



Grace United Methodist Church

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To The Grace Church Family,

I am pleased to share that Bishop Gregory Palmer and the Appointive Cabinet have selected Reverend Karen Montgomery to be the next Pastor of Grace United Methodist Church. Pastor Montgomery and her husband, Bob, were introduced to the members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) at its meeting on March 30th by District Superintendent Dennis Miller. The meeting afforded committee members an opportunity to learn more about the Montgomerys, and we wanted to share some of their story with you.

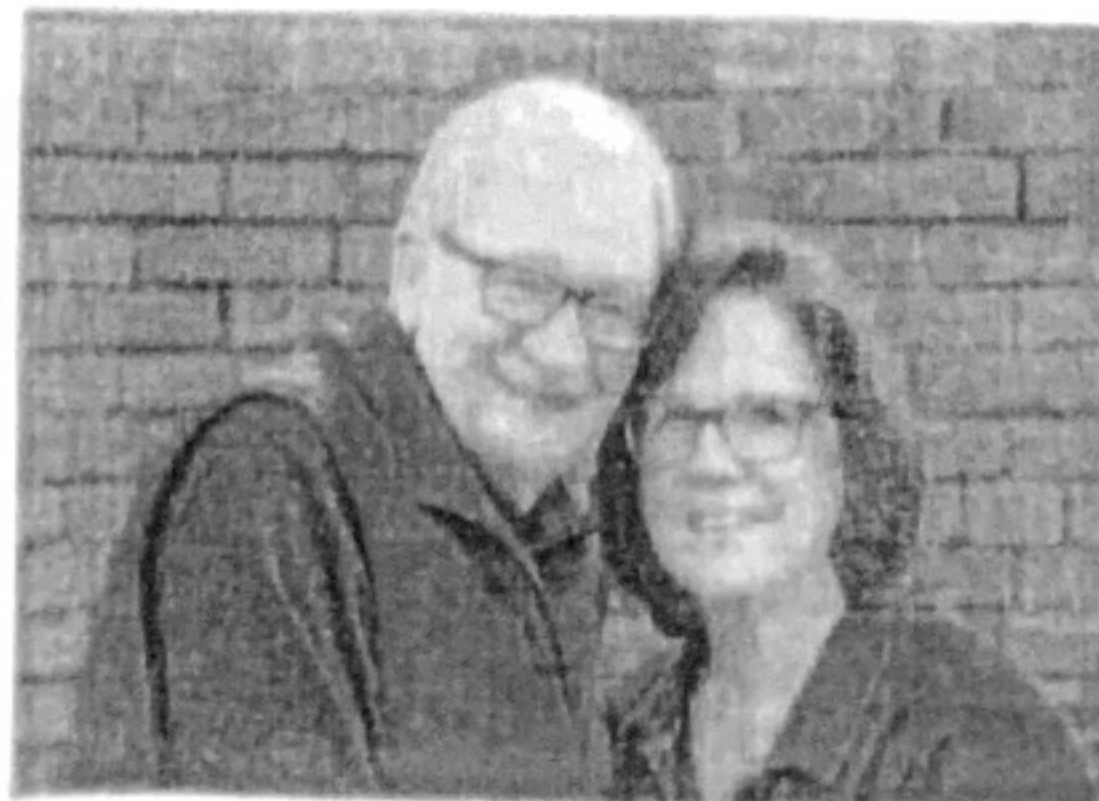
Karen was born in Millington, Tennessee and grew up in Oxford, Ohio. She graduated from Talawanda High School, Indiana University and United Theological Seminary (M.Div.) with a concentration in Church Renewal. She has served in the South Indiana and West Ohio Conferences during 23 years of pastoral ministry including the following appointments: Pastor of Greenwood (Liberty, IN) and Old Franklin (Brookville, IN) United Methodist Churches; Executive Pastor of Oxford (OH) UMC; and Pastor of North Lewisburg (OH) UMC. She is an Ordained Elder in the West Ohio Annual Conference.

Karen and Bob have been married for 39 years and they have four grown children – Cassandra, Lydia, Christine and Robby. Their children and their families, including eight grandchildren, are a great source of joy. Bob is recently retired from the U.S. Postal Service and serves to support Karen in ministry.

As we prepare for this new chapter in the life our church, mindful of worldly challenges and concerns, we are also confident that God has a purpose for us and this congregation. In that confidence and faithfulness, we will welcome Reverend Karen Montgomery and Bob for their first Sunday at Grace on June 27th.

Blessings,

Steven G. Randles, Chairperson
Staff Parish Relations Committee



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