

Rev. Charles Ernest Reichenbach

1984 — 1994

By July 1984, the Pulpit Search Committee was prepared to put the name of **Charles “Chuck” Ernest Reichenbach** into nomination. Chuck was born on September 9, 1938, in Anderson, Indiana, to Carl and Gladys Reichenbach. Chuck graduated from Pendleton High School, Indiana, and earned his B.A. degree from Butler University in Indianapolis where he majored in religion and minored in philosophy. He continued his education at the Boston University School of Theology.

Chuck was ordained a Methodist minister in 1964. He then married Mary Ann Beaton on August 1, 1964. She was a graduate of Marshfield High School, the Mary Hitchcock School of Nursing in Hanover, New Hampshire, and Simmons College in Boston.

Their first full-time pastorate was in Converse, Indiana. Their daughter Miss Diana Marie, now Mrs. Michael Percy, was born during the Converse years.

In 1969, Rev. Reichenbach became a Presbyterian and Assistant Pastor of Vance Memorial United Presbyterian Church in Wheeling, West Virginia. Their son, Andrew Charles was born shortly after this move on October 8, 1969.

Later he was appointed the Director of Laughlin Memorial Chapel in West Virginia, an inner city mission project of the Presbyterian Church. Chuck also served as supply pastor for several congregations in West Virginia and Ohio, before coming to Walhalla in 1984. The Joint Meeting of Sessions set Chuck’s installation for October 24 at Bethel.

