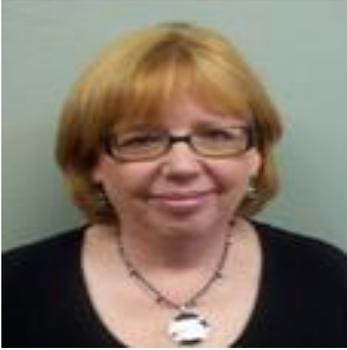


New Maumee Watershed District Superintendent Announced



Please welcome **Rev. Linda A. Middelberg, who will be appointed a conference superintendent and assigned to the Maumee Watershed District.** Rev. Middelberg follows Rev. Marla Elfritz Brown who is retiring June 30 after serving as superintendent for six years. Rev. Middelberg will have spiritual and administrative oversight for the 108 congregations in the Maumee Watershed district as well as numerous mission sites and ministries.

Originally from Florence, Kentucky, Linda attended Morehead State University where she earned both her bachelor and master degrees in business administration, after which she worked in financial management and as an instructor at Wright State University. She recognized her call to ordained ministry while taking a disciple bible study class at her home church, Christ United Methodist Church in Kettering. After earning her Masters of Divinity from United Theological Seminary, she was ordained an elder in the West Ohio Conference in 2003.

After seminary, Linda served as an associate pastor at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Beavercreek where she had the opportunity to start a new campus ministry at Wright State. Since 2006 she has served at King Avenue United Methodist Church as executive pastor with responsibility for administration, faith formation, and developing an online voice for the church. She has also been active in the Chrysalis community in Dayton and the Emmaus Community in Columbus. Linda is passionate about engaging with people who believe they have been forgotten and connecting them to the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. Her skills as a teacher have allowed her to be a coach for new pastors, a candidacy mentor and a Crucible leader.

Linda has been married for over 30 years to her husband, John, and they have two daughters, a son-in-law and one grandson, who are the joy of their lives.

I invite you to be in prayer for these transformational leaders as they begin preparing for their new roles serving the West Ohio Conference in its mission and ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Your servant through the Risen Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory V. Palmer". There is a small cross symbol above the first letter of the first name.

Gregory V. Palmer