

**BUILDING BRIDGES**  
Making Connections



**2022  
Annual  
Conference**



**West Virginia Area**  
The United Methodist Church

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# **WORSHIP BOOK**

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June 9-12, 2022  
West Virginia Wesleyan College  
Sandra Steiner Ball, Resident Bishop

# Retirement Service

Saturday, June 11, 2022 • 7:30 pm

*(Gathering music will begin at 7:15 pm)*

† signifies that all are invited to rise in body, mind, or spirit

## GATHERING MUSIC

offered by Julie Janisch

## WELCOME

*Today we celebrate our sisters and brothers who answered a call to licensed and ordained ministry but now prepare to enter a retired relationship with the West Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church. We thank God for the community of the faithful who heard and experienced Christ through them. Through their ministry, the bridges of connection were built in communities all over the conference area.*

*By God's grace and through the power of the Holy Spirit, they have faithfully: preached and taught the Word; provided care and counsel; celebrated the sacraments; ordered the life of the church for service in mission and ministry; led ministries of service, love, and justice; and they have equipped the saints.*

*Today we thank God for their faithfulness throughout their ministry. We thank God for their service. We honor, remember, and celebrate their ministry and the many ways they have proclaimed the Good News.*



## RESPONSIVE READING

L: We are here to release servant leaders who have blessed us with their work and their witness. Now we ask them to receive a blessing and a new call:

**P: May God carry you into new work, a new place, a new time. Remember and be thankful for all the good and completed work, and may God strengthen you to lay down what is unfinished.**

L: We release you from the places in which your hearts were opened, in love and in grief.

**P: We release you from this time of measuring and tending, building and gathering.**

*Retirees: We are glad to enter a new work, a new place, a new time.*

L: In gratefulness, we call you to share your wisdom.

**P: We call you to be beacons of hope and joy, in places of peace and turmoil.**

L: We call you to the body of Christ, sharing your life with the community as it moves toward perfection.

*Retirees: God before us; God behind us. We will follow the path of grace, moving as the Spirit leads.*

**All: Dear God, thank you. We pray that you may be glorified by all that is done and all that is yet to come.  
Amen.**

*Today we celebrate those whose lives have been given to the work of ministry within the church. We celebrate those who said “yes” to God’s call upon their lives. We celebrate those who gave of themselves in order that the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be proclaimed far and wide. We honor their witness as they enter a retired relationship with the West Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church.*

*As each name is called, the retiree (and spouse) comes to the chancel. The retiree will receive a pin and certificate. As each retiree (and spouse) is presented you are invited to rise in body, mind and spirit in recognition of those persons whose lives and ministries have blessed yours.*

## RECOGNITION OF RETIREES & VIDEO

Anderson, Steven Jeffery

Blake, Danny

Blankenship, J. Craig

Coleman, Michael

Coon, Paul K.

File, Ellen L.

Kimble, Daniel E.

King, Michael A.

King, Robert D.

Lantz, Kevin

For the full-length interviews of each retiree visit our website at [www.wvumc.org](http://www.wvumc.org)

***Blest Be The Tie That Binds***

UMH 557

Words: John Fawcett

Music: Johann G. Nägeli

Arr: Lowell Mason

CCLI License #21503271

† HYMN

*Blest Be The Tie That Binds, v. 1-2*

This hymn was written by a minister for congregational response to the sermon. Though it was written in 1782, it continues to be a relevant reminder of our connectedness. Because we are one body, our joys and struggles are shared in community. How does your church express community?

1. Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of  
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.

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**RECOGNITION OF RETIREES & VIDEO**

Mayberry, J. Scott

Mayfield, Jeffrey

Nickell, Jane Ellen

Nolan, Thomas

Shortridge, Melissa

Tribett, Carl David

Watkins, Earnest R.

Williams, Sharlene

Winfree, Olen E.

Wood, Gerald Emerson

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3. We share each oth - er's woes, our mu - tual  
4. When we a - sun - der part, it gives us

bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each  
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*All who are baptized enter the general ministry of the church, each called to discipleship. Disciples can also receive a call to specific ministries. Some are called to be certified lay ministers, lay speakers, and other lay leadership positions. Others are called to representative ministries as licensed pastors, and ordained elders and deacons. Tonight, we want to take time to pray for any who are feeling a nudge to a new call.*

*If you feel God calling you to a new step in ministry and would like to receive prayer, please move forward to the altar rail during the congregational singing.*

### BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Go forth, to live every season of life with thanksgiving. Go forth to say “yes” to God’s call. Go forth to build bridges of connection, in the hope and peace of Christ.

### SENDING MUSIC

The West Virginia Conference is committed to supporting the spiritual formation of servant leaders called to the many lay and representative ministries that help build God’s kingdom. To find resources like trainings, spiritual gifts assessments, and our conference leadership standards visit: [www.wvumc.org/spiritual-leaders/](http://www.wvumc.org/spiritual-leaders/)

# Worship Team Welcome

Greetings from the Annual Conference Worship Team. We are delighted to be together at Wesley Chapel and excited that ever-evolving technology, access, and ease of use helps us worship with people all over the connection who cannot be with us in-person. In the last two years, the Annual Conference Worship Team learned new ways to design and host services. We have adapted, yet we continue to be people of scripture, tradition, experience, and reason. Like all of you, we are finding a new normal.

Amid this new normal is an old, old story we love to tell. God came among us in the person of Jesus. Through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection, we have been grafted into an infinite grace. The Holy Spirit holds us in that grace as we seek to be the beloved community Jesus envisioned. This year, we give thanks that the story of God is rooted in hope and is extended by bridges of connection.

We pray that worship can be a space where we acknowledge the hardships we endured and that worship can provide a time for healing and recovery. Above all, we pray God will be glorified, and we can humbly receive a commission to go forth and do as Christ has done.

To model what it means to "Build Bridges: Make Connections," we have created margin notes in the worship book as a teaching tool for use in your local church. We hope you will take your book back to your faith communities. Please note the resources on the back cover, which allow you to see where the information for the margin notes originated.

## Special Thanks

### WORSHIP TEAM MEMBERS

Jarrold Caltrider  
Deborah Coble  
Bev Colombo  
Lauren Godwin  
Julie Janisch  
Judi Kenaston  
Danny Kinder  
Bonnie MacDonald  
Jim Martin  
Dustin McCune  
Krysta Rexrode Wolfe  
Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball  
Andrew Tennant  
Ken Willard

### OTHERS

Darlene Bosley and The Staff at Wesley Chapel  
The WVUMC Communications Team  
GNTV

### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Julie Janisch

### SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERED BY

#### Opening Worship

Logan Memorial Praise Band:  
Donald Boykin, Vocals  
Deric Davis, Bass Guitar  
Ricky Ray, Electric Guitar  
Cal Malcolm, Drums Guitar/Backup Vocals  
Steve Devereaux, Acoustic Guitar  
Steve Peck, Harmonica

#### Memorial Service Worship

Sarah Carr Parsons, Director  
Barbara Sullivan, Piano  
Larry Parsons, Piano  
James Moore, Trumpet  
First United Methodist Church, Buckhannon  
First United Methodist Church, Clarksburg  
Chapel Hill United Methodist Church  
Bridgeport United Methodist Church

### ABBREVIATIONS

TFWS = The Faith We Sing  
UMH = The United Methodist Hymnal

# Our Offerings: 2022 West Virginia Annual Conference

We always thank God for the opportunity to offer ourselves and our gifts for outreach. The West Virginia Conference acts as a steward of our gifts and is pleased to announce all financial contributions will be shared among three transformational ministries:

## **DaySpring**

DaySpring is the mobile camping ministry of the West Virginia Conference and a ministry of Spring Heights Camping & Retreat Center. In 2021, DaySpring involved 720 children and adults across the conference in discipleship through camping.

## **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)**

As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire, or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when these events overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development. Because of our apportionment support of UMCOR, 100% of funds given to a specific need are able to go directly to the project.

## **The Ministerial Education Fund for West Virginia Conference Students**

The MEF provides essential financial assistance to those pursuing theological education and credentialing within the West Virginia Conference, reducing student debt and freeing students for future pastoral leadership.

# Our Offerings: Ways to Give

## **At Annual Conference**

Offerings will be collected during worship sessions throughout the Annual Conference Session. All checks need to be made payable to WV Conference Treasurer. No specific designations should be provided on the memo line since all cash and checks will go into one fund and will be distributed evenly to the above three ministries.

## **Individual Online Giving**

Anyone who wishes to donate toward the Annual Conference Offering Fund can do so starting now through the end of the day Thursday, June 30th. See instructions on the following page.

## **Church Giving**

Churches may join in to give until June 30th by mailing a Church Remittance Form along with a check made payable to WV Conference Treasurer. On the remittance form, please indicate “2022 Annual Conference Offering Fund.” This allows credit to be given to your church on your monthly statement.

If you have any questions regarding donations or if you encounter technical issues with giving online, please notify Paula Koontz OR Myra Bess using the contact information below.

### **Paula Koontz**

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# Instructions for Online Donations

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or use the QR code below:



- Section I: Complete your first and last name, email, home phone (cell phone), and mailing address
- Section II: Enter the amount of your gift for “Annual Conference Session Online Offering”
- Section III: To Pay – choose pull down to “Select Payment Method”
- Click “Add New Payment Method”
  - Complete Your Billing Information and Address
  - Choose one of the following:
    - Debit / Credit Card  
Enter Card Number, CVV (on back of your credit card) and Expiration Date, and tap Save
    - Bank Account ACH  
Enter Bank Routing Number (9 digits), Enter Bank Account Number, and tap Save