

Timothy Joseph Biel Sr. – Retired LLP

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Education:

04/1975: BS Chemical Engineering, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

07/2010: Local Pastor Licensing School, Great Rivers Annual Conference, Peoria IL

To present: Local Pastor Course of Study at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL



Goal:

To continue to be in servant ministry as a Licensed Local Pastor to the community where appointed in part-time service for the sake of bringing word and sacrament to them. To spread the message of God's unfailing love and the need for Christ's followers to follow the teachings of Christ in order to transform the world.

Appointment: 2010 to present Alsip: Christ United Methodist Church of Alsip IL. ½ times.

While at Christ UMC:

- Full commitment to 100% Apportionment giving. This took a couple of years to accomplish at Christ UMC of Alsip to progress for a low percentage contributor to reach 100%. We have continued to maintain that commitment ever since.
- Eliminated bad debt from high interest credit card obligations in the first year.
- Maintained a balanced budget with a slightly positive cash flow over the years.
- Established a Pastor's Discretionary Fund to provide persons from the congregation with emergency assistance.
- Explored much of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in Bible Studies, discovering the extraordinary love that God has for God's creation and the vision of the "kingdom of God" on earth as it is in heaven. Sometimes we just scratched the surface with quick overviews, other

times we explored in depth verse by verse. Always keeping in mind, the overarching story of God's love.

- Celebrating "constant communion" by offering the elements every week, recognizing that we need the grace afforded to be able to live as followers of Jesus.
- Celebrated numerous infant and child baptisms, a few youth baptisms, and currently working with an adult who is exploring.
- Offered prayers for healing, comfort, guidance, strength and courage for persons facing individual and corporate challenges. Visited with and prayed with those about to undergo surgery, sitting with families rocked by loss, being present. In all situations offering the image of God's eternal love as God's ultimate gift to us.
- Work with the Food Pantry Coordinator to keep up with the administrative and training requirements as well as working to expand our outreach. We have expanded the ministry almost 10 fold over the last 3 years, providing food assistance to nearly 150 households each week (156 peak), up from 50 to 60 per month. Assist in registering clients each week.
- Engaged in a project with the youth to build a community garden on the church property to provide vegetables and greens for any in need. While the youth have grown and are away at college, the garden is still a personal priority.
- Replaced floors, fixed plumbing, replaced light fixtures, repaired leaky roofs and patched asphalt to keep the building safe and functional for all users.
- Started offering the facilities for outside functions in order to raise revenue. Have hosted approximately 30 events per year, usually hallmark birthday parties and baby showers.
- Assist the Flea Market Coordinator with running the seasonal monthly Flea Markets that is also a fund-raising effort that has been in existence for decades.

Served on the Conference Board of Trustees from 2011 to 2021 and served on the Board for the NICUMC Insurance Corporation from 2017 to 2021. During that period, I assisted with the purchase of three residences and the sale of two closed church properties, and presented Trustee related training at District training events.