



Richard R. Wohlschlaeger

Dick Wohlschlaeger joined the BMPC pastoral staff in November 2014 as Interim Associate Pastor for Senior Adults and Pastoral Care. A native of St. Louis, Dick is a graduate of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois (B.A. in English, 1963) and of Columbia University (M.A. in eighteenth-century British literature, 1964).

During the Vietnam War Dick was commissioned as an ensign at the U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and was later sent to teach English at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. He held this post for ten years before entering McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, where he earned the M.Div. in 1985. In 1986, he was ordained and installed as Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry and Christian Education at First United Church of Oak Park, Illinois, where he served until 1993. He was then called to serve as Pastor/Head of Staff of Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, where he spent the next 20 years, retiring from there in 2013.

During his years at Swarthmore, Dick developed an interest in pastoral counseling which led to his earning a certificate in marriage and family therapy from the Council for Relationships in Philadelphia. For the past several years, he has been a part-time therapist at the Middleton Center here at BMPC.

Dick and his wife Kathy have three adult children and five grandchildren ranging in age from fifteen to five. Their annual summer vacation in Vermont is a delight for all of them.