

Rev. Vicki (Johnson) Burtson

JOURNEY OF FAITH

Ordination recognized by the United Church of Christ (2007)
Ordained Deacon, UMC (1987); Ordained Elder, UMC (1990)
Confirmed at Wesley United Methodist Church, Selinsgrove, PA on May 30, 1971
Baptized at St. Paul's UCC, Selinsgrove, PA on March 22, 1959.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2008 – present **Campus Minister/Executive Dir., Cortland Cnty Council of Churches**
- Created and co-founded Cortaca Mug (2016 saw 450 students participate)
 - Faculty/Staff Bible Study: started in Genesis, currently finishing Gospel of John
 - Helped to found “The Interfaith Crew” – ongoing campus ministry.
 - Two young people have attended seminary, preparing for ordained ministry.
 - Coordinated the partnership between the Council of Churches and Habitat for Humanity to build a house. The house was dedicated in June, 2012.
- 2007 – 2009 **Pastor** (part-time) First Congregational Church, Chenango Forks, NY
- 2000 – 2006 **Dir. of Connectional Ministries**, Wyoming Conference, Endicott, NY
- Coordinated program ministries on behalf of the 68,000 United Methodists in the region
 - Developed specific projects to enhance ministry with youth, including the “BishBash” (day-long event for 300+ youth), and “A Mile of Quarters” (laid over a mile of quarters end-to-end raising \$17,000+ for mission work)
- 1992 – 2000 **Program Director**, Sky Lake of Wyoming Conference, Inc., Windsor, NY
- Coordinated 10-week summer program for 1,000 children, youth, and persons with special needs.
 - Recruited, trained, and supervised 30 summer staff and 100+ volunteers.
- 1988 – 1992 **Pastor**, Gibson Charge, Gibson, South Gibson, Lakeside, Pennsylvania
- Created a charge-wide youth group. Shared leadership of the group with 3 laypersons.
 - Recruited folks to become involved with conference-wide ministries.
- 1980 – 1985 **Choral Director**, Sayre Area High School, Sayre, Pennsylvania
- Built the Senior Chorus from 28 in 1980 to 65 in 2005.
 - Advised the Student Council and hosted a State Student Council Convention.

EDUCATION

Master of Divinity Drew Theological School, Madison, New Jersey. 1988
Bach. Music Ed. Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, 1980

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Sister Spirit - Founding Member and Musical Director, 1990 – 2003
CD: *When I Want To Sing*, 2002
Featured Choir at 1992 General Conference (Global Meeting) of the UMC

Musical Leadership

Director of Sky Lake Music Camp, 1989 – 2005
Choral Director for:
 Chautauqua Choir, August 2014
 Association of Chenango County Music Educators - Mixed Chorus, 2007 & 2009
 Scranton District Festival Choir, 2002
Tour Manager for Drew Seminary Choir Tour of South Korea, 1987

Travel

Cuba, England, France, Greece/Turkey, Ireland, Israel, Scotland, South Korea

AWARDS

Civic Engagement Leadership Award - Cortland, 2012
George R. Akers Award for outstanding work in a rural ministry setting, June, 1990
Joe Powell Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to the Sayre Area High School, 1985