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The 2023 Susquehanna Annual Conference  
**Celebration of Ministry Service**

Friday, May 19, 2023 7:15 p.m.

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Note: All hymns and responsive readings will be projected on the screens.

\*You are invited to stand.

**PROCESSIONAL HYMNS**

*“God of Grace and God of Glory”* - #577  
*“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”* - #569  
*“Forward Through the Ages”* - #555

**\*GREETING and OPENING PRAYER**

**Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi**

**FINDING OUR “ONE THING”**

**Pastor Steven Swigart**  
*Retiring Local Pastor*

**Celebration of Local Pastors**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE LOCAL PASTOR**

**Pastor Bobby Jones, Jr.**  
*Commissioning Candidate*

**Pastor Ruth Liples**  
*Retiring Local Pastor*

**CELEBRATING OUR RETIRING LOCAL PASTORS**

**PRAYER**

**Celebration of Other Essential Ministries**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF OTHER ESSENTIAL MINISTRIES**

**Pastor Brian Moyer**  
*Commissioning Candidate*

**Pastor Carvel May**  
*Retiring Associate Member*

**CELEBRATING OUR RETIREES**

**PRAYER**

**\*PRAISE SONG**

*“Build My Life”*

**Proclaiming the Word**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Deuteronomy 6:1-12  
**Pastor Layne Miller Vizthum**  
*Retiring Local Pastor*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Ephesians 2:19-22  
**Pastor Duane Coy**  
*Retiring Local Pastor*

**THE SERMON**

*“Something Known and Something New”*  
**Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball**

**Giving to the Lord**

**MINISTRY OF WEST END CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Mr. Calvin Phillips**

*The West End Christian Community Center is an integral part of the Saint John’s-Newberry UMC campus that responds to the needs of the citizens in the community by providing a place for Christian and secular activities which addresses those identified needs, seeks programs to serve people of all ages, economic, and ethnic backgrounds, and desires to partner with community organizations and the Williamsport Area School District to ensure that the facility provides the greatest benefit to the community. Give through baskets that are passed or online at*

<https://susumc.org/donations/wecc>

**SHARING OUR GIFTS & OFFERINGS**

**\*PRAISE SONG**

*“Goodness of God”*

**Celebration of Ordained Ministry**

**THE MINISTRY OF THE ORDAINED**

**Pastor Justin Frear**  
*Commissioning Candidate*

**Rev. George Reynolds**  
*Retiring Elder*

## Examination & Commissioning of Elders

### PRESENTATION OF PERSONS TO BE COMMISSIONED

**Dr. Joyce Davis**  
*Conference Lay Leader*

**Rev. Mira Hewlett**  
*Board of Ordained Ministry Co-Chair*

Commissioning Elder Candidates  
*Justin Ray Frear; Bobby Jones, Jr; Brian Matthew Moyer*

### THE GENERAL EXAMINATION

*Prayer of Commissioning with the Laying on of Hands*

### CELEBRATING OUR RETIRING ELDERS & DEACONS

### PRAYER

## Celebration & Invitation to All Ministries

### THE MINISTRY OF THE DISCIPLE

**Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi**

### THE INVITATION

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*"Here I am Lord" - #593*

## Sending Forth

### \*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

### \*SENDING HYMN

*"Marching to Zion" - #733*

### \* POSTLUDE



## **Celebration of Ministry**

Community Arts Center - Williamsport, Pa.

## COMMISSIONING / PROVISIONAL ELDER MEMBERSHIP CANDIDATES

**Justin Ray Frear** was born in Bristol, Tennessee and graduated from Blackhawk High School and Penn State University. Later he earned a Master's degree in Public Administration at Grand Valley State University followed by his Master of Divinity from Duke University. He is married to Sarah Frear. He was recommended for ministry by St. Paul's United Methodist Church in State College, Pa. He currently serves Covenant United Methodist Church, Lock Haven, Pa in the State College District. His favorite scripture verse is "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'" (Isaiah 6:8-9). Justin says, "This is the verse that sums up my call story (I resonate a lot with Isaiah)".

**Bobby Jones Jr.** was born in Brunswick, GA where he attended Wayne County High School. After he graduated from high school he went on to the Paine College and then earned a Master of Divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary. He is currently studying at Liberty University. He is married to Gia D. Jones. They have a son, Ayden M. Jones. He was recommended for ministry by St. Luke UMC in the Augusta District of the North Georgia Conference. He currently serves Summerdale UMC in the Harrisburg District. His favorite scripture is 2 Samuel 7:28-29 "Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant. Now be pleased to bless the house of your servant, that it may continue forever in your sight; for you, Sovereign Lord, have spoken, and with your blessing the house of your servant will be blessed forever." Bobby says this scripture reminds us that God takes care of us, before God takes care of God.

**Brian Matthew Moyer** was born in Muncy, Pa. He graduated from Watsonstown Christian Academy, His additional education includes Williamsport Hospital Paramedic Training Institute, Associates of Applied Science (Health Arts) & Bachelor of Science (Business Management with a minor in computer sciences) at Pennsylvania College of Technology, Master Exercise Practitioner at Federal Emergency Management Institute and a Master of Divinity from Evangelical Theological Seminary. He is married to Jerrie. Justin & Jessi Dunlap are their son and daughter-in-law. They are also the parents of Hannah and Kaitlyn. They also have two grandchildren. Brian was recommended for ministry by Wesley UMC in Marysville, Harrisburg District. He currently serves the Pine Creek Charge (Trinity & Avis), Harrisburg District. Brian's favorite scripture verse is Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." He says, "It serves as a continual reminder to me that we are called to "BE" witnesses of Jesus from here to the ends of the earth in our prayers, presence, gifts, and service."