

Pastor Judi grew up in Radford, Virginia where her mom was the church administrator at First Presbyterian and her dad taught math at Radford University. Judi was ordained in the Presbytery of Arkansas as the Campus Minister at United Campus Ministry in Fayetteville. She has since served congregations in Nebraska and Michigan. Her longest pastorate was in Troy, Michigan where she currently lives. Her ministry has also included four interim or transitional ministries in the Presbytery of Detroit.

During college Judi felt called to ministry as she continued to become more involved in the Presbyterian Campus Ministry. After receiving a Bachelor's in Fine Arts from James Madison University in Virginia (*Go Dukes!*), she then went to Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, graduating in 1998. In 2018, she received her Doctor of Ministry degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in Missional Leadership. She wanted to learn new leadership skills to help congregations reclaim their contemplative spiritual practices in order to identify missional opportunities. She loves leading small groups, collaborating on retreats and helping groups to consider God's will in their lives.

Judi has two adult children who are happy for their mom to be moving to a great congregation. McKayla will be a senior at Western University in Kalamazoo. Her son, Caleb, is working and living in Kalamazoo. Judi enjoys several hobbies including cycling, watching movies, kayaking, hiking and working in her parent's woodshop making furniture. Her parents, Tom and Linda and her grandmother Ruth, live in Bryant, Arkansas. Judi was quite surprised and glad when the PNC took her to Crystal Bridges Art Museum, which is a beautiful gift to the area.

Judi is excited to share God's love via preaching, teaching, spiritual experience and conversations. Upon meeting the PNC, Judi felt connected with everyone and enjoyed sharing ideas for current and future ministries. She can't wait to meet you and is excited to be back in Northwest Arkansas where there are, once again, mountains and lakes right outside the door.