



**Service of Worship
Recognizing The 2014 Clergy Retirees**

**The Arkansas Conference
Rogers, Arkansas
Friday, June 20, 2014**

***** HYMN OF PRAISE** **“God of Grace, God of Glory”**
God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power

Crown thine ancient church’s story; bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour (of this hour) for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore (we adore) serving thee whom we adore.

***** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: You are a chosen community, a royal priesthood, God’s own people. (1 Peter 2:9)

People: Not that we are exalted above others, for we are called to be servants of all people and to declare God's love.

Leader: You are the light of the world. (Matthew 5:14)

People: We know that darkness cannot overcome the light, yet we often hide the light. We are here to uncover the light and to share it.

Leader: You are the Body of Christ. (I Corinthians 12:27)

People: As members of the body, we gather to choose our identity, to celebrate the diversity of our gifts, the oneness of our love, and to respond in faith to the God who has called us.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Karon Mann, Conference Lay Leader
Bishop Gary E. Mueller, Arkansas Area

RECOGNITION OF 2014 RETIREES

Ben Hampton & Laura Beth Anderson	30.00 Years of Service
Kenneth R. Anderson	1.00 Year of Service
William Charles & Karen Jeanne Bradford	7.75 Years of Service
Joe Michael Campbell	42.50 Years of Service
Gerald "Jerry" & Shawn Collins	27.00 Years of Service
Robert "Bob" Owen & Marcia Swain Crossman	38.25 Years of Service
Cornelia DeLee	18.00 Years of Service
Jerry L. & Elizabeth Eubanks	5.00 Years of Service
Louise Owens Finney	21.25 Years of Service
Norma Lee & Murray Gillerson	13.00 Years of Service
Joe E. & Margaret Ann Glover	14.00 Years of Service
R. Leon & Jessica Gray	19.50 Years of Service
Bill Grothe	12.00 Years of Service
Donald L. & Cheryl Hall, Jr.	36.00 Years of Service
David & Katie Hanshaw	37.75 Years of Service
Roger B. & Deloris Hook	43.00 Years of Service
Larry G. Hunt	21.00 Years of Service
George R & Sheila Moore Mitchell	12.50 Years of Service
Edna & David Morgan	12.00 Years of Service
Larry L. & Jana Morris	24.50 Years of Service
Les & Jane Oliver	16.00 Years of Service

Deborah & Loyd Perry	7.00 Years of Service
James T. & Jamey Rowland	35.00 Years of Service
Molly Davis & James "Jim" B.Scott	14.00 Years of Service
Elizabeth A. & Richard R. Stegall	9.50 Years of Service
Rebecca S. Wiseman	14.00 Years of Service
Edward "Ed" & Linda Wyers	39.00 Years of Service

PASSING THE MANTLE

Bishop Mueller: In the book of Kings we read of the prophet Elijah's ministry. The mantle, symbolic of submission to God, fell upon the younger prophet, Elisha, and the spirit of Elijah rested upon Elisha.

Retirees: We transfer this mantle from our generation to the young, indicating that the responsibilities and dedication of the older generation will be caught up and carried on by the young, and the spirit of today's Elijahs will rest upon today's Elishas.

Ordinands: We who come after you take up the mantle, which falls upon us. May we inherit a double share of your spirit.

Bishop Mueller: I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called with all humanity and gentleness, with patience, bearing one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4:1-6)

***** BENEDICTION AND PRAYER OF BLESSING** Rev. Roger Hook

*** Please stand as you are able

Our retiring clergy brothers and sisters have served The United Methodist Church for a combined total of over five hundred seventy service pension years of ministry.