

WELCOME NEW INTERIM PASTOR

REV. DONALD (DON) H. SMITH JR.

STARTING MAY 21, 2013

Donald H. Smith Jr. prefers to be called Don. Ordained in 1976, he has served churches in Yakutat Alaska, Louisville, Kentucky, Homer, Michigan, and Covington, Kentucky. He retired after 16 years from the latter in 2012. In 1987 he married Patti, clearly the greatest blessing he has ever received and the smartest thing he has ever done. Both had been married once before. They have four children between them, ten grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. They live in Park Hills, Kentucky, or as Don likes to say, "closer to Fountain Square than most people who live in Cincinnati."

Before being called to ministry, Don served in the United States Army for five years, living at Fort Benning, GA, for a year, the former Republic of Vietnam for a year and the former Federal Republic of Germany, for three, all at taxpayer expense. A daughter, Laura was born at Fort Benning and a son Don III, was born in Augsburg, Germany.

He is a graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary (1976) and Eastern Kentucky University (1968). Although born in Detroit, and an Army "brat", he attended high school and college in Richmond, Kentucky and despite the fact that he has not lived there for 45 years still calls it home-- sort of.