as elders.

Bishop Fairley:

These persons are by God's grace to be ordained or commissioned for set apart ministry in Christ's Holy Church. Those authorized by the Church to inquire about them have discerned that they are persons of sound learning and of Christian character, possess the necessary signs of God's grace, and have demonstrated a profound commitment to serve Jesus Christ. Therefore, they believe them to be duly called to serve God.

We ask you, people of God, to declare your assent to the ordination or commissioning of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be ordained, commissioned, received or recognized?

Congregation:

We do! Thanks be to God!

Bishop Fairley:

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

Congregation:

With God's help, we will.

THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

Bishop Fairley:

My sisters and brothers in Christ, you have been called to an ordained or commissioned in set apart ministry. The church now confirms your calling.

As ordained or commissioned ministers, you are to be coworkers with all the people of God: With laity, bishops, elders, deacons, local pastors, provisional members, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, home missionaries, supply pastors, with all who serve God in the Church.

Remember you are called to serve rather than to be served, to proclaim the faith of the church and no other, to look after the concerns of God above all.

So we may know you believe yourselves to be called by God and that you profess the Christian faith, we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of ordained or licensed ministry?

Candidates:

I do so believe.

Bishop Fairley:

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates:

I do so believe and confess.

Bishop Fairley:

Are you persuaded that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and are the unique and authoritative standard for the church's faith and life?

Candidates:

I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

Bishop Fairley:

Will you be faithful in prayer, in the study of the Holy Scriptures, and with the help of the Holy Spirit continually rekindle the gift of God that is in you?

Candidates:

I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Fairley:

Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ?

Candidates:

I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Fairley:

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry, lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ, to participate in the life and work of the community, and to seek peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

Candidates:

I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Fairley:

Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word, and committing yourself to be accountable with those serving with you, and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

Candidates:

I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Fairley:

Will you, for the sake of the church's life and mission, covenant to participate in the life of the order, into which you are ordained or commissioned? Will you give yourself to God through the order in order to sustain and build each other up in prayer, study, worship and service the rule of life set forth in the vows you take this day?

Candidates:

I will, with the help of God.

Bishop Fairley:

May God, who has given you the will to do these things, give you grace to perform them, that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection.

All Amen.

Offering:

Rev. Craig Tuck

Prayer for Offering:

Rev. Craig Tuck

Special Music: *My Tribute, arr. by Heejung Park*

Madisonville FUMC
Chancel Choir & Orchestra

Featured soloists: Sorae Kim & Neicy Garcia

Doxology*:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2 NRSV

Rev. Karen Kluever
*Minister of Church Relations & Development,
Hinton Rural Life Center*

The word of God, for the people of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: *God Works Even in the Midst of Darkness*

Bishop James Swanson
Retired, Mississippi Annual Conference

Apostles' Creed*:

Most Reverend Bishop William F. Medley

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

COMMISSIONING OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

Bishop Fairley:

By affirming the covenant of baptism, all members of Christ's holy church pledge to serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Christ gave all of us this command: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." We have asked, and the Lord has answered. These sisters and brothers know our Savior's concern for God's people, see the plentiful harvest, and are ready to respond generously to the Lord in the words of the prophet: "Here I am; send me."

Urged on by the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they now come to declare in public their desire to live out the covenant made at their baptism by binding themselves to the service of God under the supervision of the bishop and the guidance of colleagues in full connection and by being appointed to share as servant leaders in the body of Christ.

Today we commission them to service as they continue to prepare for ordained ministry among us.

EXAMINATION OF PROVISIONAL MEMBERS

Bishop Fairley:

Throughout Christian history, the church has commissioned people for leadership and service. This commissioning is always a response to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who calls and sends women and men to share in Christ's ministry.

In the early church in Antioch, the Holy Spirit instructed the community to "set apart ... Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2).

In the early stages for such ministerial service, ordained leaders walk with commissioned leaders to mentor and form them in Christ's ministry, just as Ananias, the more seasoned leader, guided Paul, the newly called evangelist, toward the fullness of his calling (Acts 9).

We gather here to commission men and women for ministry in the church.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this is a solemn hour in your life and the life of the church. You have shared in the ministry of all the baptized and you have witnessed that Christ calls you into ordained ministry.

Serving among us as faithful disciples, we have seen in you gifts and graces for leading the people of God in service.

Will you give yourself fully to the work of God in the world and to servant leadership in the life and work of Christ's church?

Candidates:

Following Christ, I will.

Bishop Fairley:

Will you join with other provisional members for mutual support in the practice of leadership among the people of God?

Candidates:

With God's help, I will.

Bishop Fairley:

God of the apostles and prophets, of the martyrs and teachers, you raise up men and women to be apostolic leaders in your church. By your Holy Spirit help these, your servants, to understand and live the mystery of your love with boldness and joy. Deepen their sense of purpose as they exercise commissioned ministry. Empower them, and those who will walk with them to guide their ministry, together with all of your people, to heal the sick, love the outcast, resist evil, preach the Word, and give themselves freely for your name's sake.

Hymn: *Oh Jesus, I Have Promised*
(UMC Hymnal #396, verses 1-2)

COMMISSIONING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

Family members and friends are invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying-on of hands for each provisional elder.

Bishop Fairley:

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon (Full Name).
Send him/her now to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ,
to announce the reign of God,
and to equip the church for ministry,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying, **Amen.**

EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

Rev. Kevin Burney, Director of Ministerial Services:

An elder is called to share in the ministry of Christ and of the whole church: to preach and teach the Word of God and faithfully administer the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead the people of God in worship and prayer; to lead persons to faith in Jesus Christ; to exercise pastoral supervision, to order the life of the congregation and the connection, to counsel the troubled, and declare the forgiveness of sin; to lead the people of God in obedience to Christ's mission in the world; to seek justice, peace, and freedom for all people; and to take a responsible place in the government of the Church and in service in and to the community.

Bishop Fairley:

This is the rule of life and work of an elder.
Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?

Candidates:

I do so believe.

Bishop Fairley:

As these persons are ordained by the church for the office and work of elders to which we believe they have been called by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for them.

The people pray for them in silence.

Bishop Fairley:

We praise you, eternal God, because you have called us to be a priestly people, offering to You acceptable worship through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Apostle and High Priest, Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. We thank you that, by dying, Christ has overcome death, having ascended into heaven, has poured forth gifts abundantly on your people, making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up Christ's body, and to fulfill your gracious purpose in the world.

Give to these your servants the grace and power they need to serve you in this ministry. Make them faithful pastors, patient teachers, and wise counselors. Enable them to serve without reproach, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, to administer the sacraments of the new covenant, and to offer with all your people spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Hymn: *Oh Jesus, I Have Promised*

(UMC Hymnal #396, verses 3-4)

LAYING-ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER FOR ELDERS

Family members and friends may be invited to stand where they are for silent prayer during the laying on of hands for each ordinand.

Bishop Fairley:

Almighty God, pour upon Name the Holy Spirit, for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church.

All audibly affirm the action, saying, Amen.

Bishop Fairley:

(Full Name), take authority as an elder to preach the Word of God, to administer the Holy Sacraments and to order the life of the Church; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All audibly affirm the action, saying, **Amen.**

The Call to Ministry:

Bishop Leonard Fairley

Hymn of Response: *The Summons*

Sending Forth

Words of Blessing:

Bishop Leonard Fairley

Instructions for Ordinands to Recess

Recessional Music: Organ (Synth) Special

TUESDAY WORSHIP, JUNE 6
Retirement Worship and Celebration

Gathering Music: *Oceans*

Crosswalk*

Call to Worship:

Trust in the Lord and do good.

May the Lord give strength to the people!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

God is our refuge and strength. (The Book of Worship 1965, ALT.)

Hymn Medley:

Blessed Assurance , Amazing Grace, Victory In Jesus

Presentation of the Retirees:

Dr. Jay Smith

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Bishop Leonard Fairley

Brothers and sisters in Christ, you came to us from congregations where the Spirit of the Lord was upon you; and you were charged to preach to the brokenhearted, to visit the captive, to anoint these who were bruised. These things you have done.

We thank God for the community of the faithful in which the Word of God found response. Countless persons have depended upon you for help. In the providence of God, you know that both suffering and joy can be God's way of teaching and healing.

By God's grace God had blessed many in and through your ministry.

We thank God that you were given the vision to be faithful. Death and illness have not come on schedule. The truth has not always been easy to preach. We know something of the grace by which you have lived, and we thank God for your vision.

Never think lightly of the great good that God has wrought through you. Continue to be true to your calling. May God's love and power be with you always. Let us pray together.

God of grace, we give thanks for the ministry of these women and men, and for the ways in which you have ministered to us through them. Give them a sense of your abiding presence, that they may continue to love and serve you, and ever grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

Words of Blessing:

Bishop Leonard Fairley

Closing Song: *Goodness of God*

*"Crosswalk" is our musical guest for Tuesday worship services. Vocals/Acoustic: Rev. Dr. Ben Martin
Vocals: Maggie Coleman | Drums: Rev. Dr. Jose Gonzalez | Bass: Rev. Andrew Singh
Electric Guitar: Rev. Dr. John Hatton | Keys: Andrew Chapman*

MISSION CELEBRATION

Call to Worship:

Rev. Dr. Tina Patterson

For the living of these days
let us heed promptings and possibility,
let us evoke creativities of compassion,
O come, let us worship.

Call to Worship written by Terence Elwyn Johnson

Opening Song: *Raise a Hallelujah*

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:13-15

Reflection on Mission Offering

Offering Celebration

Prayer of Blessing

Closing Song: *Way Maker*

Benediction:

Bishop Fairley

Receive these words of Jesus as our benediction. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Amen. (Matthew 28:19-2)

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, JUNE 7

Memorial Worship Service

Gathering Music:

Dr. Lori Elbert

Call to Worship: Psalm 121:1-2

Rev. Sylvia Baker-Noren

I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

Greeting and Opening Prayer:

Bishop Leonard Fairley

Let us pray. Holy and loving God, gathered together in this place, we honor and remember holy moments and memories. Precious times and painful times mingle together, reminding us that to know Christ is to live the resurrection, but it is also to journey to the cross. As we honor those that we have lost this past year, may we allow a space for healing but also for tears. A space for celebration and for lamenting. A space where we can be in the presence of God, who loves us deeply and is holding close those that have gone on to join Him in glory. May today we make a space to look to the hills from where our help comes. In the name of Your Son Jesus, Amen.

Hymn: *He Leadeth Me*

Dr. Lori Elbert

(UMC Hymnal #128 verses 1, 2, & 4)

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-19 NIV

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Message: The Presence of God

Rev. Janet Carden

Acts of Remembrance:

Rev. Amy Call

The journey of grief and loss is one that ebbs and flows. At times it is so sharp, it pierces us straight to our hearts. Other times, it lingers on the edge of our memories, waiting to come forth once again. Today, we are spending time in our grief. Today, we are the ones who linger in our emotions and memories.

Walking with Grief

by George MacDonald

Do not hurry as you walk with grief

It does not help the journey

Walk slowly, pausing often

Do not hurry as you walk with grief

Be not disturbed by memories

that come unbidden

Swiftly forgive and let

Unspoken words, unfinished conversations

be resolved in your memories

Be not disturbed

Be gentle with the one who walks with grief

If it is you, be gentle with yourself

Swiftly forgive, walk slowly,

Pause often,

Take time

Be gentle as you walk with grief.

As we prepare to share in this time of remembrance, I invite you to close your eyes for a moment and think of memories you share with your loved one. Allow whatever comes to mind to rise to the surface. Sit in this space with wherever you find yourself on this journey. (*Silence*). As we end this moment of reflection, take a deep breath in and then out. Amen.

Naming of the Faithful Departed:

Rev. Jim Nichols

As family members come to the altar to place a stone in their loved one's memory, the name of each of the faithful departed is read aloud. Those who knew the faithful departed will be invited to stand. After each name is read, a bell will toll and the congregation will respond:

Thank you, Lord, for this your servant.

As they exit the altar, a participant (Rev. Todd Smith) in the service will give them a rose.

Prayer for the Saints and Faithful Departed:

Rev. Jason Elam

**O God of both the living and the dead,
we praise Your holy name for all Your servants
who have faithfully lived and died.**

**We thank You for the sacred ties that bind us
to those unseen who encompass us as a cloud of witnesses.**

**We pray that, encouraged by their example and strengthened
by their fellowship, we may be diligent followers
and that nothing will be able to separate us from Your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. (*from the Book of Worship*)**

Dismissal Hymn: *My Hope is Built*
(UMC Hymnal #368)

Dr. Lori Elbert*

Benediction:

Bishop Leonard Fairley

Going Forth

**Dr. Lori Elbert is our musical guest for Wednesday. She is the Director of Koinonia Worship at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Louisville*

CLOSING WORSHIP

Gathering Music:

Dr. Lori Elbert

Call to Worship:

Sylvia Baker-Noren

God is here in this space.

And God will be with us when we leave this place.

In living, you thought of us.

In dying, you saved us.

In rising, you restored us.

In all, God loves us.

Our God is still moving, doing, and renewing.

As God's people, we open our hearts since God is all we are pursuing.

Hymn: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (UMC Hymnal #57)

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Call to Worship written by Tess Welch

Reading of the Appointments

District Superintendent: These are the names of those who, in keeping with the Lord's command, are being sent by our Kentucky Annual Conference to make passionate spiritual disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

After reading of appointments in each district, the district superintendent will ask the clergy in that district to rise and will offer the following prayer and blessing:

Almighty God, bless, equip, and empower these clergy, their families, and the churches and ministries to which they are sent. May this district experience and reflect your glory, as they love and serve you and your people. Amen

Closing Song: *For the Cause*

Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Stuart Townend

Benediction:

Bishop Leonard Fairley

ORDINATION ON THE ELDER TRACK



Claudia Nava-Galloway

Spouse: Joseph Warren Galloway

Children: Claudia Black 31, Juan Carlos Carrillo-Nava 29,
Elizabeth Galloway 36, Lidya Miller 33

Degree(s): Bachelor's Degree from University del Valle de
Mexico and seminary degree from Louisville
Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville,
KY, MDIV from Louisville Seminary

Appointment: Stovall United Methodist Church in
Radcliff, KY.



Elizabeth Louise Smith

Children: Roosevelt Bowles III 48, Christopher Jon Bowles
45, Bryan Jason Scott Smith 34

Degree(s): Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Secondary
Education from Excelsior College in Albany, New
York, MDiv from United Theological Seminary in
Dayton, OH

Appointment: Seddon UMC in Maysville, KY as Pastor,
Jeffersontown UMC in Louisville, KY as
Pastor



Dustin Woods

Spouse: Emily Woods

Children: Wesley 10, Maxwell 8, Thomas 5, Jonathan 4,
Rosemary 1

Degree(s): BA, History and Religion from Georgetown
College in Georgetown, Kentucky, MA in
Education from Georgetown College in
Georgetown, Kentucky MDiv from Asbury
Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky

Appointment: St. Paul UMC in Louisville, KY as Associate
Pastor

COMMISSIONING ON THE ELDER TRACK



Jason Elam

Spouse: Janet Elam

Children: Natalie, 20

Degree(s): BA, Secondary Education from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky, M.A.Ed, Secondary Education from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky M.Div from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky

Appointment: Mill Springs Charge (Meadow Creek, Eller's Chapel and Tuttle's Chapel UMC) in Monticello, Kentucky as Pastor, Greensburg United Methodist Church in Greensburg, Kentucky as Pastor



Jordan LeeAnn Hunter

Spouse: Matthew Hunter

Degree(s): BA, Christian Ministries from Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky, MDiv from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky

Appointment: First United Methodist Church as a Second Year Intern in Lexington, Kentucky, Leitchfield United Methodist Church in Leitchfield, Kentucky

MEMOIRS



CLERGY

Rev. Freida Alexander
Rev. Charles W. Bertrand
Rev. Charles Brantley
Rev. Julius Earl Carter
Rev. Troy O. Douthit
Rev. Ormond Kemp Edwards
Rev. Dr. Kathy Ogletree Goodwin
Rev. J.D. Graddy
Rev. Phillip Cary Hogg Sr.
Rev. Finley Isaacs Jr.
Rev. Peggy Greenfield Johnson
Rev. James Michael 'Mike' Mansfield
Rev. Dr. Jerry Lee Mercer
Rev. James E. 'Jimmy' Powell
Rev. Dr. Robert C. 'Bob' Rice
Rev. James 'Jimmy' Rose
Rev. Terry Michael Vickous
Rev. John L. Weber
Rev. Dr. Walter B. White Jr.

Rev. Freida Alexander

April 16, 1948 – Oct. 29, 2022



Pastor Freida C. Alexander, 74, of Henderson, passed away Saturday, October 29, 2022, peacefully in her sleep, at her home.

Freida was born in Marion, Kentucky, to the late William and Mary Evelyn (Fox) Crider.

Freida retired from the state of Kentucky after 30 years of service, in 2001, to pursue her second career as a full-time Methodist Minister. She was most recently the Pastor of Spottsville United Methodist Church, “The Church on the Hill.”

She enjoyed sharing God’s word to all people and believed absolutely in the power of prayer. Freida traveled to several countries including Kenya, Uganda, Israel, and Paraguay for mission work. She was active with the Healing Rooms in Owensboro, KY, and various other organizations (too numerous to count) in the communities of Henderson and Owensboro. Freida impacted the lives of everyone she touched. If you knew Freida, you knew she was proudest of her grandchildren. When they were born, she would find a hymn that rhymed with their names and sing it to them as she rocked them to sleep. She enjoyed watching them participate in all their activities from singing in choirs to playing various sports. She was known as “Memaw” and there was no doubt that she loved them best.

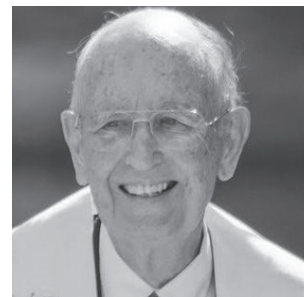
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hughes A. Alexander, and her brother, John Earl Crider.

Freida is survived by her children Gerald W. Kinnin Jr. (Stephanie), Adrienne K. Cruse

(Andre) and Jennifer K. Benson (Edward); her siblings Judith Rhodes and Howard Crider (Porsha); sister-in-law Shirley Crider and her grandchildren Kaelin Hildreth, Andre Cruse II, Shelby Kinnin, Zion Cruse, Cooper Beck-Benson, Zavier Cruse, Ava Benson, Paxton Benson, and honorary grandchild Brayden Marks, as well as a host of nieces and nephews, and great friends too numerous to list.

Rev. Charles W. Bertrand

May 25, 1929 – Sept. 16, 2022



The Rev. Charles W. Bertrand, retired United Methodist pastor, was promoted to glory Friday, Sept. 16, 2022.

He met his beloved wife (Elizabeth) of 50 years at Cascade College and together they came to Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., in 1956. For the next 40-plus years, he and his wife faithfully served pastorates in the Kentucky Conference.

Charles loved teaching Sunday School, playing the piano, and singing in the choir. He and his wife’s selfless commitment to serving the Lord grew from their desire to give their utmost for His highest. Many have been blessed by His love for the Lord and service to others throughout his life.

He is preceded in death by his wife. Survived by his children, Harold, Sabra, Roger, Zoe, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Rev. Charles Brantley

April 10, 1933 – Nov. 28, 2022



Rev. Charles Richard Brantley, 89, of Marion, KY died November 28, 2022, at Crittenden Community Hospital. He was

a member of Marion United Methodist Church, a Kentucky Colonel and a United States Army Veteran. Charles also had a love for music and was instrumental in the forming of and performing in the gospel quartet “Southern Sound.”

Survivors include his wife, Doris Brantley of Marion, KY; children, Richard (Connie) Brantley of Paducah, KY and Patty Croft of Ledbetter, KY; grandchildren, Rachel Guess, Brandon Croft, Lucas Croft, Chelsea Wiggins and Courtney Brantley and great-grandchildren, Devin Guess, Kaylee Guess, Foster Croft, Silas Croft and Caraline Wiggins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Link and Ruby Brantley, and brother, Kenneth Brantley.

Rev. Julius Earl Carter

May 10, 1926 – Feb. 13, 2023



Julius Earl Carter, 96, of Glasgow, Kentucky, passed away Monday, February 13, 2023, at his residence.

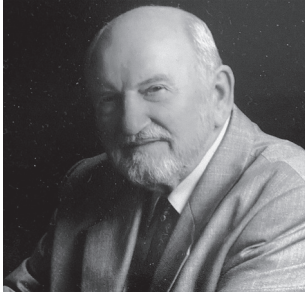
He was born May 10, 1926, in Arcola, Illinois, to the late Truman Earl Carter and Wealthie Hale Carter. Julius obtained a bachelor’s degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College and in his early years, was a watchmaker for Froedge Jewelry. He later became a United Methodist Minister and ministered at twelve different churches in the state of Kentucky for over 50 years. His home church was Bethany Methodist Church in Louisville.

In his free time, he enjoyed tinkering with watches and fishing.

Survivors include his loving wife of almost 75 years, Jean Harlan Carter; two sons, Roger Carter, Larry Carter (Karen); five grandchildren; seventeen great grandchildren; ten great great grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Rene Carter; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, David Carter; one grandchild, Clinton Carter; one great grandchild, Aiden McGee; and four sisters.

Rev. Troy O. Douthit

Sept. 10, 1935 – Aug. 7, 2022



Troy O. Douthit was born in Detroit, Michigan, to Hugh and Virginia Douthit on September 10, 1935. He, along with his four siblings, was raised in

the Detroit area by a policeman father and a seamstress mother. His mother was a woman of strong faith, which she passed on to Troy. He often said that his mother's influence is what drew him to the ministry. Troy was drafted into the Army when he was 19 years old. He was sent to Germany to serve his two years; he often said those were two of the best years of his life. Upon his return home, he assisted his brother-in-law in the plumbing business. He married his wife, Diane, in 1958.

Throughout his young life he felt the call to ministry, but during his first year of marriage the call became irresistible on his heart. He answered the call and used his GI bill to go to college, then seminary. He served as a student pastor in several churches while he and Diane were raising four children. He received his ordination during the height of the Vietnam War and soon the military was calling for ministers to serve as chaplains. Troy again felt the call from his Lord to serve the young men who were serving their country. He joined the Army again in 1969 and was sent to Vietnam the following year, in 1970. He remained in the Army serving his fellow soldiers until 1988, when he retired from active duty as a Lt. Colonel. He continued to serve in civilian ministry for eight more years, first in Detroit and then in Kentucky.

He retired a second time and moved from Kentucky with his wife to Alabama. They cared for Diane's elderly aunt, herself a retired Army nurse, until her death in 2012. Once again, God called Troy to serve, and he answered the call to a small church in Alabama. After retiring for a third time, Troy and Diane moved to Georgia to be closer to their family.

During his final retirement, Troy's love of travel took him and his wife to many places around the world. They toured Israel, a place that held strong spiritual meaning to him. They spent a lot of time in Germany, the place he loved so much and used Germany as a launching point to visit many European countries. Troy was a history buff and his travels brought history alive for him.

Sadly, Troy became afflicted with dementia in his last years, but despite that, he remained kind and loving to all. He was deeply loved and respected by his family and everyone who knew him. He was an excellent witness to others of the love and caring that God has for all of us. He was generous and wise. His last days were spent surrounded by family. The last words he spoke to his wife were, "Mrs. Douthit, Mr. Douthit loves you; now hold my hand while we sleep." And she did.

Rev. Ormond Kemp Edwards

March 3, 1936-Aug. 26, 2022



Kemp was born in Ayden, N.C. His parents and 3 brothers and he were active members of the Ayden Methodist Church.

Standing on God's promises, Kemp followed the Lord's leading.

In 1958 he served as a missionary in Japan for 2 years.

In 1961, Kemp began preparing for ministry at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, KY, while pastoring a Methodist Church in Paris, KY.

In 1963, Kemp married Jean Pratt.

In 1965, together with their 8-month-old son, they went to Japan to serve as missionaries under One Mission Society.

Two daughters were born to complete their family during their 23 years of service in Japan.

Kemp was blessed with lasting friendships with the pastors he ministered with in Japan until his homecoming.

Rev. Dr. Kathy Ogletree Goodwin

April 19, 1958-Aug. 15, 2022



Rev. Dr. Kathy Ogletree Goodwin was a proud native of Barnesville, GA, born April 19, 1958, to Melvin and Mary Ogletree, the fourth

out of nine children. There in Barnesville, she was educated in the Lamar public schools, but having a thirst for knowledge she continued on in higher education from the following: Bachelor's degree in political science from Fort Valley State University; pursued the Master of Public Administration at Atlanta University and received the Master of Divinity degree while at Gammon Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center with concentrating in Church Administration and Leadership, Doctor of Ministry Degree from Ashland Theological Seminary.

She was the first African American clergy woman ordained in 1994 with in the Kentucky Conference of The United Methodist Church since the church's merger of 1968. Rev. Dr. Kathy Ogletree Goodwin lived the life that she preached. As an ordained Pastor, she served in the following appointments: Muldraugh UMC, Muldraugh; Coke Memorial, Louisville (16 years); Nathaniel Mission, Lexington; Asbury, Owensboro, Fourth Avenue, Crescent Hill, and Buechel churches in Louisville.

She served on a variety of Conference Boards, Committees, as well as community organizations. Some of her most memorable leadership roles were that of Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century,

First Female Clergy to serve as President of the Interdenominational Ministerial Coalition. She was a role model and mentored across denominations to enrich the lives and ministries of others through her own organization “Kingdom of God Ministry” that hosted seminars entitled “Those Preaching Woman.” She is the recipient of numerous recognitions and awards including the Church Women United Outstanding Female Award and the Wesley Community House Commitment and Courage Award to name a few, as well as being a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Kathy believed that we are “Blessed to Be a Blessing” and everything that we have gone through God blessed us through it, so in turn we may be a blessing to others. On the morning of her final day on earth at Norton’s Women’s Pavilion Hospital in Louisville, she was still fully engaged in the work of the kingdom of God. I was told by one of her closest friends First Lady Diane Walker Williams of the Grace Temple Church of God In Christ of Albion Michigan, during their 6:00 a.m. Call-in morning prayer group, she prayed such a strong and fervent prayer than ever before. “I wished I had recorded it.” With in the next hour on the Monday morning of Aug. 15th, 2022, she took leave of her earthy body, resting from her labors, and entered life eternal in the heavenly Kingdom of God and in the loving arms of our savior Jesus Christ.

We the family will miss her dearly!

Rev. Alvin R. Goodwin, Sr, Husband,
Children: Alvin Russell II, Alexis, Aaron Goodwin, and her dearest grandchildren: Ayden, Lena, and Aaliyah.

Rev. J.D. Graddy

March 31, 1925-June 19, 2022



Brother J.D. Graddy, 97, of Nortonville passed away Sunday, June 19, 2022, at Ascension St. Vincent in Evansville, IN.

Born March 31, 1925, to the late Owen and Alma (Berry) Graddy, he was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, a Purple Heart recipient, earned EAME Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars and a Bronze Star Medal.

After proudly serving his country, he returned home to work at Fox Lumber Co. in Nortonville for over 30 years.

He was a Methodist Pastor for 52 years and was still preaching at White Plains United Methodist Church not long before his passing. His family lovingly refer to him as D Daddy and will cherish having his guidance over the years.

Preceded in death by his wife, Pauline (McIntosh) Graddy; granddaughter, Pamela Oglesby; and siblings, Nan, Lucille, Katherine, Elijah and Charles.

Rev. Phillip Cary Hogg Sr.

Oct. 21, 1958–March 16, 2023



Phillip Cary Hogg, Sr., 64, husband of Janet Cain Hogg, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Born in Ashland, KY, he was the son of Charles and Jeanette Baldwin Hogg.

“Pastor Phil” served in full-time ministry in the United Methodist Church for 38 years. He pastored churches in Olive Hill, Paint Lick, Flatwoods, Highland Heights, and Georgetown Kentucky. Phil also served 17 years in campus ministry at the Wesley Foundation (MSC) at Morehead State University. He spent many summers volunteering at Aldersgate Camp and Retreat Center and led multiple mission trips, both domestic and foreign. Phil served on the District Committee on Ministry, on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry. In recent years, he was a leader in the introduction of Narrow Gate Discipleship Ministry in the Kentucky Conference.

At his Celebration of Life service, many attested to the personal impact of Phil’s pastoral and mentoring ministry, including a number of persons now serving in pastoral ministry. His music and worship-leading touched many hearts and lives as well.

Phil’s servant heart was evident as a pastoral presence, ministering to those who were responsible for his health care throughout the many challenges

of his battle with cancer. He prayed for, counseled, and encouraged those who were a part of his medical team.

Through his interest and skills in construction and renovations, Phil left every appointment in better condition than when he had arrived, making physical improvements to facilities. He enjoyed music, woodworking, golf and following UK sports and the Cincinnati Reds. Most of all he treasured time spent with his family.

In addition to his parents and his wife of 43 years, he is survived by his sons, Phillip (Jenny) Hogg Jr., Christopher (Sarah) Hogg and Andrew (Kristen) Hogg; sisters, Patty (Hank) Roark and Angie (Brad) Smart; grandchildren, Nathan, Sadie, Bennett, Jayden, Silas and Luke (due in August).

Rev. Finley Isaacs Jr.

July 8, 1938–July 21, 2022



Rev. Finley Isaacs Jr., age 84, of Independence, KY, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at his residence

surrounded by his loving family. The son of the late Hazel (Botner) and Finley Isaacs Sr., Finley was born in Vincent, KY, on July 8, 1938.

Finley enjoyed his life to the fullest but most importantly devoted his life to our Lord and Savior. He was a minister for 39 years. He proudly obtained a certificate of ordained ministry from the United Methodist Church. One year after starting

his ministerial studies, Finley was sent to pastor the Salem United Methodist Church in Grant County, KY; he served there for four years. His next appointment was to the Morning View United Methodist Church of the Covington district; he served there for 35 years. He was bi-vocational for 29 years, which made it a busy and rewarding time. In addition to his ministry, after 42 years of service, Finley retired as Office Manager from Cincinnati Electronics in Mason, Ohio. He also served in the United States Army National Guard.

Some of Finley's greatest experiences and memories during his ministry were serving on the conference evangelism committee, serving as a counselor at the Billy Graham Crusade in Cincinnati, preaching revivals in other churches, and being the guest speaker at a Homecoming Service of his home church. But most of all, his best memories were the boys, girls, men, and women who invited Christ into their lives. He was very thankful for the United Methodist Church and especially for the Morning View congregation for giving him the high honor and great privilege of serving the Lord for many years. Finley officiated one hundred funerals and over sixty weddings and has left a lasting legacy for his friends, family, and community.

Finley enjoyed his time spent with his family and found great joy in attending his grandchildren's activities. Those left to carry on Finley's legacy are his wife of 62 years, Freda Isaacs; sons Jeffrey (Debbie) Isaacs and Michael (Karen) Isaacs; grandchildren Tyler, Grace, Parker, and Paige.

Rev. Peggy Greenfield Johnson

July 19, 1944-June 30, 2022



Rev. Peggy Greenfield Johnson passed away June 30, 2022, in Knoxville, Tennessee, after a short illness.

She was a retired Methodist minister and dedicated member of Crofton UMC. She had always been active in the church and played piano for the church.

Peggy was the daughter of the late Ray and Martha Greenfield. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rev. Ronnie Johnson of Hopkinsville, KY; four brothers, Paul, John, Albert, and Pete Greenfield, all of Elkton, KY; three sisters, Nellie Noel of Hopkinsville, KY., Gracie England of Adairsville, KY and Louise Mills of Sibley LA.

She is survived by her daughter, Wanda Graham of Knoxville, TN; two sons, Mark Scott of Bowling Green Ky., and Brian Johnson of Hopkinsville, KY; eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren.

Rev. James Michael ‘Mike’ Mansfield

Dec. 27, 1944-July 19, 2022



Born in Sebring, Florida, December 27, 1944, and raised in Ashland, Kentucky, Mike Mansfield graduated from Boyd County High School

in 1963 and the University of Kentucky in 1971. After working as a medical technologist and laboratory technician, Mike felt the calling to enter ministry and attended United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained as a pastor in the United Methodist Church in 1986 and served churches in Kentucky and Ohio.

Throughout his time in ministry and retirement, he was an activist for women's rights and was widely known for his hands-on work with those on the margins of society.

Rev. Anita Rayburn, West Ohio Conference, remembers, "My soul brother, Mike, and I were always connected even though we lived out our adult lives far away from each other. We both started seminary, as a second career, the same year even though we had no idea that the other person was called to do so. There are many memories from my childhood that I could share but one of the most meaningful memory is from my recent adulthood when my Dad died. Mike came and spent time with me after the funeral, listening to my pain and walking with me when I really needed someone to understand and care. I have appreciated his sensitivity and love. I miss my soul brother."

"Mike was a clergy colleague who was exceptionally supportive of others in ministry.

He was always interested in what we were doing, and always offered to help if he was able, particularly if the ministry was justice-related," recalls Rev. Jean Hawxhurst.

Rev. David Miller shares, "Always seeing Jesus in 'the least of these,' Mike was committed to justice ministries. Even after his retirement, he was faithful to attend Prayer in Action Days at the legislature with the Kentucky Council of Churches and events with the Poor People's Campaign."

Mike dedicated many years to the loving care of his wife of more than 50 years, Gay Harris Mansfield. He never met a stranger and always took the road less traveled. Mike died on July 19, 2022, after a brief illness.

Rev. Dr. Jerry Lee Mercer

July 7, 1936-June 14, 2022



Rev. Dr. Jerry Lee Mercer passed away in Shreveport, LA, on June 14, 2022, at the age of 85. He was preceded in death by his wife of sixty-

two years, Ruth Burke Mercer, and his youngest daughter, Diane Cornelius. He is survived by three daughters, Donnel Milam (Robert), Deborah VanLeeuwen (Mark), Kathryn Hopper (Dave) and seventeen grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all who affectionately called him their beloved "King of the Skunks."

Jerry loved life and was full of surprises. He was a collector, a teacher, a writer, a poet. . .an evangelist proclaiming the

Good News to every brother and sister he met along the way. He was a proud Texan, Kentucky Wildcat fan and frequent pilgrim to the Abbey of Gethsemani. He loved art, music, history and was an avid photographer. He was also a prolific writer, not only of faith-based texts but also of poetry and social and political commentary. He loved animals and nature.

Jerry served as Professor of Religion at Azusa Pacific University from 1965-1972 and Professor of Theology and Homiletics at Asbury Theological Seminary from 1972 until retirement in 1999. During his tenure at Asbury, he worked closely with the Eastern Territory of the Salvation Army, wrote books and study materials for the United Methodist Church, and shared Christ at many conferences with special interest in Wesleyan hymnody and thought, and the life and spirituality of Thomas Merton. He also served in the chapel and became the second Dean of the Chapel for a period of three years.

Jerry's gift was to see the good in everyone. He went out of his way to speak to others, ask how they were doing, and ask what he could do to help make their day even better. He was loved by all who knew him.

Rev. James E. 'Jimmy' Powell

Sept. 3, 1942-Oct. 24, 2022



Brother James E. "Jimmy" Powell of Burkesville, Kentucky, passed away Monday, October 24, 2022 at The Cumberland County Hospital in Burkesville,

having attained the age of 80 years, 1 month & 21 days.

He was born in The Hegira Community of Cumberland County, Kentucky, on Thursday, September 3, 1942, the son of Lucian Elgin and Opal Sara Jane (Wray) Powell. He was of the Methodist faith, a United Methodist Minister from 1972 till 2022, mechanic, and a farmer.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brothers, Billy Earl Powell, Ronnie Elvin Powell, Larry Eudene Powell, sister-in-law, Denise Dee Powell.

He is survived by his wife, Delcie (Fields) Powell of Burkesville, Kentucky, whom he wed on Saturday, November 11, 1961; children, David (& Connie) Powell of Burkesville, Kentucky, Michael (& Amanda) Powell of Burkesville, Kentucky, Naomi Lynn (& Hauke) May of Bowling Green, Kentucky, Ashley (& James) Glass of Burkesville, Kentucky, brother, John E. Powell of Albany, Kentucky, grandchildren, Jon-Erik Lynn, Ethan Lynn, Erica Lynn, Rebey Powell, Jasmin Moolhuizen, great-grandson, Otis Lynn, Jr., adopted grandchildren, Michael Branham, Makala Branham, along with other family members, and many, many friends.

Rev. Dr. Robert C. 'Bob' Rice

July 17, 1938-June 8, 2022



Rev. Dr. Robert C. "Bob" Rice received his final appointment to his heavenly home on the morning of June 8, 2022, just prior to the beginning of the final

day of Annual Conference 2022.

Bob was born on July 17, 1938, in Olive Hill, KY, to Coy Marion Rice and Julia Williams King Rice. He was the youngest of four children, and the only boy. He spent much of his growing-up years in Ashland, KY, where many of his best memories were made.

It was at his home church of Ashland First where he received the early building blocks for his faith. While in junior high, he helped organize prayer services before school. One morning when he felt led to speak at one of those services, he knew he was being called into full-time ministry. That calling was further ignited the summer after his senior year of high school, when his DS asked him to fill in for a vacancy at Fullerton (now South Shore). He began his training for the ministry at Kentucky Wesleyan College, where he earned his B.A. in 1960. It was while in college that Bob fell in love with Vivian Lane Riley from Russellville, KY. They married following his graduation on May 31, 1960, and were able to celebrate their 62nd anniversary the week prior to his death.

From there, he followed the lead of one of his best friends from Ashland First, Billy Ray

Jennings, to pursue his M.Div. at Duke University. After graduation, Bob came back to the Louisville Conference where he began his ministry as associate pastor of Settle Memorial. For the next over 40 years, he served as senior pastor of Lewisport/New Chapel, Bennett Memorial,

Jeffersontown, Scottsville First, Henderson First, Elizabethtown Memorial and Madisonville First, and as DS of the Henderson and Ashland Districts. His last few years of ministry, before retirement, were spent as a Consultant to Local Pastors in the Office of Lindsey Wilson College. Following retirement, he pastored Mt. Carmel in Adair County for a year before moving to their retirement home in Bowling Green in 2007. It was in Bowling Green where he served as the Minister of Visitation at State Street for seven years before his final retirement in 2014. In 1991, Bob received his honorary Doctor of Ministry degree from Union College where he served on the Board.

Bob is survived by his wife, Vivian Riley Rice, son, Jeff (Kim) Rice of Gallatin, TN, and daughters Mary Ann (Bob) Layne of Brentwood, TN; Sharon (Scott) Dallas and Susan (Jon) Campbell both of Henderson, KY. He is also survived by his 11 grandchildren (and two grandchildren-in-law): Sarah (Jared) Sharp, Nicholas (Victoria) Layne, Sydney Layne, Ashley Layne, Jacob Layne, Kayce Dallas, Tanner Dallas, Mackenzie Dallas, Walker Dallas, Reagan Campbell and Reid Campbell. He is also survived by his first great-grandchild, Connor Riley Sharp, and several nieces, nephews, extended family and special friends.

Rev. James 'Jimmy' Rose

April 5, 1923-Feb. 24, 2023



Rev. James W. "Jimmy" Rose, age 99, of Morehead, formerly of Cynthiana, went home to be with the Lord on Friday,

February 24, 2023, at his home.

He was born April 5, 1923, in Olive Hill, and was a son of the late Dr. James Madison Rose and Violette Oda Fultz Rose. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 76 years, JoAnn Holbrook Rose, on June 1, 2002; one son, James David Rose; two brothers, Dr. Gilbert Rose and Gayle Rose; and one sister, Marjorie Rose Knight. (Mrs. Rose's memoir can be found elsewhere in this worship program.)

Mr. Rose is survived by one daughter, Deborah Jo Hudson, of Morehead; one sister, Carolyn Sue Rose Wile of Lexington; one granddaughter, Kristen Barnes of Los Angeles, California; one grandson, Michael Houston Rose of Morehead; two great-granddaughters, Hallie Barnes and Ella Barnes, both of Ft. Thomas, as well as extended family and many friends.

Rev. Terry Michael Vickous

Sept. 6, 1961-June 2, 2022



Terry Michael Vickous, of Bowling Green, passed away after a long battle with dementia on Thursday, June 2, 2022. He was 60

years old.

Born to the late LaJuana Stubblefield and Bill Vickous, Terry is also preceded in death by his stepfather, Roy Wayne Stubblefield. He is survived by his children, Jacob, Daniel and Natalie Vickous; granddaughter Scarlet; brothers Gordon and Danny Vickous; sister Stacey Vickous; and many other family & friends.

Terry was a United Methodist Pastor for 20 years and was called to serve many areas of Kentucky at different times in his life. He was a faithful servant of God and devoted father. He enjoyed watching movies, loved gospel music, and had extensive knowledge of classic rock music. Terry will be dearly missed.

Rev. John L. Weber

Nov. 19, 1940-March 26, 2023



Rev. John L. Weber died March 26, 2023, at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville Tennessee.

Born November 19, 1940, to the late Leon and Martha Weber, he married Doris Esther Bentley on June 8, 1965. He served numerous churches over his ministry with his wife, including Bethany UMC, Cecilia UMC, Clifton Heights UMC, Summit Heights UMC, Cadiz UMC, St. John UMC, Middletown UMC, Ogden Memorial UMC, Russellville United Methodist Temple and Pearce Memorial UMC.

He is a graduate of Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, and Louisville Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, David Weber; and is survived by his sister, Fran Frederick; daughters Jonetta Weber (R. Carini) and Jennifer Creak (Steven Creak). The funeral service was held at Young Funeral Home in Russellville, Kentucky, on March 31, 2023, with private graveside service held on April 3, 2023, at Elizaville Cemetery in Fleming County.

Rev. Dr. Walter B. White Jr.

July 28, 1932-Aug. 20, 2022



Rev Dr. Walter B. White, 90, of Beaver Dam, Kentucky, died August 20, 2022 at the home of his daughter, Carrie White-Killman, and son-in-law, Russell

Killman, of Hartford, Kentucky. Dr. White had spent the last two months of his life under the care of Ohio County Hospice and the loving care of his daughter and son-in-law and his “best girl” Bailey, his beloved dog.

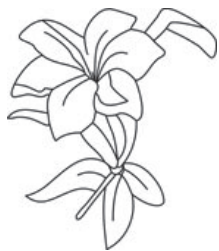
Dr. White was born July 28, 1932, in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of the late Walter B. White Sr. and Catherine Woods White. Dr. White was the eldest of three children. Both his sister and brother preceded him in death.

Dr. White received an Associate Degree from Lindsey Wilson College, Bachelor’s Degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College, Master of Divinity (M-Div) degree from Perkins School of Theology, Master’s Degree in Sociology from Vanderbilt University and his Doctorate of Ministry from Lexington Theological Seminary.

My father always said he was “ called by God” to enter the ministry and that he did from the age of 18 until his retirement at the age of 63. During those years he served many churches and congregations throughout the Kentucky (Louisville) Conference. My father took great pride in being called by God to be a United Methodist minister and was without a doubt a committed, dedicated and faithful servant of the Lord up to the very end. No doubt he entered the Kingdom of God with a smile on his face and was greeted with the

words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

Dr. White is survived by his wife of 68 years, Marguarette White, daughter Carrie White-Killman (Russell), Bailey, his beloved dog, Martin, his grand-dog as well as a son, Stephen White, and one grandchild.



*We also note with sadness the passing of the following clergy,
for whom no details were available:*

- Rev. Thomas Adams (Oct. 18, 1939-June 18, 2022)
- Rev. Marshall Powell (May 19, 1929-Oct. 17, 2022)

SPOUSES

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Dr. Barbara Anderson Head

Aug. 25, 1950-Jan. 23, 2023



Dr. Barbara Anderson Head, 72, peacefully joined her heavenly father at home surrounded by her family on Monday, January 23,

2023, after a hard-fought battle with cancer that spanned many years. She faced cancer head-on with grace and determination and was an inspiration to many along her journey.

Barbara was born on August 25, 1950, to Charles D. Lane and Doris K. Lane in Louisville, KY. Barbara attended Eastern High School (1969) and then worked to put herself through college at Union College in Barbourville, KY. This began her long and varied career that spanned social work, nursing, research and teaching but always focused on service to others. She went on to get her Masters in Social Work, then became a Registered Nurse (RN), and eventually earned a PhD in Social Work from the University of Louisville.

Her professional achievements were just as significant as her educational achievements. She began her career as a social worker working with at risk youth before transitioning to assisting families as they coped with the death of loved ones when Barbara became a Hospice nurse and eventually worked in administration at Hospice of Louisville (now Hosparus). From there she moved to her next chapter in teaching and research at the University of Louisville School of Medicine and Kent

School of Social Work using her background to teach future social workers on end-of-life care including teaching classes in Malaysia and India. She served on many boards and committees including as both board member and president of the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) and the Hospice and Palliative Credentialing Center (HPCC) and as a member of the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Care Network (SWHPN) board of directors. And even as busy as she was professionally, she still found time to teach children's Sunday School classes at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, where she was a longtime member of over 35 years. All her accolades aside, her greatest accomplishment was her love for her Lord and for all to know Him.

Barbara leaves behind a large family that will all miss her very much. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her first husband, Rev. Thomas J. Anderson, who died in 1980. She is survived by her loving husband, Carl T. Head Jr.; her children John Anderson (Lauren), and Carl T. Head III/Trey (Samantha); her step-daughters Tammy Hamilton (Glenn), and Jennifer Davis; her brother Earl D. Lane; and seventeen grandchildren. Barbara adored her family and she and Carl enjoyed taking the entire group on regular vacations to Lake Michigan, The Smoky Mountains, and Hilton Head. Traveling the world was always a passion for Barbara even if she had to sometimes drag Carl along for the ride.

Eliza Joyce Brown

May 4, 1933- July 29, 2022



Joyce Bailey grew up on a farm in Etoile, Kentucky, and married Kenneth Brown, from Glasgow on February 23, 1952. In 1957, with two children,

Michael, and Patricia, they began their lives as a Methodist pastor's family at a five-point charge in Grayson County including Clarkson, Little Clifty, Summit, Duff, and Rocky Hill churches.

After three years, they returned to Glasgow to pastor Bethel, Boyd's Creek, and New Salem churches in Barren County. Next, they served in Green County including Pickett's, Summer Shade, and Duff churches. From there it was Hodges Chapel and Taylors Chapel. During this time, Leslie, their third child, was added to the family.

The next appointment was St. Andrews in Campbellsville. Then Tompkinsville and Berea Chapel; Russell Springs and Mt Pleasant; Burkesville; Overdale in Louisville; Munfordville and Mt Beulah; and finally, Scottsville. After 35 years as a United Methodist clergy couple, they retired back to Glasgow in 1992 and were active in Glasgow First United Methodist Church where their daughter Patricia was a member.

When Joyce worked outside the home, it was for banks most of the time. She was an outgoing extravert who never met a stranger and loved her job as a teller. After Kenneth's death in 2013, her health began to decline, so she moved in with her daughter-in-law and son, a retired Elder in the Kentucky Annual Conference, and retired Air Force

Chaplain. She spent the last seven years of her life in Summerville, South Carolina. Her daughter, Leslie, is a school guidance counselor in Ohio.

It was Joyce's sacrificial love that enabled all her children to succeed in life. Along with being a supportive pastor's wife, and a banker, she was a very nurturing and loving mother. The love she shared with many friends over the years never faded. That, along with her love for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren made her life enjoyable and enriched. But she was also looking forward to seeing her Savior and family in heaven. She died six months after a cancer diagnosis. She was under hospice care and at her son's home. On the last day of her life, she was surrounded by her children. The Bible was read to her, and hymns were sung. She left this earth peaceably with full trust in Jesus, who had been her Savior since she was eighteen years old. Her last words were, "I love you."

Mary Jo Rawlings Cain

Aug. 5, 1934-Oct. 16, 2022



Mary Jo Rawlings Cain, wife of the late Rev. Benjamin Nelson Cain, died Oct. 16, 2022.

Like her husband Ben, Mary Jo lived a life of service. She was an aide to special needs classes. She took an active part in Ben's ministry, singing in the choir, participating in UMW (United Methodist Women), leading children's ministries, and going with Ben on numerous mission trips in the United States and Central America.

She was passionate about sharing the love of Jesus and praying for others. In recent years, she took the role of missions coordinator at her local church. Presenting monthly reports during Sunday morning worship services, Mary Jo encouraged the congregation toward supporting specific mission organizations and extending the love of Jesus throughout the world.

Mary Jo spent at least an hour each day going through her prayer list, beginning with her husband, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She would then proceed with her extended family, her church, the world and country leadership and any with special, immediate needs. Even toward the end of her life, she would call to check on anyone who was hurting or sick.

Born in Bath County, Ky., on August 5, 1934, Mary Jo was the daughter of the late James Pressley Rawlings and the late Atha Snedegar Rawlings. She passed away on Oct. 16, 2022.

Mary Jo is survived by five of her children, Danny (Sue) Cain, Ricky (Sharon) Cain, Janet (the late Phil) Hogg, Bobby (Karen) Cain, Timmy (Deborah) Cain. She is also survived by her two brothers, James (Tera) Rawlings, Larry (Marty) Rawlings, her sister, Sue (Doug) Beck, and her brother-in-law, Luther (Jeanie) Cain. During her lifetime Mary Jo was blessed with 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ben; her son, Terry Cain; two granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

Velma Marie (Davis) Cox

Jan. 27, 1926–Sept. 11, 2022



Velma Marie (Davis) Cox, age 96, passed away on September 11, 2022. Born and raised on a farm in Christian County, Kentucky,

she was high school class valedictorian and had been offered college scholarships, but her family couldn't afford train fare to college. When a recruiter visited her school, Velma volunteered to go work in Washington, D.C., as part of the war effort. While in Washington she met a handsome soldier from Owensboro, Billy Joe Cox, on a blind date. They were married in 1947 in Washington.

Billy's calling was the ministry and Velma was an essential part. They moved from Washington, D.C., to Winchester (where Kentucky Wesleyan College was originally located), then on to Owensboro when the college moved. Their son Dwayne was born in 1950. After college graduation, Billy and Velma moved to Atlanta where he attended Emory University's Candler School of Theology. Billy's first assignment was to start a new Methodist church in Owensboro—Wesleyan Heights. The congregation first met in a classroom at Wesleyan until the new congregants were established and the building was funded and completed. Their daughter Ruth Ann was born in Owensboro.

Billy and Velma took their ministry to multiple assignments across the Louisville Annual Conference, including several years

as conference youth director (which sent the young family to Camp Loucon for multiple summers), Hodgenville, St. Mark, Crescent Hill and Bethany in Louisville, Campbellsville and Morganfield. Velma always taught Sunday School, was active in Methodist women's groups and entertained countless parishioners at parsonages and potlucks. She patiently listened to and edited thousands of sermons and many books and essays that Billy wrote. Herself an accomplished poet, Velma's poems were compiled into book form, which she shared with friends and family.

After her children were in school, Velma earned two degrees in education from Louisville's Spalding University and taught first grade in public school for many years where "Mrs. Cox" was a favorite—she had a natural way with children. Billy and Velma were fortunate to participate in two summer pulpit exchange programs to England and corresponded with their overseas friends for years. A favorite family vacation spot was Lake Junaluska where they camped and attended lectures. When Billy retired from Morganfield United Methodist, they moved to Louisville, and continued to be active in United Methodist congregations for nearly three decades. During retirement, they delighted in many summers spent at the Chataqua Institute in New York. Declining health took them to The Forum at Brookside in 2018. They celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary six months before Billy's death in 2019.

Velma leaves behind two children, three grandchildren, and many close friends who all miss her bright smile, keen mind and intellect, and her sweet spirit of gratitude.

Alene D. Dicken

June 28, 1938-Feb. 13, 2023



Alene D. Dicken was born in Monticello, KY, on June 28, 1938. She grew up on a small farm where she helped, she took piano lessons and worked a public job.

She married Thomas E. Dicken, a Methodist Minister.

She was an energetic, smart, organized, meticulous and sometimes funny lady. She had a sweet nature, boundless determination and a love for the favorite old hymns of the church. She was a very dedicated Christian who loved the Lord that she gave her life in service to others through the ministry and mission of the Methodist Church. She gave her full support throughout her husband, Tom's, faithful service. She was an energetic and enthusiastic worker in the programs and activities in all the churches and played piano at most of the churches he served for over 50 years.

Alene was involved in Star Hope #183 of the Eastern Star, the DAV Auxiliary, was the First Lady of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and Grand Masters Conference of North America. She served on different committees at the Kentucky Annual Conference and would volunteer for all kinds of duties at the Annual Conference. She was very active.

She went on a mission trip to Haiti in 1982 and returned with several souvenirs that are now on display at the Wayne County Historical Museum, where she was a lifetime member.

After she and Bro. Tom retired from the ministry and moved back to Monticello, in

Wayne County, they chose Monticello United Methodist Church as their place of worship. As you might expect, Ms. Alene was active in many of the church programs and activities. One of the programs she chaired was communion. It was important to her that the communion be presented in the precise correct fashion. She always changed paraments at the exact time to match the color according to the seasons of the Christian year. She always made sure the church linens were clean and pressed as needed. She preferred communion at the altar rather than by intinction. Her friend and member of the church says Alene would not be happy about the communion single pack combo with the pull tab element brought on by Covid. She also enjoyed serving food at Second Life; she insisted that she be the only one to cut and serve the cake to the people. The reason being she would meticulously cut the cake in exact size pieces so no one would feel they were shortchanged.

Her last two years, Alene resided at Wesley Village Senior Living in Wilmore, KY which she absolutely loved and most dearly loved everyone she came in contact with.

She passed away on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at 84 years of age. Her faith in Jesus shone to the very end. She was laid to rest beside her husband at Cave Springs cemetery in Albany, KY, on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023.

Wilma Jean Dunlop

Jan. 30, 1940- Sept. 16, 2022



Wilma Jean Dunlop, 82, of Oxford, MS, passed away on Friday, September 16, 2022 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January

30, 1940 in Clifty, Kentucky to the late Ruby Tooley Garrett and William Garrett.

Wilma worked many jobs over the years but was most proud of her accomplishments as a wife, mother, grandmother, and other family roles. Wilma was known as quite a storyteller and loved sharing from her varied life experiences regarding her family and her Lord. Upon speaking with her, even for a short time, you were sure to hear about her growing up on the farm and being one of 12 siblings. She told of what an interesting, challenging, and loving life they shared. Stick around a little longer and you'd hear about her adult years, which included two marriages, her children, and grandchildren.

There were two things you could count on from Wilma when you visited her home. First of all, you were always welcome. No matter who you were, her door was always open to you. Secondly, you could count on being fed, even if you'd just eaten. What a cook she was. From her Cinnamon Rolls to her Fried Chicken and Dumplin's, she could put out a spread then sit down and entertain you with stories of life while you shared the meal. She just had a knack of filling the room with good food, fun, and laughter. She made everyone feel comfortable and special. She was best known for her love of family and strong faith in Christ.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Ford, her daughter, Robbie Jean Ford, five stepsons, her second husband, Rev. Robert (Bob) Dunlop, and eight brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her sons, Rick (Phyllis) Ford of Madisonville KY, Mike (Katy) Ford of Hattiesburg MS, Rev. John (Latrice) Ford of Vivian LA; her daughters Diann Shamsabadi of Oxford MS, Amanda (Jon) Winburn of Oxford MS, and Wanda Garrett of Allegheny Ky; sister Ruby Bibbe of Central City KY; brothers Robert Garrett of Dunmore KY, and Paul Garrett of Madisonville KY; eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ethel Mae Ingram King

Jan. 25, 1933-Aug. 5, 2022



Ethel Mae Ingram King, 89, passed away Friday, August 5, 2022, at Baptist Health in Louisville, KY.

She was an alumnus of Central High and later received her B.A degree in Education from the University of Louisville. Mrs. King was certified in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. She retired from Jefferson County Public School System after having completed 24 years.

Mrs. King was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and is Past Matron of Golden Chapter #8 O.E.S. She was also a member of Mosaic United Methodist

Church. She founded Scribes Inc. She was a member of the Kentucky Historical Society, the Filson Club, the Kentucky Historical League, and the Historical Confederation of Kentucky. She loved history and was also author of the book "From Parkland to The River's Edge." She leaves to cherish her memory, her grandchildren, Trenise Moore and Tiara Bailey; great-grandchild, Teona.

Lenette Lyle

Dec. 13, 1936-Dec. 31, 2022



Lenette Lyle, 86, of Owensboro, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2022, while surrounded by her loving family, at Wellington Parc. She

was born December 13, 1936, in Whitesburg, KY, to the late Alvin and Clara Belle Amburgey. Lenette earned her nursing degree after her youngest child graduated high school. She spent 20-plus years as a military wife. Following her husband's retirement from the military, she spent another 20-plus years as a pastor's wife. Upon their retirement, they were members of Masonville United Methodist Church.

Lenette loved her family and spending time with them, from babysitting and caring for them, to even opening her home to other families through the years. Her interests included all things Elvis Presley, reading, bird watching, and her backyard flowers. She also enjoyed baking home goods around the holidays for family, friends, church members and even the mailman.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Lyle; three daughters, Chris Hart, Vicki Combs, and Sandy Atkinson; a sister, Jackie Collins; and two sons -in-law, Dr. John Combs and Branson Hart.

Lenette is survived by a daughter, Lisa Mascenik of Owensboro; a stepson, Joe (Deborah) Lyle of New Jersey; grandchildren, Rachel (Doug) Humphrey, Erin (Bruce) Price, Jaime (Rob Moorman) Farris, Jarred (Beth) Humphrey, Lauren Hart, Alexis (Andy) Rosen, and Marlee Atkinson; seven great-grandchildren, Bailey, Logan, Parker, Garrett, Eric, Michael, and Conner; two great-great-grandchildren, Josslyn and Kash; and two sisters, Nadeane Sigmon and Billie Enlow.

Margaret Mae McDonald
Sept. 4, 1920-Aug. 15, 2022



Margaret Mae McDonald passed on Aug. 15, 2022. She was born in Acton, KY, Sept. 4, 1920. Margaret was one of three brothers and four

sisters. Her parents were Clarence and Eliza Phillips. She graduated from Campbellsville College and became an elementary school teacher.

Margaret grew up in a family dedicated to God and closely followed the teachings of their Lord Jesus Christ through the Zion Methodist Church. Throughout her life she remained a disciple of Christ.

She married L. Rodford McDonald, joining him in his many Methodist Church assignments as minister, and later as a district superintendent. A very special time in their life was becoming presidential leaders of Lindsey Wilson College. Margaret served many roles in her support of Rodford during their tenure in Columbia, KY. In 2011 the College honored Margaret in a very special way by conferring upon her an honorary doctorate degree in recognition of her faith, character and contributions to the spirit and aspirations of the College and the many students who had known her.

In retirement Margaret continued to serve her faith as a member of the Campbellsville United Methodist Church. She was particularly concerned for families facing homelessness and worked to serve and help in many ways for their needs.

Her family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the Kentucky Annual Conference for including Margaret in the annual service of remembrance.

Zelma Jean Haley Moran
May 12, 1921-June 8, 2022



Zelma Jean Haley Moran was born May 12, 1921. She was a farm girl who met her husband, James Allen Moran, in high school at Minerva, Ky. They were married Dec 7, 1943, as a farm family. Their first child, James Allen Jr., was born June 11, 1945, followed by girls Karen Jean and Rachel Anne.

After farming for several years, God called my dad to preach and pastor. She followed as the family matriarch, propping up and leading the family as needed. After pastoring for 23 years, they moved to evangelist ministry. She continued her duties as family leader while Dad traveled.

At retirement she continued her duties supporting the family and her church. She looked forward to serving in her church each Sunday. She passed at the age of 101 on June 8, 2022.

Nancy Taulbert Norman
Dec. 19, 1937-May 5, 2022



Nancy Taulbert Norman, 84, died Thursday, May 5, 2022, at Sayre Christian Village in Lexington, KY.

She was born in Elkview, WV, on December 19, 1937 to the late William and Nona Jones Taulbert. She was a member of Germantown United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her children, Dina (Mike) Vornberger of Crittenden, KY, Joe (Merle) Norman of Richmond, KY, Rachael Arvin of Lexington, KY, and Jennifer (Terry) Cropper of New Albany, IN; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great grandchild. Mrs. Norman is also survived by her siblings, Larry “Sonny” (Julia) Taulbert of South Carolina and Peggy Hobbs of Florida.

Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Homer Norman, and her sisters, Doris Carnes, Betty Blackwell, Joyce Taulbert and Sandy Huffman.

Goldia G. Parish

Aug. 28, 1927-Nov. 12, 2022



Goldia G. Parish, age 95 of Eddyville, died at 4:43 a.m. Saturday, November 12, 2022 at Riversbend Retirement

Community in Kuttawa.

She was the oldest member of Fairview United Methodist Church in Eddyville and was a retired bookkeeper.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil L. Parish, in 1962; a granddaughter, Alison Parish; three sisters, Lois Mitchell, Ruth Galusha, Mary Anna Colley; and three brothers, Robert J. Grubbs, Paul Grubbs and Charles Grubbs. Survivors include one son, David L. Parish, and his wife, Jeri, of Kuttawa; one grandson, David Ryan Parish, of Kuttawa; and one great-grandson, Ethan Davidson Parish, of Kuttawa.

JoAnn Holbrook Rose

Nov. 28, 1928- June 1, 2022



JoAnn Holbrook Rose, age 93, of Morehead, formerly of Cynthiana, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at her home.

She was born November 28, 1928, in Olive Hill, and was a daughter of the late John and Martha Tackett Holbrook. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, James David Rose.

Mrs. Rose married Rev. James W. “Jimmy” Rose on February 24, 1946; they were married for 76 years. (Rev. Rose died Feb. 24, 2023; his memoir can be found elsewhere in this worship program.)

Mrs. Rose is survived by one daughter, Deborah Jo Hudson of Morehead; one sister, Mary Margaret Eltzruth of Indiana; one grandson, Michael Houston Rose of Morehead; two great-granddaughters, Hallie Barnes and Ella Barnes, both of Ft. Thomas; as well as other extended family and many friends.

JoAnn was a homemaker and a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. A lifelong Christian, JoAnn supported her husband’s ministry for over 50 years.

Jeanette Litsey Westerfield

Jan. 31, 1941-Oct. 2, 2022



Mrs. Jeanette Litsey Westerfield was born in Grayson County and later lived in Louisville. Jeanette played the piano at church and accompanied the

Shawnee High School Choir while in high school.

After graduating from Shawnee in 1959, Jeanette attended Kentucky Wesleyan and majored in music. While there, she accompanied the choir, pledged the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and met a special fellow, David Westerfield. They were married on March 11, 1961, in Louisville. David graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1962, the Methodist Theological Seminary in 1965 and Jeanette graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education from Otterbein College in Ohio. Jeanette went on to obtain her master's degree from Western Kentucky University (WKU) in 1968 and later, her Rank One from WKU. David and Jeanette, as his biggest supporter, served Methodist/United Methodist congregations in the former Louisville and present Kentucky Conferences for 40 years.

As the wife of a United Methodist Minister, she was able to use her education while employed as a teacher in: Bowling Green City Schools, Caldwell County, Todd County, Christian County, Jefferson County, McLean County, Hancock County, and Hardin County. Jeanette retired from teaching in 1997. She was very active in the leadership of the United Methodist Women during these

years, serving eight years as a Director on the Board of Global Ministries in New York before retiring to care for David. David was truly blessed to have married such a highly skilled musician. Jeanette shared her talents as a pianist, organist, and choir director in many of the churches they served. Most recently, Jeannette served as the Organist of Beulah Presbyterian Church in Louisville from 2012-2017.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Kathleen Harrell Litsey, brother Lee Alvin Litsey, and her husband of 60 years, Rev. David Allen Westerfield. She is survived by her son, Paul Russell Westerfield (Susan) of Louisville, and daughter Mary Margaret Westerfield Sparrow (Todd) of Lawrenceburg. She was also the proud Grammy/Grandmother to three grandchildren: Megan Kay Sparrow Arnold (Wade) of Lexington, Douglas Frederick Forbes Westerfield of Louisville and Sean David Sparrow of Louisville. Jeanette is also survived by her sister, Marqueta DeJarnette, five Westerfield brothers-in-law, three sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

A Celebration of her life was held at Jeffersontown United Methodist Church on Oct. 8, 2022.

Sarah Douglas Williams

Dec. 17, 1938 - Oct. 15, 2022



A native of Hartford, Kentucky, Sarah was raised in Owensboro and graduated from Owensboro High School and Kentucky Wesleyan College. She

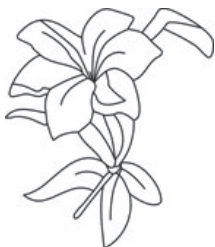
received her Master's Degree from Eastern Kentucky University and taught English in the Franklin County school system for over 30 years.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women where she was District President, Stephen Ministry, Chapel Sunday School Class and Novel Friends Book Club.

Sarah was preceded in death by parents, Kenneth Douglas and Evelyn Waltrip Williams; husband Danny Williams; and grandson, Daniel Isaac Olds.

Survivors include her daughters, Julie (Gary) Davenport, Frankfort; Kay (David) Bunning, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, Becky (Wesley) Olds, Cape Coral, Florida; sister, Julia Hughes, Frankfort; grandchildren, Amy Davenport, Doug (Liz) Davenport, Laura (Matt) Edgar, Lou (Kenzie) Bunning, Caleb Olds and Emily Bunning; great-grandchildren, Zander Bunning, Emory Edgar and George Davenport.

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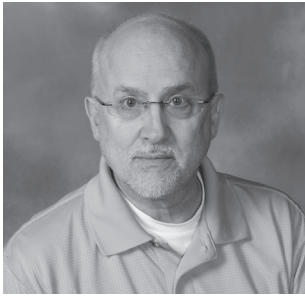
We also note with sadness the passing of the following spouses, for whom no details were available:

- Mrs. Annabelle Armstrong (Aug. 26, 1927-Sept. 4, 2022)
- Mrs. Tina Honican (Sept. 19, 1960-Dec. 26, 2022)

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Rev. James Thobaben
Rev. Tim Thompson
Rev. David Turner
Rev. Marcia Woodyard

Rev. Dr. James Adams



Jim began ministry in 1986 as a Student Local Pastor, was commissioned in 1990 as a Provisional Member, and was ordained in 1993 as a Full Member.

Jim served the following appointments:

- McKendree: 1987-1991
- Washington: 1991-1999
- Leave of Absence: 1999-2004
- Grace (Raceland): 2004-2008
- Prestonsburg First: 2008-2014
- Ogden Memorial: 2014-2017
- Medical Leave: 2017-2023

Rev. Gary Allen Baker



I experienced my call to ministry at an early age while sitting in confirmation classes at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hale,

Michigan, and having a desire to know all there was to know about God.

Experiencing the grace of God in my life through the Hale First United Methodist Church, I was lifted up for ministry out of that church in 1986. Graduating from Asbury Seminary in 1996 with a Masters of Divinity and a Masters of Biblical Studies, my first appointment was out of the Detroit Conference to the ministry of ICHTHUS Ministries in Wilmore, Kentucky. After moving my conference

affiliation to the Kentucky Conference, I was appointed as the Chaplain at the Versailles campus of the Kentucky Methodist Homes for Children and Youth. Over the years I have served many wonderful churches and met many amazing people from the Falmouth UMC, Mt. Zion/Grassy Lick UMC, Prairie Village/City Road Chapel UMC, and the Greensburg UMC. While serving in the Kentucky Conference, I have had the privilege to serve as the Mission Chair and the United Methodist Volunteers in Mission chair. Leading many domestic teams across the country and traveled to three international locations.

I have been amazed that God has used this small-town boy in ways that he could never have imagined. As I look to the future, I hope to continue to be involved in mission training and team formation and sending. Spending time with grandchildren, working in my woodshop and just seeing more of this great country we live in. It's been an incredible ride and I look forward to what else God has in store for me.

Rev. Dr. Ted Beam



Dr. Ted Beam is married to his high school sweetheart, Debbie, who was also his senior prom date. His first goal as a

pastor was to still be married to Debbie at the end of his career. Together, they have four children: Ariel married to Derek Popplewell, Alexander, Alissa, and Amelia. Together they have provided ministry to all their churches with Debbie leading children's ministries for many years.

It was common for the children to help Ted in an impromptu skit to make a point in a sermon, to help with audio or video support, and to assist with visitation prior to a canoe trip or an afternoon at the zoo. While Debbie helped with mission work in Thailand or judged power tumbling all over the country, Ted kept the children at home. While Ted did short-term mission work, Debbie kept the children at home. As they grew older, Ariel traveled with Ted to Nicaragua and Alexander traveled with Ted to Oklahoma and into the Amazon Jungle. Alexander joined Ted for lots of ministries with at risk boys in the various churches. Alissa and Amelia have helped behind the scenes and with singing in many worship services. They enjoy doing ministry together.

Ted has served as a student assistant to Richard Chamberlain at Lancaster in 1989, as a student pastor to Poosey Ridge 1990-1991, McKendree and Neal's Creek 1991-1993, Mackville and Antioch 1993-1996,

Sardis Chapel 1996-2004, Campbellsville First 2004-2010, Petrie Memorial 2010-2016, and Cynthia First 2016-present. Ted has also volunteered as a chaplain in local jails and prisons, teaching Bible studies and leading in recovery ministries. He has also served as a volunteer chaplain for emergency responders.

Ted has served as an adjunct professor at Lindsey Wilson College, a guest lecturer at Lindsey Wilson College, Campbellsville University, and Asbury Theological Seminary. He has served on the clergy teams of many Walk to Emmaus weekends and Chrysalis Flight weekends. He has served on many short-term mission teams in Asia, Africa, Central America, and South America, specializing in teaching inductive Bible study techniques to many pastors. He enjoys writing and has published many articles in local newspapers, many articles in "Our Faith Today," a bulletin insert question and answer format published by Bristol House. And he has published three books.

Ted has toured the Holy Land three times, drinking water from Jacob's Well, cruising on a fishing boat across the Sea of Galilee, swimming in the Dead Sea, and walking into the empty tomb. One of those trips was to fulfill a lifelong dream to experience Bethlehem on Christmas Eve when Ted and Debbie took their three youngest, Alexander, Alissa, and Amelia with them.

Ted wants to thank many Kentucky pastors for their friendship and help throughout various points in his career. He also wants to thank many church members who have ministered side by side with him and his family over the years.

Rev. Mark Anthony Benton



Mark Anthony Benton was born as the third son to Frank & Reva Benton in 1961. His roots in Methodism go back to the

Wysox and Hopewell communities in Ohio County across the Green River from Paradise, KY. There his ancestors attended Hopewell Methodist Church, known for its singing, its faithfulness to God, and life in community together.

Mark's model for ministry was his parents. Mark's father, Frank, answered the call to ministry in the early '60s and began the Course of Studies toward ordination in the Methodist Church. Frank's first appointment was at Fordsville Methodist Church. For over 20 years, he pursued his call to preach and share the peace of Jesus Christ as a Certified Lay Speaker and worked fulltime as a machinist, leading churches in worship and the work of ministry. Mark's mother, Reva, supported Frank in ministry and offered hospitality to all who entered their home and also served in many ways as a leader and model in ministry.

Mark was honored to follow in his father's footsteps at his first appointment, Fordsville UMC, as a student supply pastor in September of 1980. He later was Licensed as a Student Local Pastor. Mark was ordained Deacon in 1988 and ordained Elder in 1992. He has served Fordsville, Beech Valley, Bowling Chapel, Easton,

Bethel (Meade), Battletown, McDowell Chapel, Cedar Grove, Bethel (Livingston), Hampton, Aldersgate (Lexington), Settle Memorial, Park City, Merry Oaks, Scottsville First, Stovall, Bethel (Bullitt), Highland, and Cave City.

Mark said, "I have been honored that the United Methodist Church has provided an opportunity for me to follow God's call to serve His Church. And even though life at times is difficult, I find much joy in it and pray that I have grown in such a way to share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. There is no way to fully express my gratitude for the love of my family along the way."

Rev. Ken Berggren



Ken Berggren began his career as a United Methodist pastor in June of 1992. He spent six years at Trinity and Saratoga, five years at Sturgis and DeKoven, and 20 years at Calhoun

and Rumsey. Two of the years he was at Trinity/Saratoga he also served First United Methodist in Princeton.

Ken has always had a heart to show people the unity all Christians have in Jesus no matter the denomination. Through the years he has had several opportunities to work in community Bible Schools, holiday services, and ministerial associations. He especially loves for children to see that unity among the religious leaders in their communities.

Ken been recognized for his cooperation and work with the Gideons and the Salvation Army. He has served on the board of Audubon Area Community Services for five years. He began a chapter of Kids Hope USA 19 years ago, which is still bringing church people as mentors into the local elementary school.

He and his wife have had the blessing of raising six children in parsonage homes, and will now be moving to the Portland area of Louisville, where they will be seeking God's direction for ministry as a retired couple.

Rev. Dr. Hunn Choi



In August 2003, I began my life journey at the Kentucky Annual Conference. Prior to this, I had the privilege of serving at four Korean

United Methodist Churches across Ohio, Illinois, and New Jersey, from 1989-2002. Following this, I was appointed as the senior pastor of Lexington Korean Methodist Church – a bilingual mission church in the Park UMC.

With the aid of Rev. Paige Williams, our district superintendent, Lexington Korean Methodist Church became known as Lexington Korean United Methodist Church in 2004. Later in 2005, the church moved to Trinity Hill UMC and merged with St. Andrews UMC in 2007. This merger resulted in the establishment of Lexington UMC – an all-inclusive church comprising a Korean-English bilingual congregation. In 2008, the church expanded to include a Hispanic congregation. In 2011, the church's name was changed to All Nations UMC to reflect its vision of becoming a multiethnic, multicultural, multilingual, and multi-congregational church: three congregations but one church, and one church but three congregations (Three-in-One, One-in-Three).

In November 2016, the church expanded again, adding a fourth congregation of French-speaking Africans. This

development put significant emphasis on the need for a robust structure, organization, theology, and governance in managing a multilingual and multi-congregational church.

With immense gratitude, I acknowledge and celebrate all God has accomplished in, with, and through the Kentucky Annual Conference. All Nations UMC stands as a testimony to the NCCD's kindness and backing and owes its inception and growth to the valuable teachings furnished by SLI and various meetings and coaching sessions. This spirited endeavor also opened doors for me to pursue advanced studies in Intercultural Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, culminating in my Ph.D. dissertation named "A New Form of a Multicultural Church for Today's Multilingual Context."

I faced numerous challenges along the way, primarily my wife Meesaeng's struggle with stage four cancer for the past 15 years while she taught at Asbury Seminary from 2002 to the present. However, God's grace guided me through unfamiliar terrains and bewildering times beyond my comprehension, bringing me to the present juncture in my journey. I am eagerly anticipating the next phase of my life, only guessing at what remarkable things God has in store, but firmly committed to pursuing a trajectory of multicultural life and ministry. Thanks be to God for his faithfulness.

Rev. Robert Clements



Bob began ministry in 2003 as a Provisional Member and in 2007 became a Licensed Local Pastor until his retirement. Bob served the following

appointments:

- Morgantown First: 2003-2005
- Sonora: 2005-2008
- Hartford: 2008-2019
- Woodlawn: 2019-2023

Rev. Donny Crowson



Don began ministry in 1982 as a Student Local Pastor in the Northwest Texas Conference, was commissioned as a Probationary Member in Kentucky in 1992 and ordained as a Full

Member in 1994. Throughout his ministry Don served the following appointments in Kentucky before finishing his ministry appointments in the South Georgia Conference:

- Williamsburg: 1992-1994
- Burnside: 1994-1995
- Building Block Ministries: 1998-2002

Rev. Ronnie Dooley



Hi, my name is Ronnie Dooley. I have been married to my lovely wife, Donna, for 30 years. We have four children and seven grandchildren.

I have very much enjoyed serving a passionate Savior in pastoral ministry since June 1998.

We have made many friends and been to many places as a result of our ministry.

Our plans are to travel and continue our service to the Lord in whatever road He leads us down.

Rev. Tom Grieb



I am thankful for the Lord's call upon my life at an early age. It has been a privilege to serve him since.

I have served some wonderful churches, a couple of them twice. Those churches include Browder-Elm Grove, Settle Memorial, St. Paul (Heartland), Centenary (Lexington), and St. John (Heartland). I have so appreciated the overwhelming love and support of those who made up each of those churches. I am thankful to God for sustaining me and helping those churches to prosper.

I have always been thankful for every opportunity to serve beyond the local church,

primarily through Annual Conference ministries. Through the years I have served on various boards and agencies of the conference. Those include Connectional Ministries, the United Methodist Home for Children and Youth, the Council on Finance and Administration, the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, and the Board of Trustees of Kentucky Wesleyan College. I have also served as a delegate to numerous Jurisdictional and General Conferences. For years, I served, along with others, in offering New Song, a Contemporary Christian Music Festival.

All through I have enjoyed working with youth, preaching, teaching, discipling others in small groups, and taking part in missional outreach programs.

I am thankful for my wife, Cheryl, and our two boys, Brian and John, and their families. They have been by my side all along.

Above all things, I am thankful to God for his call upon my life, his enduring love, and his work in and through my life.

Rev. David Grout



When you get to this point in your life, there is a lot of "Thanking" to do. I want to begin with the different churches, from Ohio to Texas and now in Kentucky that took both Pam and me under their wings and showered love and patience and clarity into our lives.

I can't believe some of the opportunities they gave us. Like taking a dozen youth on a mission trip to Colombia, South America, when I was only 22 years old! What were they thinking?

I also want to thank the Río Grande Conference and the Kentucky Annual Conference for ordaining and appointing and supporting us along the way. At every turn in our ministry journey we found the Lord waiting for us and one of these conferences there to welcome us. I'm not sure who was crazier, Bishop Ernest Dixon ordaining me in 1987, or Bishop Robert Morgan appointing me to Wilmore in 1996. Now they may be saying, "What were we thinking?"

I come from a Hispanic ministry background, which I lived into fully while in Texas. I want to thank the KYUMC for allowing me to invite and push us into starting and investing into Hispanic ministry here in Kentucky. Even though I left Spanish-speaking ministry in Texas, you let me open the door to Spanish-speaking ministry here. A todos mis hermanos/as que son parte del ministerio de habla español aquí en Kentucky, mil gracias por la bendición de adorar con ustedes e invertir en sus vidas. ¡Adelante en el nombre de Jesús!

Now let me simply lift up the names of a few persons who absolutely are the only reason I am here today. I thank my parents and sisters for their incredible love and grounding in Christian faith which that I experienced growing up. They put up with a lot of detours along the way, but they never stopped loving and guiding.

Michael, my son, I love you and thank God for you every day. You taught me the power of love on a completely different level. We didn't always do it perfectly. Still don't. But we are committed.

To Pam, whom I love more than ever, thank you for being the best life companion I could have ever dreamed for. Every time the Bishop called, you answered the call just as much as I did. You helped us form lasting friendships in every one of our churches, and you made every church better when we left than when we came. If there are any tears over our retiring and moving away, I am convinced they are tears over your leaving.

Lastly, though of course first of all, I thank Jesus Christ for the incredible blessing of a call upon my life. Thank you Holy Spirit for helping make it clear. Thank you, Father, for the breath and life to live out that calling every day.

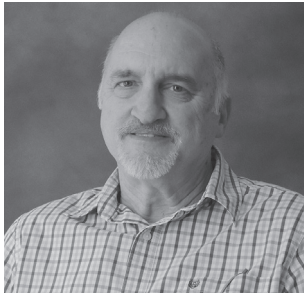
Rev. Roy Harlow



Roy began ministry in 1987 as a Licensed Local Pastor until his retirement. Roy served the following appointments:

- Wheelwright: 1987-1993
- Martin: 1993-2002
- Graceway: 2002-2023

Rev. Bruce Hiner



Like many of my fellow pastors, I spent years running away from God's call to full-time ministry. When I finally quit running, I thought I would remain in the Florida Annual

Conference where my wife and I had both grown up. The Lord had other plans, and we have served here in Kentucky for 21 years.

Some of those appointments seemed to us to be pretty good fits; some others, not so much. But in every congregation we have seen the Lord working. It has been a great joy and privilege to be part of the transformation and growth God does in people's lives, including our own. And it has been equally amazing to see how God has used various parts of my own past to accomplish his work in the present. I am a living illustration of God's Prevenient Grace.

As this page turns in my life story, I am grateful to God for not giving up on me, and to my wife for sticking with me through this journey. I have served alongside some truly wonderful men and women in this ministry, and have been graced with excellent godly leadership in several bishops and superintendents. And we have collected friends for life all over the place. To God be the glory.

Rev. Robert Howell



Our family moved from Louisville to Glasgow, KY, when I was only 4 years old. Raised in a Christian home, we were active in the ministry and worship at

Glasgow First UMC. I found my way to the University of Kentucky Wesley Foundation, where I made some lifelong friendships. All of this would become the foundation for my call to ministry.

How does one begin to put words to paper regarding 41 years of ministry without first reflecting upon the words of the Apostle Paul, who in Romans 1:14, writes of how he is indebted to so many people? I still recall fondly many who mentored me and have gone on to glory, be they family, friends, or clergy. I am truly indebted to a great many people God has placed in my path.

Jeremiah 29:7 states, "Look for the welfare of the city wherein I have sent you...." It has been my honor and pleasure to do so. My pastoral appointments included: Cynthiana Ebenezer (4 yrs. - seminary), Pleasant Grove UMC in northern KY (5 yrs.), Ferguson UMC in Somerset (8 yrs.), Bethany UMC in Louisville (11 yrs.), Hodgenville UMC (6 yrs.), and Jeffersontown UMC in Louisville (7 yrs.). I have been blessed and found both my ministry and personal life enriched in each location.

Not that I have traveled these roads by myself. I have experienced the presence of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ throughout my years.

Part of God's richest blessings in my life has been the gifting of the remarkable woman I call my wife. Between God and Debbie, I have found my strength when I was weak, my guidance when I was lost, and my clarity when I was confused (a symptom I suffer often!). I have always found the passage from Joshua 3:5 to be my inspiration in ministry and in personal life. The words of God to Joshua, who was instructed to share them with the Hebrew people, have given me great encouragement over the years. "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow God will do incredible things in your midst."

In each setting, I have witnessed God doing truly incredible things. Each congregation was unique, thus the way God worked in the midst of our ministry and worship was different in each. But in every case, it was the refreshing movement of God's Holy Spirit that was felt.

I conclude my thoughts by wondering just where the time went. Days can drag on, but years just fly by! I look forward to "next steps" in this time of transition. I know God has a purpose for me still. May God's richest of blessings be yours as we journey on!

Rev. Kenneth Hundley



Ken began ministry as Student Minister at Madisonville First. In 2009 he was licensed as a local pastor. Ken served Madisonville First as a Licensed

Local Pastor from 2009-2022.

Rev. James Kingry



In 1984, Rev. Jeff Spicer – the Associate Pastor of my home church in Pensacola, Florida – asked me numerous times to go on a

Volunteers in Mission trip to Jamaica, West Indies. His persistence paid off, and I finally "relented" to go.

While our tour bus traveled through downtown Kingston, I was overwhelmed by the immense poverty of the city and especially the plight of the children. The Holy Spirit began a deep work in my heart. On the first Sunday of the trip, I made my way to the altar of the Mandeville UMC and accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Not long after the trip, I began to hear God's call to ministry.

In 1985, I came to Kentucky to attend Asbury Theological Seminary. While helping in a ministry in Burkesville, I met my wife, Shelia. We married in May of 1986 and began serving at our first appointment that June. We have been extremely blessed to serve in four appointments over these past 37 years. It has been so exciting to see many people accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and become His fully devoted disciples.

We have served at the following appointments:

- Maupin/Concord (Clinton County) from 1986-1993.

- Monticello/Lockett's Chapel (Wayne County) from 1993-2000.
- Russell Springs (Russell County) from 2000-2017.
- Fern Creek (Jefferson County) from 2017-2023.

We are so thankful for the faithful members of each of these churches and cherish the many relationships that we have formed. I give thanks to God for the wonderful support of my wife and children, Kristen and Kerry, and for all of my other family members. I have also received wonderful encouragement and support from two pastors' groups that I have been blessed to be a part of over the past 30 years.

Shelia and I look forward to serving in different avenues of ministry as we move to Pennsylvania to be closer to our family. We are especially looking forward to spending more time with our first grandchild, Charlie! I give thanks and praise to Jesus for saving me and for calling me to serve in His Kingdom!

Rev. Chuck Ladd



I was raised in Princeton, Ky. I was born into a Christian family who made sure I was not only in church but knew the importance of church and a relationship with God

through Jesus.

Before going into the pastoral ministry, I had a 25-year career in the trucking industry. I joined and was active in my local United

Methodist church where I taught Sunday school and became the Lay -Leader. I also became and served my local district as a Lay -Speaker. Then at the age of 48 God called me into the Pastoral ministry.

I served my first two years as a supply pastor. I was licensed in 2004 and served the next two years as a part-time bi-vocational pastor. I changed my status to Full-time local pastor in 2006. I finished my Course of Study at Candler School of Theology in Atlanta GA in 2009 and was commissioned and elected as an Associate Member in 2010.

I have served 10 churches as a pastor in my career. I have served under 3 different Bishops and 6 different District Superintendents. I can honestly say this is the most blessed thing I have ever done. It has been an honor and privilege to serve my Lord in the United Methodist Church, and I look forward to whatever God has in store in the future.

Rev. Lisa Holloway May



I was born in Bellefonte, KY and my family moved to Morehead, KY when I was 6 weeks old. I was baptized and confirmed in the

Morehead UMC. I remember serving as a page for the former Kentucky Annual Conference when we met in Morehead. I am a lifelong United Methodist and am still surprised that God called me to be one of the Elders of this Conference.

My first time in college in the '70's, I chose Physical Therapy as my major. I dropped out after 3 years and began working in the Occupation and Physical Therapy departments of Eastern State Hospital. This is where I met my best friend for life, Don May, my husband. He didn't know what he was signing up for when he married me in 1981.

We lived in Hustonville KY when our children, Aaron and Sarah, were very young. We found a church home at Moreland UMC where Don and I served as youth leaders and I became the worship leader. I began sensing the call to ministry and at that time discerned it was to be a diaconal minister of music.

This started my 8-year journey of study, 4 to get a BA in music then 4 for an M.Div. During college at Asbury College, now University, God led me to believe that I should consider pursuing Hospital Chaplaincy in the UMC. I read the requirements in the book "The Christian as Minister." This meant becoming an elder and serving in the local church before moving to extension ministry.

I was resistant to the call as I had never seen a woman in the pulpit and had to deal with the writings of Paul to be able to answer this call. I took 6 semesters of Greek at Asbury as a compromise with God just in case I really had to go to seminary. It was my Greek professor who helped me put my doubts to rest about women being pastors. During seminary at Lexington Theological Seminary, I served in two different 2-point charges. The first time I opened the service and preached in Nepton UMC in Fleming County, I knew in my heart that I was exactly where God wanted me.

Twenty-four years later after learning and serving at Nepton, Helena, Minerva, Dover, Staffordsburg, Faith Community, Fourth Avenue, and Shiloh it is time to put Don, my children and 6 grandchildren as my primary focus. I'm retiring from full-time pastoral ministry, but not from serving within the UMC. I will be working part-time and actively serving God in whatever way God leads.

I am thankful for all the laity and pastoral colleagues whom God has let me cross paths with over the years. May God bless you all!

Rev. Dr. Eliseo A. Mejia



Dreams are powerful! They "are the golden ladder by which we climb to heavenly places, the mountain peaks of vision whence we see afar

off of the country toward which we travel, and the inner flame that gives us strength and energy for the struggle," wrote pastor Clarence E. Macartney.

I am grateful the Kentucky Conference of the U.M.C. offered a sacred space to pursue each dream God gave us to plant churches with vision, passion, and energy. Now we have a fourth generation of church planters! Congregations, Lay leaders, pastors, cabinet members, and Bishops deposited Kingdom seeds with all God-giving possibilities eternally rooted in the Spirit of every human being living in Kentucky.

As teams, we soon discovered that as an acorn seed carries inside the D.N.A. of an oak tree, we bring God's D.N.A.; God's dreams are programmed into our genes; consequently, "we cannot kill a dream without injuring eternity." Could that be why God always looks for people who can see majestic, courageous, and beautiful trees out of tiny nuts? We usually pick a few acorns in our neighborhood when we walk with our children Almita Grace, Catherine Ellie, and Elias Eliseo. Between giggles, I ask them, when you see these tiny nuts, do you see the branches? Do you see how tall the oak tree is going to be? Do you see the enormous trunks and their massive canopies? Can you imagine how much oxygen each one will gift us for the next four hundred years?

On that account, the energy of my childhood dreams and the oxygen and comfort of every oak tree God has brought me under guide every step and stop of faith I am taking to embody God's new dreams. After planting churches in Dallas, TX., since 1994, on December 1, 2001, God called me to serve 20 years as Associate Director of Church Planting with N.C.C.D. Additionally, I led a church merger of five churches called Mosaic U.M.C. for eight years (2007-2017). For the last six years, I have pastored Paris First U.M.C. (2017-2023). I was President of The National Association of Hispanic U.M.C. Leaders (2010-2012). God allowed me to be the founder and director of H.I.L.T. (Hispanic International Leadership Training, from 1990-1993). Under God's guidance, Jeriel Evangelical church (1976-1984) became the first transcultural missionary-sending church in Guatemala. God allowed me to finish a Licentiate from Central

American Theological Seminary (1980) and a master's degree from Dallas Theological Seminary (1986). I received a Doctor of Ministry and Leadership from Asbury Theological Seminary on May 20, 2017.

For these reasons, in prayer before God, I am open to rewiring, redirecting, and renewing the following years of my life at His places of most potential. I will continue dreaming of passionately planting acorn seeds among influential leaders, deepening roots for healthy church-planting cross-cultural congregations, cultivating new fields in academic settings, and sharing life-giving experiences on publications.

Rev. Christopher Morgan



Chris began ministry in 1993 as a Student Local Pastor in the South Carolina Conference, was commissioned as a Probationary

Member in Kentucky in 2001 and ordained as a Full Member in 2003. Throughout his ministry Chris served the following appointments in Kentucky:

- Williamstown: 2001-2007
- Florence Christ: 2007-2012
- Franklin First: 2012-2019
- Danville Centenary: 2019-2023

Rev. Steven Pescosolido



A few thoughts after 33 years of pastoral ministry. Having served the Lord Jesus as a pastor in five of His United Methodist churches, I have learned

what a difference our Lord makes in every situation. If church members are facing health issues, career direction, relationship struggles, financial decisions ... the presence and the help of Jesus is real. The role of the pastor has the honor of ushering in the presence of God. The pastor is truly seen as the representative of Jesus, respected as such and sought after in times of need. This experience of walking into a hospital room, a living room or a church altar carrying Jesus' Spirit is truly a blessing.

I, like all pastors, have also learned the hard way, that our words and our attitudes matter. We are under observation and pressure all the time in everything we do. That part of being a pastor is intimidating and at times, exhausting. But if we will keep our attitude kind and our words polite, people really respond to us and more so to Jesus. Being a pastor is a big job. One that sends you to Jesus for help and strength, wisdom and direction. And this is a good thing. After all, He's the Master. He's the Lord. He's the Good Shepherd.

In truth, the job of the pastor is very challenging when facing persons who are not following Jesus. Yet the job of the pastor is very fulfilling when working with persons who are truly following Jesus. The almost tangible Presence of the Holy Spirit in worship, in planning, in meetings or in service outreach

... when everyone is humbly serving ... is the most confirming and strengthening part of serving as a pastor.

All this to say, when the pastor has surrendered his or her own will to the Holy Spirit, and the congregation has surrendered its own will to the will of the Holy Spirit, ministry comes alive. Alive in ways that no human organization can match. As we are attached to the Vine in obedience, the flow of the Holy Spirit brings amazingly good fruit. This is what the lost need to see ... and to taste.

As I retire from the United Methodist Church, I retire as one who has seen excellent leadership in our Annual Conference. I have worked with so many other pastors, superintendents and conference leaders who are the real thing, ... real disciples, real leaders in real life. I greatly appreciate the leaders who have listened well, have heard where I was and have given the needed support. And I express a similar appreciation to lay persons who have listened and cared for their pastor. I don't retire shaken and worn out ... I retire much wiser and kinder than I began. I believe more today than when I started that Jesus is Lord, the cross is His gift and the resurrection is His victory. A victory offered to all of us!

Rev. Dr. Silas D. Ripato



From the dairy farm to pastoral ministry. From the Ashland District to the Madisonville District. God's call to serve Him through the preaching and teaching

of His Holy Word came upon my life during a revival at the Orangeburg United Methodist Church in the former Maysville District in the fall of 1984. Following God's call has been the wonder and experience of a lifetime.

Opportunities have opened for me of which I had never dreamed. I have met many gracious, generous, deeply committed, godly people scattered across our Commonwealth over the past 37½ years. I have seen sinners saved, lives transformed, marriages restored, physical healings, people become fully devoted followers of Christ, and individuals answer God's call to ministry as a result of the power of the Gospel message.

"My life is worth nothing unless I use it for the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus – the work of telling others the Good News about God's wonderful kindness and love." (Acts 20:24). My work is not yet complete. My future is in God's hands.

Thanks to the Kentucky Conference for allowing me to live out my calling in communities and congregations across the state. Thanks to the congregations that have prayed and provided for us. Thanks to my parents, my siblings, my beautiful wife, Carolyn, our wonderful daughters, our sons-

in-law, and our grandchildren who have encouraged and supported me along the way. Mostly, thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who still has the power to transform lives today. He is a wonderful, wonderful Savior!

Rev. Dr. Brian Small



I did not grow up in the church during my childhood years. At the beginning of my ninth grade year I began attending First United Methodist

Church of Oceanside, NY. It was during the course of my ninth grade year that I first made a private commitment to Christ. Later, I responded to an altar call where I felt a warm, pulsating sensation that coursed throughout my entire body. I believe it was the Holy Spirit confirming my commitment to Christ. I soon sensed a call to the ministry during my high school years.

I began to live out that calling by pursuing a BA in Bible at Asbury College (1983–1987). Then I pursued an MDiv at Asbury Theological Seminary (1987–1990) and an MA in Classics at The University of Kentucky (1990–1993). In 1991 I took a student appointment at Poosey UMC in Madison County. I was ordained a deacon in 1992 and took my first full-time appointment at Bedford. After being ordained an elder in 1996, I was appointed to the Williamsburg/Pleasant View/Liberty charge. Then in 1999 I

was appointed to the Marrowbone/Grider charge. In 2002 I was appointed to New Hope in Southgate.

I then moved to eastern Pennsylvania where I served St. Peter's UMC in Saylorsburg while pursuing at ThM in New Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary (2003–2005). I then got accepted into the doctoral program at Baylor University where I earned a PhD in New Testament in 2012. My doctoral dissertation, "The Characterization of Jesus in the Book of Hebrews", was published with Brill Academic Publishers in 2014. Over the years I have had the privilege of teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at various institutions of higher learning, including the University of Kentucky, Baylor University, Gardner-Webb University, Bluefield College, Wesley Seminary of Indiana Wesleyan University, and Bethel University in Indiana.

In 2014 I returned to Kentucky and was appointed to Webb Memorial UMC in Clay. While there I helped launch a countywide non-profit organization, Webster County Caring for Neighbors, whose mission is to organize the annual Christmas assistance program for low-income children of Webster County. In 2016 I received a new appointment where I helped merge two churches into the current Grand Rivers Pisgah charge.

I have served on various conference and district committees, including the Conference Committee on Resolutions and Petitions, the District Board of Church Location and Buildings, the District

Committee on Ordained Ministry for which I have served as the chairperson since 2018, the Josephine Rudy Smith Scholarship Board, the District Operations Team, and the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry on which I have served since 2017.

The United Methodist Church is the only denomination that I have been a part of. I have sought to serve God faithfully in the various positions that I have held over the years. I expect that I will continue to serve God in a new phase of ministry in retirement.

Rev. Philip Daniel Smith



Dan was born in Kuttawa, Kentucky; and moved to Scottsville in 1965, as Kuttawa was slowly disappearing beneath the new Barkley Lake.

Active in the Scottsville UMC, he went to Camp Loucon in the summer of 1972, and found Christ under the preaching of Rev. Bill Simpson & Rev. Don Benningfield. Years later, Dan would return to camp as a counselor for several years, before becoming the Junior High Dean for over 25 years.

While still in college, Dan was divinely called to preach on the roadside between Bowling Green and his home in Scottsville. He began his ministry in 1980 at the Hardyville Circuit in Hart County. In Hardyville he married Patricia Goolsby, and soon left for Seminary at Asbury Theological Seminary. While in Seminary, they had one daughter, Jessica, and

had a second daughter, Sara, 18 months later, shortly before seminary graduation.

Dan and his young family served the Fairview Charge in the Bowling District for 5 years, Woodlawn Charge in the Owensboro District for 5 years, Webb Memorial Charge in Webster County for 3 years (the birthplace of Kittawa Sprangs Dippin' Sauce), then moved to Hawesville UMC for 9 years. During his time in Hawesville, Patricia contracted breast cancer. In fact, Dan was in a Children's Home Board meeting when he got the painful phone call. Patricia beat cancer just as Dan and Patricia moved to the Scottsville UMC in Allen County, and just as their daughters were beginning to leave for college.

Dan was in Scottsville for 8 years, where Patricia's cancer returned and metastasized with a vengeance. After her passing, Dan slowly picked up the pieces of his life, but still felt like a husband and father all alone. But God always has a plan! After joining E-Harmony, Dan met and befriended a lady from Puerto Rico who lived north of New York City. After dating for 5½ years, Dan proposed, and Dan eventually served the Louisa UMC for 8 years, with Vivian by his side.

Through the years, Dan has done evangelistic work, was the Bowling Green District Youth Coordinator for several years, brought special music at revivals across Western and Central Kentucky, served on the Children's Home Board for 12 years, and has donated tens of thousands of dollars to the Kentucky Children's home & other children's charities selling Kittawa Sprangs Dippin' Sauce.

Music has always been a part of his life. He plays several musical instruments, and goes into retirement when he is still young enough to enjoy life with his new bride. Jessica has recently relocated to east Texas, Sara & husband live in northern California, and Dan has two new adult stepchildren in New York City and Florida. Dan will finally become a grandfather in August!

Through it all, through victories and defeats, God remains faithful! When Dan didn't have the strength or will to go on, God's calling and presence remained. In this, the closing of a 43-year ministry, the words of Paul remain: "I Can Do ALL Things, Through God Who Strengthens Me!"

Rev. Karen Stigall



After a brief career in education and a more significant career in small business, I answered the call to ministry and began serving as minister to

youth in my local church. Sensing a need for learning and a desire to lead and teach young people as best I could, I enrolled in seminary, pursuing a degree in Christian Education. I thought this path would educate and sufficiently prepare me for the ministry to which I was called. However, halfway through my second year God adjusted these plans and I answered the call to ordained ministry, specifically as an Elder in the United Methodist Church and member in full connection in the Kentucky Conference.

Though seminary training was invaluable in preparing me for ministry, my greatest teachers have been the amazing laity of the churches, the colleagues, and conference leaders I have walked alongside, and the teaching of the Holy Spirit, as I grew as a disciple and leader. Reflecting on the countless people who have invested in me as a pastoral leader is deeply humbling and for which I am forever grateful. My greatest joy in ministry always has been to witness faithful followers, especially the young adults, apprehend their calling as they lived into their God-given gifts and graces.

A significant portion of my foundation for ministry was laid by my parents. My

father, a United Methodist minister, taught me that understanding the reality that thought we clergypersons are called into a vocation for which we prepare, we must always remember that the answers to the problems and complexities we face are only perfectly revealed through God. This knowledge has helped me lead with a confidence and peace that faithfulness to my calling and my relationship with the Lord would be sufficient for God to accomplish His plans and purposes through me.

These verses from I Thessalonians 5:23-24 have been a touchstone for me throughout my ministry;

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

It has been a joy and a privilege to pastor small, medium, and large churches, and serve as District Superintendent in the Kentucky Conference, and as Conference Superintendent in the Central Appalachian Missionary Conference. I am grateful for the countless opportunities afforded me. I am thankful for my husband, Tom, who has been a rock, faithful partner, and a constant source of love and support.

Rev. Dr. Larry Stoess



When I first met Jesus in 1978, I was fascinated by the way he showed partiality toward the poor, and favored social outcasts over religious leaders.

I thought that was amazing . . . until 1992 when Bishop Robert Spain ordained me as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. As a young clergy, with a new red stole to wear on Sunday mornings, I found myself in what I considered a precarious vocation, wrestling with one unrelenting question: How do I best honor the words and ways of Jesus as an “Elder in Full Connection”?

By the time I was ordained, my wife Kathie and I had three children, Faith, Ryan, and Nathan. I had served two student appointments, (Rhodes Memorial in Breckinridge County, and Mt. Zion in Nelson County.) And, I had served seven years, of an eight-year assignment, as the youth minister at Crestwood United Methodist Church. When our work at Crestwood was complete, I enrolled in the D. Min. program at Louisville Theological Seminary, with a goal to graduate from the doctoral program before my daughter graduated from high school.

During this season, God arranged a unique appointment for me, one that informed my calling to ministry and set the trajectory for our lives as a family on mission. I was asked to serve as the youth minister in two—remarkably different, part-time appointments. One was St. John’s United

Methodist Church in Goshen; the other was The Baird Street Mission in the Portland neighborhood of Louisville. The church was located in an affluent suburban neighborhood on the east side of the city; the mission was located in one of Louisville’s lowest-income neighborhoods in the west end.

Serving in these two divergent settings, at the same time, made it easy for Kathie and me to discern the passion flowing in our hearts. We fell in love with the city and the families who called Portland home. We knew God was calling us to love and share good news with the poor. In 1997 Bishop Morgan appointed me to serve full time in Portland. In 1999 we relocated our family to the neighborhood.

Shortly after we moved to Portland, Kathie and I agreed that we would live in the neighborhood for five years and then move on to the next adventure. Twenty-four years later we still call Portland home and believe our neighborhood is one of the best places on the planet to live.

As we transition into retirement, our plans are simple: We will continue to follow Jesus the best we can, one day at a time. And we’ll continue to love our beautiful neighbors in Portland until God leads us to that next adventure.

Rev. J. David Terry



In 1999, I entered full-time pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church serving Cambellsburg/Sulpher UMC. I served the previous 10 years

as a lay person in every leadership position in my local church, plus positions in the District and Annual Conference. As a lay person, I helped start Volunteers in Mission (VIM) in the New Mexico Conference and led the first team to the Island of Nevis. I served on the first 5 men's "Walk to Emmaus" teams in New Mexico.

Full-time ministry was a second career for me. I returned home to Kentucky and graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with an MDiv degree. I have served churches in Kentucky, New Mexico and West Texas Annual Conferences.

These 23 years in ministry have been an incredible adventure that only God could have made possible. We told our children when we started that we realized it would be difficult for them moving where we were sent, starting new schools, making new friends. But, God would bless them in special ways, which He has.

One thing I would like to say about the 7 appointments that I have served. I would have never chosen to go and serve at those churches if it had been my choice, but every church was a different kind of blessing. Each church was a new and different challenge. I grew spiritually and as a leader of the church. And when the

time came, I hated to leave each of the churches, and I would have stayed if I could have. (And each church wanted me to stay.)

I could not have served in full-time ministry, if it had not been for my wife serving beside me. God truly has blessed us in this adventure of helping to build His kingdom. We know the adventure is not over, it is just taking a different direction.

The churches I served were Cambellsburg/Sulpher Ky 4 years; Bethel UMC in NM 5 years; Stratford UMC NMTX, 4 years, Danville Centenary (Executive pastor) in Ky 3 years; Hawesville UMC 1 year, Lancaster UMC 3 years; Eddyville UMC 3 years.

Rev. Doug Thacker



My name is Doug Thacker and over the last 32 years God has blessed me. As a farm boy from Albany, Ky., I thought I would attend college, earn

an education degree, go back home and live on the family farm and teach at the local middle school. However God had other plans for me.

I began my journey at my home church Rose of Sharon UMC in Burkesville.

I have had many people who have influenced me in my ministry. While I was attending Rose of Sharon, Rev. Dan Griffiths would bring pencil and paper and say: take notes. I didn't realize this would help me in my future endeavors.

When I attended Lindsey Wilson College, I met Pam Cain Godby, who encouraged me to continue my studies and keep focusing on God.

I began my ministry as a youth minister at Peolia UMC in Albany, working with Rev. Lynn Farlee. At this point, I felt there was something more for me and went to Rev. Farlee and told him I felt called into the ministry as a pastor. His response was, "I've been waiting to hear this."

After I finished college, I enrolled and graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore.

After I met with the DCOM, I received my first appointment in Albany, KY at Davis Chapel, Smiths Chapel, and Fairview. My travels took me up the road to Wayne County to serve Tuttle's Chapel, Meadow Creek, and Ellers Chapel. Then I kept traveling up the road to Burnside and one of the biggest events was inviting Bishop James King to the church to celebrate an anniversary. He accepted the invitation and we had a wonderful service. My last two stops would be in Boyle County, first at Perryville and then at Mitchellsburg.

Since I began my ministry in 1991, I have had many changes in my life. First, I met my wife, Regina Deaton Thacker, and we have three wonderful children — Danny, Jazmine, and Robert, as well as three wonderful grandchildren — Baeyla, Jagger, and Atalie.

I began my ministry in the old Louisville Conference and ended my ministry in the Kentucky Conference.

I have been blessed with many great people in my life to help me become the man I am. I am truly thankful and truly blessed.

Rev. James Thobaben



Jim began ministry in 1978 as a Probationary Member in the Eash Ohio Conference and transferred to the Kentucky Conference as a Full Member. Throughout

his ministry Jim served the following appointments in Kentucky:

- Mt Zion (Shakertown): 1998-2022
- Asbury Theological Seminary: 2009 - present

Rev. Tim Thompson



Tim is a native of Richmond, KY, and graduated from Richmond Model High School, the University of Kentucky, and

Asbury Theological Seminary in 1988 with the M. Div. degree.

Tim was confirmed in the Presbyterian Church and gave his life to Jesus on a Youth Retreat when he was 15. After he went off to college, he joined a fraternity and essentially “put God on the shelf” and lived the party life. “But God,” one of Tim’s favorite sayings (Ephesians 2:4) pursued him like the Hound of Heaven for the next two years until one night a strange thing happened. Three guys from Campus Crusade for Christ came to speak at the fraternity house. Campus guests were common at the fraternity’s mandatory weekly dinner, but religious people, how did this happen? God was in this, however, and He spoke to Tim’s heart. Just a couple of months later, through the committed follow-up of CCC staff and the searching, seeking, never-ending love of the Father, Tim recommitted his life to the Lord! Even more, a few months later, he found himself in Panama City Beach, FL on an 11-week Summer Beach Project with Campus Crusade.

During this wonderful and spiritually transforming experience, Tim was called to the ministry. He had no idea what that looked like or where it would lead, but he

was certain of God’s call on his life. After he graduated from UK, Tim took a job as a youth minister in a local church, and soon it became clear he needed more training and preparation in order to effectively serve the Lord. Through the providence of God, Tim entered Asbury Seminary in the fall of 1984. Why Asbury? Tim’s wife of two years, Ronda, was teaching school in Lexington. Ronda knew a little more about Asbury than Tim because she had a Methodist background, so she encouraged him to apply. Tim didn’t know much about Wesley, but he knew Asbury was evangelical and solid biblically. From the first day of class – Doctrine 501 with Dr. Allan Coppedge – God lit a fire in Tim for Wesleyan theology, and it has been “on” for him ever since!

Tim was ordained a Deacon in 1991 and Elder in 1993. During his ministry in the United Methodist Church, he has passionately served Robert’s Chapel in Jessamine County, Benson and Curry in Harrison County, Aldersgate in Lexington, Grace on the Hill in Corbin, and Versailles First.

Tim is a people person and his churches have known that he loves them and people of all kinds, he loves God and His church, and he loves preaching and teaching the Word of God.

Tim gives all the Glory to God for the call on his life, and for His grace and mercy in his ministry. He also praises God for his beloved wife of 40 years, Ronda, and his precious daughters, Leah and Sarah. He knows he would be nothing without them ... “But God, who is rich in mercy!”

Rev. David Turner



I often give thanks to God for calling me into ministry. Over the years there have been many twists and turns that have led to an interesting 42 years.

It can be strange when you grow up one thing, and all of a sudden there is a new door opened by God. That is the way I have felt about becoming a United Methodist pastor.

I am very grateful for the faith journey God, and I have been on. There is something almost every day showing me the decision to become an FE has been one of the best ones of my life. The way the UMC accepted me and included me causes me to say often that Methodism is the best- kept secret in town.

It is my prayer that we (UMC) can become the beacon reaching out to complete society, and sharing with them what has been shared with us.

Rev. Marcia Woodyard



Before I was born, God's call was upon my life. In pregnancy, my mom was informed I would not be born, but God had other plans. Early in life I felt God's call upon me.

Though I grew up at Centenary (Lexington), I had never met a woman pastor, so discerning God's call demanded blind faith. At Kentucky Wesleyan College my call became more

defined; I responded by graduating with a BA in Sociology and Religion/Philosophy with a minor in Art.

In 1983 I attended Asbury Theological Seminary, where I was one of two women in my Greek class of 50. But the call stood strong. During seminary, I worked at the Kentucky United Methodist Home for Children as a weekend houseparent. Then upon graduation I became the Director of Religious Activities while pursuing ordination. Serving as one of the on-call crisis intervention staff, I became the first Statewide Trainer for Safe Physical Management for a private institution in Kentucky.

In 1989, I became the eighth woman ordained in the Kentucky Conference. At that time I was ordained a deacon and appointed as Associate Pastor at Trinity Hill (Lexington). In 1991 I was ordained an Elder in Full Connection and in 1992 appointed to Red House (Richmond). While serving there the church doubled in size, welcomed diversity, had its first full- time pastor and the longest pastorate tenure in its history. I was then appointed to Saint Paul (Frankfort) for 13 years. While there we started a Hispanic ministry, embraced two refugees and expanded our church family to include multicultural people representing at least four countries. While pastoring, I assisted in setting up a volunteer chaplain program for the Frankfort Regional Hospital.

During my years of connectional ministry, I had the privilege to be a resident chaplain at Hospice of the Bluegrass and travel the

north, south and east areas of Kentucky serving where needed. I also was privileged to serve as PRN chaplain for Baptist Hospital (Lexington).

After serving connectional ministries, I was then appointed to Rockbridge (Shelbyville), where I have served for 8.5 years. This congregation continues to grow and expand its outreach ministering to over 500 people yearly.

At every turn and twist, God is with me: guiding me, challenging me and stretching my faith. I am immensely blessed by having a supportive husband, Chris, who partners with me in ministry. My children, Luke and Courtney, always serve God with us in so many unexpected ways, with devotion and determination. We serve God as a family; worshiping, praying, growing and creatively facing life's unexpected challenges together. Now I am blessed to have Lauren and William, my children by marriage, joining us in glorifying God.

I am truly blessed to serve God through the mountains and valleys of life. In retirement, the business of the church may be set aside, but the ministry will continue; for God's call upon my life continues until my last breath.

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