

## Speakers



Rev. Mark Kevin Richardson was born and raised in Akron, Ohio. He graduated from Mount Union College in 1979, with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting. He came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ under the ministry of Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Fowler, of the Arlington Church of God, in Akron, Ohio, in 1981. He experienced the call on his life for Pastoral Ministry in late 1983, and began the process of preparation for ministry immediately. After a brief time of study at the Anderson University School of Theology, Rev. Mark returned to Akron to develop in ministry while returning to work in the computer industry for Digital Equipment Corporation. In September of 1984 he married the love of his life, Sharon, to whom he has been married for more than 35 years. They have two children whom they consider great blessings from God, Anna and Joshua, and another great blessing in grandson, Akhil.

In 1996 he answered the call to his first pastorate, the Lincoln Avenue Church of God in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was the Senior Pastor until July 2002. From 2002 until his call to the Church of God in Michigan, Rev. Richardson served as the founding Senior Pastor of the New Life Church of God, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During his time in Western Pennsylvania, he served in the state ministry in several capacities: as a member and chair of the Credentialing Services Team, Team Leader of the Church Health Team, and on the Ministries Council. For nearly two years from June 2012 through January 2014, Rev. Richardson served as a Co-Director of Leadership Development and Church Multiplication with Church of God Ministries in Anderson, Indiana, working for the General Director of Church of God Ministries. Prior to coming to Michigan, Rev. Richardson was the Chair of the General Assembly of WPA Ministries of the Church of God and Chair of the Ministries Council. Rev. Richardson is also currently a Trustee on the Servant Solutions Board of the Church of God.



Dr. Denny Heiberg is an elder in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church where he pastored Grace at Fort Clarke UMC in Gainesville, Florida from 1994-2012. He currently serves with TMS Global as a member of their Ministry

Resource Group focusing upon Discipleship Training and Member Care. Denny graduated from Columbia International University with a BA in Biblical Studies and Christian Education. He also earned an MA in Biblical Studies, an M. Div., and a D.Min. in Biblical Preaching and Leadership from Asbury Seminary. Denny lives with his wife, Cindy, in Hendersonville, Tennessee. His passion is investing globally in the next generations of leaders who will develop disciple making cultures in their context of ministry.

*Pastor Chris Shattuck*  
*Worship Pastor, North Avenue Church of God*



Pastor Chris Shattuck was born and raised in Otsego, Michigan and lives there today with three of the greatest blessings of his life, his wife Cindy and their nine years old twins, Carter and Amelia. He feels his hobbies include classic cars, guitars, golf, skiing, Legos, music, guitars, guitar pedals, and guitars. He absolutely loves music, having gone to school to study it, and believes he has been created and called by God into the worship ministry. Pastor Chris was raised in the church, and grew up singing out of both hymnals, which gives him an appreciation for those who have gone before, while he believes that the direction worship ministry is headed musically is a continuation of what was started thousands of years ago. He loves people, and loves to spend time with people, preferably over lunch, talking about life (especially if it's Mexican food).

# 43<sup>rd</sup> Ministers Retreat

February 3-5, 2020

## Disciples Who Make Disciples



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**“Christianity without Discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.”**

This quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German professor and pastor whose passion for Christ led him to martyrdom, makes a powerfully true statement about Christianity. Becoming and helping others who help others to become more like Jesus Christ is crucial to our faith. This is discipleship in a nutshell. Discipleship appears to be the order of the day for the church, as many ministry groups are focusing on it, state assemblies are resourcing it in great measure, and nearly every new conference seems to be making it their theme. Unlike many of the church fads that have come and gone, Discipleship hopefully is here to stay, as it has its foundational roots in the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. He commissioned, instructed, and equipped us to do so.

Our 2020 Ministers Retreat will focus on Discipleship, as Dr. Denny Heiberg will share with us the exciting program and process utilized by the Bonhoeffer Project. The Bonhoeffer Project is patterned after Bonhoeffer's Grand Experiment, where he trained pastors in an illegal seminary in Germany, focusing first and foremost on Discipleship. As Dr. Heiberg shares with us, we will become aware of the straightforward goal of the Bonhoeffer Project: **“...to encourage each participant to become a disciple making leader. Once that decision has been made, then to provide the participant with the knowledge necessary to carry out a plan for making disciples who also will make disciples.”** The focus is on intentionally creating a plan for discipleship, carried out in ten monthly gatherings, with specific monthly projects that bring life to the plan.

The potential benefits to the Kingdom of God are significant, as we empower people to be disciple makers who make disciples. We hope that you will join us for this exciting time of learning, fellowship, food, and fun. It may just be the perfect Discipleship resource for you and your people.

## Minister in Residence



Rev. Sandy Kuepfer [kip-fer] was raised in Wisconsin and graduated from Anderson University and the School of Theology, where she met her husband Scott, who is also an ordained pastor. Sandy served as associate pastor at Rustic Hills Community Church in Sioux Falls, SD for nine years. She then stayed home with her children, Noah and Ella, for eight years. Three years ago, her family moved to the Lansing area, where they worship at Pennway Church of God. Sandy completed her certification for Spiritual Direction from Sioux Falls Seminary in 2017. Currently she is bi-vocational and offering spiritual direction part-time. Through retreats, classes, spiritual direction, and everyday conversations, Sandy enjoys sharing with believers about contemplative spiritual practices, prayer, and creating space to rest and listen to Jesus.

### Schedule

11:00-2:00 p.m. Registration in the Ministry Center  
2:00-4:00 Opening Session with Mark Richardson and worship with Chris Shattuck  
6:00 Dinner  
7:30 - 9:00 First Session with Denny Heiberg  
9:00 Free time

8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00-11:00 Second Session with Denny Heiberg  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
2:00-4:00 Third Session with Denny Heiberg  
6:00 Dinner  
7:30-9:00 Community Worship with Chris Shattuck (including communion)  
9:00 Free time

8:00 a.m. Breakfast  
9:00-10:30 Fourth Session with Denny Heiberg  
10:30-11:00 Concluding Session

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Registration Deadline is January 22, 2020

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Eastern Canada Ministers:

- \$250.00 per person.
- Retired Ministers \$150.00 per person.
- Michigan ministers participating in the Lifelong Learning Matching Funds may use these resources for this event.

### Out-of-State Ministers:

- \$300.00 per person.

### Single Occupancy:

- Add \$50.00 to your registration.

### Daily attendance registration fees:

- Feb. 3 - attendance only \$90.00
- Feb. 4 - attendance only \$125.00
- Feb. 5 - attendance only \$30.00

**\$ 100.00 non-refundable deposit required by all registrants.**

Roommate preference:

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