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**Current Appointment:** Central (Asheboro)

**Service Record:** 77 St;78 Kvl: Main St Assoc;81 St;84 WS: Ardmore Assoc; 85 St; 85 WS: Oak Summit; 90 WS: North Forsyth (Lws: Sunrise); 99 Mount Zion; 02 MtA: Central; 06 WS: Maple Springs;12 Central (Asheboro);

**Education:** BA Wake Forest 75; MDiv Duke 78; PhD Duke 89.

#### **Achievements in current position.**

The church has recently added a new Director of Ministry to Children and Their Families, who is exceptionally gifted and energetic. We are excited to be able to further expand and grow our ministry with a new generation of disciples. We are in the process of enhancing the worship experience at both of our services, and we are adding a new worship option on Christmas Eve. And this year, I was instrumental in helping our church embark on a new missional relationship with the Four Corners Native American Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

In addition, we have paid off the debt from the construction of the family life center in 2006 and the renovation of the sanctuary. We have addressed long deferred maintenance, and we have instituted innovative cost savings, such as outsourcing our financial functions to a CPA firm. We are in the process of replacing all of our lighting systems, a step that will reduce our wattage from 209,517 to 58,584; a project that will result in significant cost savings going forward that will pay for itself in 2.7 years. This will allow significantly more of the church's financial resources to be devoted to ministry and mission.

This good stewardship of the resources of the church has been rewarded by a significant increase in our pledges for 2016. To date, our pledges for 2016 have increased by \$189,000 over 2015, a significant achievement for any church in trying economic times.

#### **Theological themes which guide your work as a pastor.**

I am a committed student of John Wesley, and find his writings and sermons rich resources for the challenges facing contemporary United Methodism, as well as the culture in which we are actively working to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

#### **Specific ways have you led your current congregation(s) to fulfill its (their) mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

Each Sunday, I lead our congregations in reciting our mission statement. Together we celebrate that: "Our Mission is to follow Jesus, make Disciples, and transform the world. We are about making connections. Connecting people to God and to each other." Those are more than just words we profess. They are also lived out on a daily basis by a congregation that is reaching out into the community, and bringing men and women, boys and girls, to Jesus. We have recently added a very gifted Director of Ministry to Children and Their Families which will allow us to better connect with many young families in the Asheboro community.