

Retirement Service - AC 2010

Tuesday Morning at 10:10 am

Persons involved:

Fran Cooper
Dean Pittman
Ed Pruitt
Don Rogers
Annette Pomroy
Bishop Kammerer

Greeting:

Fran Cooper, Chair, Order of Elder

One: Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord of all! We gather to give thanks for God's presence with us throughout the journey of life and ministry.

Many: We gather to remember and rejoice in knowing that God is with us always!

One: God was there to hear our borning cries and remains with us throughout every season of our lives!

Many: Thanks be to God for the joy in the journey of ministry!

***Hymn: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry TFWS #2051**

***Opening Prayer (in UNISON) Dean Pittman**

God of every season,

Please be with these servants who are retiring. We pray that they will enjoy time with friends and family and make time to have fun. Bless them with good health, keep them safe, and save them from worry about money. Continue to work in and through them to make a difference in the world. Thank you for them and their families and their dedication to you. Help us to build on the foundations they have laid. Amen.

-Written by the Youth Sunday School class at Churchville UMC, Staunton District

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2 Ed Pruitt

The Good News: "The Witnesses" Ed Pruitt

After the sermon, all those involved in recognizing the ministry of the retirees will move forward to the podium mic.

Reading ministry statements of joy

Susan Cutshaw, Order of Deacon

The Eternal God joyfully creates and renews life,
and continually calls us to seasons of service and rest.

Today, we thank God for our fellow servants and their stories of joy.

After a statement of ministry is offered on behalf of each retiree,
let us respond **“Thank you God, for the joy in the journey of ministry.**

Don Rogers reads each name- then Herb Brynidsen, Fran Cooper, and Gayle Thornberry read each of the ministry statements for their respective orders.

Closing Hymn

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

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***Dismissal with Blessing**

Annette Pomeroy

May God’s everlasting and nurturing arms enfold you,
May you experience our Lord’s blessed peace deep within your souls,
And may you remember that God is with you and will remain with you
throughout every season and step of your journey.

Amen, Amen and Amen!