

“Linking *Asburiacs* from around the *world* to *Christ*, and one another.”

The Asbury Link

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Lonnie Sutterfield

Marine Veteran—Current Asbury Student

Asbury Theological Seminary saved my life in many ways. I was raised in a loving Christian home and served for years as a youth and worship leader, but my life underwent a devastating transformation. Shortly after Sept. 11, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Due to my military occupation, I felt as though I was unable to be a Christian and a Marine at the same time. I quickly embraced the stereotypical lifestyle associated with the Corps—I worked extremely hard and played even harder. Though I excelled professionally, my spiritual journey seemed to come to a sudden halt.

As a Marine veteran, I am unique to the Asbury community—yet what set me apart from others was that I entered Seminary without an active relationship with Christ. I also was an addict to whatever pleased me at the time. I applied to Asbury Theological Seminary because I wanted to regain what I had thrown away four years earlier. I knew my life needed to change desperately. So in keeping with Marine Corps tradition, I applied myself to the accomplishment of that mission. Asbury met me where I was at that point in my life and I am truly grateful.

During my first year at Asbury, I began to see my life story in the timeless parable of the lost son.

As I considered the path I had chosen for myself, I realized that even though I had left God behind, He had not abandoned me. As I recalled my experiences in combat, I realized that it was during the times of greatest distress that God’s peace flooded my life.

When I was still a long way off, God saw me and was filled with compassion for me. It was on the Wilmore campus of Asbury that I returned to God. I had hoped to be received as a wayward servant, but God chose to receive me as a son.

Though Asbury met me where I was, it did not intend to leave me there. My years at Asbury have helped reveal the sinful nature of who I am. I have not always responded well in addressing my sinful nature. At times I have fallen, but I thank God for the core group of dedicated men who surround me. They have helped me pick myself up and have encouraged me to persevere in the midst of my failure.

Asbury is far more than an academic institution. Asbury is a place where head and heart truly do work together in order to transform lives. Asbury is the place that I was able to combat the dark reality of who I am and truly experience the grace of God in my life.

Thanks be to God. ★



ABOVE: Lonnie Sutterfield, Marine and Asbury Student, poses in front of the Lion of Babylon.



INSIDE:

Asbury Seminary Alumni, Dr. Paul Tashiro ('75) and Fay Johnson ('54), share their stories on how WWII and Asbury touched their lives.

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Retractions

In the last issue of the LINK, we reported that Rev. Virgil E. Kirkpatrick (62) had passed away. This was a tremendous error on the part of the alumni office and we are deeply sorry for the mistake. We would like to offer our most heartfelt apologies to the Kirkpatrick family and their friends for the difficulties this error has caused.

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Anna Gulick

(WAC-WWII)—Asbury Seminary Alumna, 1983

Leanne Penny



Before the bombing of Pearl Harbor, many Americans were upset that their country was not supporting its allies in the war. Anna Gulick was one of many.

"The world was in a mess and I was very upset that we were not willing to support our Allies," Anna says. "It wasn't a question of going to war; it was a question of supporting our side when they were at war."

At the time, she was working for British Information Services in New York, supporting their efforts with her language skills. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, the British encouraged her to support the American efforts. Since women didn't engage in combat then, she put her Master's degree at Columbia on hold and joined what became known as the Women's Army Corp (WAC).

"I decided that I had enough language skill that I had to do something, so I enlisted," explains Anna. "I figured that we were in it; we want to get it over; we want to get our boys home; we want democracy to win; we want to do what we can."

Anna's military occupational specialty was for language interpretation and as a translator. "At first they didn't have any work for me because anyone with that particular specialty had to be held (not deployed in other areas) in case they were needed overseas."

Anna waited for 33 months on PFC status in case her skills were needed overseas. During this time she served on several bases in the United States and worked for the Morale Services branch of the Army, which offered education for soldiers. Anna offered classes in French and German, although none of the soldiers had much interest in studying German.

She translated several vocabulary manuals including a French aviation manual. Somehow her manual made it from Texas to Alabama where the Army was training French cadets. She was sent to Alabama to do translation work in their program. Being assigned to the French Commandant as a bilingual secretary, she says, "I learned some French I never learned in school."

Thinking back on her childhood, Anna recalls setting lofty goals for herself. "I was what most people would call a good little girl; I had very high ideals. And then I got in the service and found I couldn't live up to my own ideals." Her inability to rise to her own standards led Anna to wonder about the help of a Higher Power.

Anna was raised by a strongly atheist family who believed it was superstitious and a step backward to have faith in God. Her father sent her books laying out the flaws with the Christian faith which Anna read. Although she agreed with some of the flaws, she found that the author never came to a final conclusive argument to convince Anna.

She sought refuge in a church organ loft, teaching herself to play the organ. The Lord worked through the chaplain at that military base who recruited her to organize and lead the church choir. As Anna sat in church one Sunday, she was drawn to the preaching, which she admits must have been God's doing because the man was not a gifted orator.

When she was transferred from that base, she was unable to shake the strong desire to attend church. One Sunday she visited the local Lutheran church where a miracle occurred. The choir's music sheets were missing, and they had to change the songs for worship. The music performed by the choir led the preacher to scrap his original message, and instead he preached a simple sermon on John 3:16.

Anna will tell you that pastor spoke right to her that day. She waited until the last congregant had left the service before approaching him to surrender her life to Christ.



The journey she started with Jesus that day led her to teach in Japan as a missionary and then eventually to teach French at Asbury College. Anna earned her Master's of Divinity from Asbury Seminary, graduating in the class of 1983. She has used her gifts for language combined with the wisdom that God has instilled in her through the years to impact others on a global scale.

"We are not called to a ministry, we are not called to fame or success, we are called to live in Christ and to let Him live through us," Anna says. "And no matter what we achieve, if that isn't happening, it's absolutely nothing." ★

Upcoming Events

JULY

June 30-July 7: Richard Hunter: Prophet In Residence, Willowbank Conference Center, Bermuda

13-19: Maxie D. Dunnam: Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC

18-21: Richard Hunter: Delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the UMC, Lake Junaluska, NC

June 27-July 20: Sandra Richter: Summer Archaeology Program, Tel Rehov, Israel

27-August 5: Sandra Richter: Teaching on the Book of Ruth, Redwoods Christian Park family camp; Boulder Creek, CA

AUGUST

15-17: Maxie D. Dunnam: Western North Carolina Laity Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC

16-23: Lalsangkima Pachuau: Plenary Speaker at the Quadrennial Conference of the International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS), Lake Balaton, Hungary. Speaking on "Ethnic Identity and the Gospel of Reconciliation."

25-27: Richard Hunter: Revival Services First UMC, Covington, GA

28-29: Kent Reynolds: Ohio UMC Pastors Retreat, Columbus, OH

SEPTEMBER

6-7: Maxie D. Dunnam: Asbury Seminary Homecoming, Wilmore, KY

14-16: Maxie D. Dunnam: Country Revival Services, Lewisville, MS

20-21: Sandra Richter: Preaching, Lakeridge UMC, Lubbock, TX

21-22: Maxie D. Dunnam: Christ Church, Memphis, TN

26: Riley Short: Preaching, First UMC, First UMC of Lakeland, Lakeland, FL

OCTOBER

10-12: Maxie D. Dunnam: Hearn Lectures, First UMC, Beaumont, TX.

11-12: Sandra Richter: Teaching intensive, OT for laypeople, Sidney First UMC, Sidney, OH

24: David McKenna: Spring Arbor University, Spring Arbor, MI. Giving the Inaugural Address for President Charles Webb.

NOVEMBER

22: Sandra Richter: Institute for Biblical Research- plenary paper, "Environmental Law in Deuteronomy," Boston, MI

From the Editor

Tammy L. Cessna

I was overwhelmed with gratitude as I began to collect the stories for this edition of the LINK. Several times, tears welled up in my eyes as I read the amazing stories of some of our alumni who have served in the armed forces—like the tears that well up in my eyes every year as I stand on Main Street in Wilmore during the Veteran's Day parade. As the van holding the parade's honored guests brings up the rear, it acts as an exclamation point at the end of an emotion-packed sentence. I hope you will be encouraged in some small way as you read this issue.

As we were interviewing Anna Gulick for her story, she shared about a Japanese minister who was thrown into a cell with the Doolittle Raiders (Americans who flew the first air raid on Japan) at the outset of the war. This minister shared how he huddled in the corner of the cell, fearful of how the American prisoners would treat him since he was Japanese. He shared with Anna how the Lord convicted him for this act of self-protection.

He then told her how he was gently prodded by the Holy Spirit to reach out to those American GIs. He prayed with, ministered to, and shared the gospel with them. He also memorized each one of their mother's names and their phone numbers. Some of those GIs were executed. The Japanese minister, after his release, called each one of the mothers of the executed GIs and was able to share how their sons prayed and made their peace with the Lord before facing death.

My eyes tear up with gratitude again for you, our alumni. Much like the Japanese pastor who, through the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, continued to be a faithful minister to hardened GIs in a prison cell, many of you are being faithful in the posts where God has placed you. It doesn't take much imagination to picture and pray for you, having my own father as an example of a faithful minister in a small town in Western Pennsylvania.

I pray for those of you with mega-churches downtown; those in a three-point charge in the flooded farmlands of the Midwest; those getting acclimated to another culture in a foreign land; those teaching in various institutions around the globe; those going through a tremendous time of blessing; and those going through a tremendous time of struggle possibly with boards, bishops, parishioners, and even family.

I pray that *you will continue to be faithful*. I pray that in the end you will all be able to say, like the apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." ★

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Phonathon 2008

oneATS

Beginning Aug. 1, 2008, alumni will be able to log in to our user-friendly OneATS portal system for all seminary news and events pertinent to alumni. Check us out at one.asburyseminary.edu.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Phonathon 2008! With your help, we raised \$176,455 for student scholarships. Thanks for your time, prayers and financial support. It means so much when support comes from our alumni as we continue our studies and prepare to go into ministry. *Student Callers, Phonathon 2008*

Fay Johnson

Flying Tiger—Asbury Seminary Alumnus, 1954

Leanne Penny



After just a few moments in conversation with Fay Johnson, the word that most prominently comes to mind is faithful. A strand of faithfulness weaves its way throughout Fay’s 89-year life journey.

Fay Johnson was a faithful soldier during his time with the military in WWII as a member of the legendary Flying Tigers group. Fay has been intensely faithful to the Lord since he answered God’s call at a revival meeting in Wisconsin in 1947. Fay was a faithful student at Asbury Seminary, receiving high marks in his classes and on his Bible Content Exam.

Fay has been faithful as a pastor to the many United Methodist congregations that have been under his care. For more than 50 years, Fay has been faithful to his wife Dorothy, whom he fondly refers to as his “gift from God.”

Fay will tell you that God has always been faithful to him. God had a plan for his life, even when Fay wasn’t very interested in following it. He volunteered for military service with his heart set on earning his pilot’s wings. He faced heartbreak when he “washed out” of pilot training. However, the Army saw that Fay was gifted in communication skills and he quickly gained credibility as a radio operator and gunner. This led to his assignment to serve in China with the elite Flying Tigers in October 1944.

Despite the prayers of his mother, Fay didn’t know Christ as Savior as he flew the treacherous route over the Himalayas to the Flying Tigers’ base near Kunming, China. All the gasoline in China was possessed by the Japanese, so the Tigers had to fly it in “over the hump” of the Himalaya Mountains. This has been called the world’s most treacherous air route. Many crews and the supplies

they carried never cleared those mountains.

“God in a real sense had His hand on me,” Fay recalls.

“I don’t think there was a night that I went to bed that I didn’t pray. I knew who God was, but I wasn’t ready to do what He wanted me to do.”

During his year in China, Fay was on flying status nearly the entire time. He was a radio operator and waist gunner in B-25 Mitchell bombers with the 491st Bomber Squadron. He fully expected to be on the receiving end of Japanese fire every time his plane was airborne.

Fay’s growing combat experience and his skill as a radio operator led to his assignment in 1945 with the 1st Tactical Air Communication Squadron. The purpose of this select group of about 100 men was to gather intelligence by direct observation of Japanese activity on the ground. They would then scramble their information into code used to guide the allied planes in their air strikes.

World history was made that same year when the Allied forces dropped the two atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. WWII was over, as was Fay’s time in China. Fay returned home, but he wasn’t yet finished with battle. Fay was released from military service in 1946 when he developed a new faithfulness—to alcohol.

Fay had an immense struggle in front of him. He found himself driving from town to town in Wisconsin to find a store that would sell him beer, as he had been banned from purchasing alcohol in his home town of Hillsboro. As Fay looked for meaning at the bottom of a beer can, God continued His pursuit. The two finally connected at a 1947 Wesleyan Church revival meeting.

Fay will tell you there were no special effects or claps of thunder, only a willingness to listen to a voice that he had been hearing all along. “When I was in the military I was



LEFT: Fay Johnson with other “Flying Tigers”

not a Christian. I have a feeling that if I had wanted to do what God had wanted me to do, I would have been a minister of the gospel from the beginning.”

Fay went on to finish his collegiate studies and then pursue his Master’s of Divinity from Asbury Seminary. Fay faithfully served churches in the United Methodist denomination for more than 25 years.

When asked how his experiences in the military affected his ministry, he answered, “I wanted to win! Of course, that transferred over to my life when I

became a Christian.” Fay went on to explain that he had a desire to win souls for Christ; to win when counseling people out of alcohol addiction; to win every battle he entered in his life.

Fay still strives to see the Lord’s will win over the enemy’s will. “I like to think there is some of the Tiger still in me. I’m not exactly flying anymore, but I was proud to be classified as a Flying Tiger.” And Asbury is proud to call Fay one of our alumni. ★



Paul Tashiro

Kamikaze Force WWII—Asbury Seminary Alumnus, 1975

Tammy L. Cessna

Paul Tashiro was born in Tokyo, Japan, to Zen-Buddhist parents. He grew up in his father’s geisha

house, where his mother was the “mama-san” to five geisha women. Paul was raised with an ultra-nationalistic Shintoist ideology combined with the emperor/ancestor worshiping system. These belief systems made volunteering for the kamikaze force attractive to him. At age 12, he dodged the military’s age restrictions with the help of his father, a respected community leader in charge of a youth paramilitary group.

With a sincere intent to die for the emperor, Tashiro went to the city of Kyushu for brainwashing and physical endurance training. In preparation for his kamikaze assignment, he learned how to take off and climb, but never to land. On August 15, 1945, Japan surrendered before Tashiro could set out on his fatal one-way mission.

Two weeks after the bombing, Tashiro walked through the city of Hiroshima, where he witnessed miles and miles of dead bodies. As he approached his hometown of Tokyo, he noticed much of it had been razed. “This devastating event drove me to disillusionment and desperation against everything in the world, and I joined a Yakuza group,” Paul explains. In the Yakuza—a Japanese version of the mafia—Paul sold drugs and pimped for GIs, where he learned crude English.

Tashiro couldn’t believe that someone could still love him after the life choices he had made.

In 1949, Tashiro passed by a tent evangelistic meeting held by the OMS-Japan Holiness Church where an American preacher, Reverend Rice, shared about the love of Jesus. Tashiro couldn’t believe that someone could still love him after some of the life choices he had made. He found himself at the front of the congregation after the service, praying with Reverend Rice and committing his life to Christ.

The following year, he answered the call to go into full-time Christian ministry. “I joined the OMS Every Creature Crusade as an interpreter

and evangelist,” Paul says. “Subsequently, on my deathbed, the Healer Jesus touched my body and gave me a divine healing from tuberculosis, and consequently I experienced sanctification.”

Tashiro came to the United States and received his undergraduate degree in philosophy from Oglethorpe College; he received his degree from Asbury Seminary in 1975. After being ordained, Paul served as a local preacher in the Louisville Conference of the United Methodist Church (now the Kentucky Conference) for 16 years.

Today Paul Tashiro promotes the cause and Kingdom of Christ as a teacher at Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, and as a speaker. ★

In the Heat of Battle... Ronnie Jones, Executive Director of Advancement

We are all battled hardened veterans. Yes, we've all had to fight for our very existence from time to time. No one is immune. We all have had to suffer the trauma of intense warfare and we all have battle scars.

In a physical sense, not all of us have had to suit up in a military uniform, carry a weapon, or get shot at by the enemy. But in our spiritual life, family life, personal life, and career we have fought many wars. We've lost some, won some, and experienced the painful ravages of the struggle. Through it all there is hope—the kind you only get through an undeniable and unquenchable faith in God.

I am reminded of the words of David:

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.
– Psalm 18:2–3

He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved. My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah. – Psalm 62:2, 5–8

If I had not had the kind of faith in God that David speaks of in these verses, I don't know if I could have made it. At times, the only thing I've had to hold on to was the "knowing" that God is my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my strength, my defense, my expectation, and my refuge. Winning the victory is not really the issue; faith in God is. Hebrews 11:6 says, "It is impossible to please God without faith."

Some of us have fought in physical, armed conflict. Some of our alumni have faced battle in WWII, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, and now some are serving in Iraq or Afghanistan. Some have toted rifles, others have flown airplanes, and others have sailed the seas.

Others have carried the word of God, their faith, and the Asbury heritage on to foreign fields of conflict—those who serve as military chaplains. Have you ever wondered exactly what they were charged to do? Perhaps a word from Moses might explain:

When you go out to fight your enemies and you face horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, do not be afraid. The LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, is with you! When you prepare for battle, the priest must come forward to speak to the troops. He will say to them, "Listen to me, all you men of Israel! Do not be afraid as you go out to fight your enemies today! Do not lose heart or panic or tremble before them. For the LORD your God is going with you! He will fight for you against your enemies, and he will give you victory!" – Deuteronomy 20:1–4

Foot soldier, pilot, chaplain—what were they charged to do? They were to speak and exemplify the Word of Faith. They were to inspire the troops with the faith only God can give. They were to remove their fears, assure them that God is with them, and bless them with the knowledge that God is their victory.

In this issue of the LINK, read passionately about some of our alumni who have done just this—men and women of faith; men and women who have made us all proud to be an Asbury Seminary alumnus. ★

Publications

The Call to Joy and Pain: Embracing Suffering in your Ministry by Ajith Fernando ('74). Recently received the Christianity Today's Book of the Year in category of pastoral/church leadership

The Case for Miracles: A Defense of God's Action in the World by Joseph Okello ('99)

Creative Bible Lessons in Job: A Fresh Look at Following Jesus by Doug Ranck ('84).

CS Lewis as Philosopher: Truth, Goodness and Beauty, by Dr. Jerry Walls, coedited with David Baggett and Gary R. Habermas

The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament by Sandra Richter (Oct. 2008)

Going on to Salvation by Maxie D. Dunnam (Sept. 2008)

The Heritage of American Methodism by Ken Kinghorn (2nd edition)

Inside the Leader's Head: Unraveling Personal Obstacles to Ministry by Virginia Todd Holeman and Stephen L. Martyn

Irresistible Invitation: Responding to the Extravagant Grace of God by Maxie D. Dunnam

Long Road to Goodbye: Our Journey with Alzheimer's by Floyd Fought ('49).

The Mission and Death of Jesus in Islam and Christianity by Mathias Zahniser ('65)

The Oxford Handbook of Eschatology edited by Jerry Walls

The Quest for Truth: An Introduction to Philosophy 5th edition by Joseph Okello ('99) & James W. Gustafson

Recover Your Good Heart—Living Free From Religious Guilt and the Shame of Not Good-Enough by Jim Robbins ('95)

A Stroke of Grace: Hope for Those Who Suffer and Those Who Care by David L. McKenna

Who Healeth All Thy Diseases: Health, Healing, and Holiness in the Church of God Reformation Movement by Michael Stephens



Betty Chow ('64) won a blue ribbon (first place regional) in the Resident Forum Art and Writing Show at Otterbein Lebanon Retirement Community for her painting of the Spring 2006 Herald cover.

Alumni News

Donald Saum ('67) his wife Peggy and daughter Cindy are on the mission field in Bangladesh. God is meeting many needs after a cyclone last Nov. including clean water, food, blankets and general relief.

Victor Hamilton ('67) retired in June 2007 after teaching Old Testament studies at Asbury College for 36 years. The College has appointed him to Scholar-in-Residence, allowing him to research and write a major commentary on Exodus that Baker will publish in 2011. This fall Tyndale will publish his study notes on 1 & 2 Samuel as part of a one volume study Bible based on the text of the New Living Translation. Also this fall Baker will publish his rewrite of his chapters on Genesis and Ezekiel for the second edition of *The Evangelical Commentary on the Bible*.

Bill Francis ('69) and Marilyn have returned to North America, after serving four years at The Salvation Army's International Headquarters in London, England. They now serve as leaders for the Canada and Bermuda Territory—Bill as Territorial Commander and Marilyn as Territorial President for Women's ministries.

David L. Fruth ('69) has retired from 40 years of pastoral ministry in The Wesleyan Church in Ohio, Indiana and North Carolina. He still serves on the District Board of Administration of the Greater Ohio District. He and his wife, Ann, now make their home near Amelia, OH.

Dr. David E. Paul ('77, '88) with his wife **Judy ('74)** attended the Oxford Round Table at Oxford University last summer. The theme of the Round Table was: *Separation of Church and State: The Decline and Fall?* Dr. Paul presented a paper entitled "Limitation of Conscience," a limited scope analysis of how the tax exempt status affects the ability of churches in the State of Florida to politically impact society.

Ken Jobst ('91) is the Dean of Students at Simmons College of Kentucky, the oldest historically black college in Kentucky. He also serves as the Director of Ministries at St. Stephen Church in Louisville.

Jim Robbins ('95) published his second book called, *Recover Your Good Heart—Living Free From Religious Guilt and the Shame of Not Good-Enough*. Learn more at www.robbinswritings.com.

Timothy Mark Salo ('97) received his Ph.D. in Theology and Philosophy from Drew University in May 2008. His dissertation title in Historical Theology (and on Pietism) is "An Orthodox Lutheran View of Ecclesiology: A Doctrinal and Practical Exchange between Valentin Ernst Loescher and Joachim Lange."

Jennifer Woodruff Tait ('97) and Edwin welcomed their first child, Catherine Eleanor, on Nov. 11, 2006. Jennifer is an adjunct professor of church history for Asbury's ExL program as well as for United Theological Seminary. The family resides in Huntington, IN.

Nathaniel Spencer ('98) was married to Miriam Rigal on December 29, 2007.

Dr. Samuel E. Naaman ('99) is working as a Professor in the Department of World Missions and Evangelism at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL. He is also the Director of the South Asian Friendship Center, a ministry of fellowship to the South Asian Community in Chicago, IL. Visit www.safcbkstore.com.

Mike Fitzpatrick ('03) and wife Marcy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hanna Alice, born Jan. 12, 2008.

James Karanja ('04) graduated Magna Cum Laude from Philipps University in Marburg Germany with a Ph.D. in African Religious Studies.

DECEASED ALUMNI

Rev. Levon A. Shaum ('48) was a graduate of Asbury College and ATS, as well as the Famous Writers School. He had written and published three books. The Lord saved him before his teens and he felt called into the ministry in 1941, where he served UM churches in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. Rev. Shaum was a member of the West Ohio UM Conference.

Rev. Everett L. Wright ('48), a retired UM minister, with 48 years of active ministry, had served churches in Paoli, Morristown, Connersville, Evansville, Indianapolis, Rockport, Bloomfield, Vincennes, Fort Branch, Shelbyville and Bloomington. He also served as the chaplain at Beck Chapel on the campus of Indiana University. He was very active in South Indiana Annual Conference Christian Education and Outdoor Ministry.

Mrs. Doris Metz Levsen ('50)

Rev. Karl E. Wright ('51) was a UM Clergyman and served congregations in Wheeling, WV, Bowling Green, IN, Andover and Westfield, NJ, and Bethalto and Mascoutah, IL. From 1961-1972 he was Theologian in Residence and assistant professor of philosophy and religion at MacMurray and Illinois Colleges. Karl was a veteran of WWII and graduate of Asbury College and ATS. He completed doctoral residency at Drew University and did further study at Gottingen University, Germany. Published works include the translation of *Die Wirklichkeit des Glaubens* (The Reality of Faith) by Friedrich Gogarten, *The Theologian in Residence*, *The Church Related College* and contributions to the journal *Word and Witness*.

Rev. William D. Powers ('52) served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Following military service, he graduated from Ashland College and ATS. He served 12 Ohio churches during his 45-year call as a UM minister. Rev. Powers spent many summers at Camp Sychar in Mount Vernon where he served as camp reporter. He also supported many local and world missions. After retirement he attended Neal Avenue UMC.

Dr. Robert Buswell ('58) pastored 12 years after his graduation from ATS. He received his Master's from the University of Kentucky and taught Bible and Greek

at Malone College. He went on to get his Doctorate from Ashland Seminary and served the Lord faithfully on his journey.

Rev. Don H. Dean ('53) graduated from Troy State University and ATS. Don pastored for over 40 years in churches throughout the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the UMC. He conducted revivals, camp meetings, youth camps and seminars as both speaker and song leader. Following retirement, he enjoyed serving an additional four churches, spending time with family and on the farm, making syrup and writing.

Jacob DeShazer ('58) was the oldest survivor of WWII's historic Doolittle Raid on Japan. After the raids, he was among those the Japanese captured. After suffering months of torture and hunger, a prison guard handed him a Bible. Though raised in a Christian home, DeShazer didn't embrace the faith until he read that Bible. He vowed if he was freed, he'd share what he learned with the Japanese. After Hiroshima, he was freed. Back in the Northwest, he attended Seattle Pacific College, now Seattle Pacific University. After graduating, DeShazer and his wife Florence moved to Japan as Free Methodist missionaries. He returned for a M.Div. degree at ATS before moving to Japan again to evangelize and help establish churches.

Clarence R. Creed ('76) graduated from Asbury College, attended ATS, and received Masters degrees from University of Kentucky and Ashland Theological Seminary. Rev. Creed served as Pastor at Dueber UMC, Canton, OH, First Friends Church, Newport News, VA, New Hope Church, Pickerington, OH, and founded Grace Fellowship Church in Hampton, VA. He was retired from the pastorate and attending Vineyard Christian Church in Pataskala, OH.

Robert J. Nelson Jr. ('84) died in Gatlinburg, TN. He attended the University of Kentucky, served in the U.S. Army and then received his B.A. from Asbury College and M.Div. from ATS. A PGA Professional Golfer, he organized and operated the London Country Club, served three churches, was founding pastor of Southside Christian Church, Harrodsburg and St. Andrews Methodist Church, Lexington, served as General Evangelist of the KY Conference since 1994, was a Francis Asbury Society Evangelist for seven years and preached across the U.S. and around the world.

Rev. Dr. Ann Frank Rothschild-Bond ('02) ministered to adults with mental and physical disabilities for over 20 years. She was an active member of the First UMC in Newton, IA where she taught a Growing in Faith Class, was an assistant at Buddy Camp at Wesley Woods, a Stephen Minister, and a member of Lydia Circle. In addition to being a Pastor, Ann was the president of Volunteers in Progress at Progress Industries and served on the board for the Centre for Arts and Artists.

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