

The Rev. Evelyn Penn was welcomed to the Bethel-Emmanuel Charge in 2021.

Rev. Penn, REVelyn to all, leads two congregations in worship every Sunday in two locations. Wednesday you will find her and a volunteer leading Chapel for the Bethel preschool students, our littlest disciples.

Our experienced worshippers need love and care while the little ones need experiences to help them know God. REVelyn finds it very satisfying working with the age span.

Whether it is leading worship on Sunday or Bible Study on Monday, she gives her all to everything that she does. While ministering to church congregants, she also volunteers with Meals on Wheels, the Upper Lancaster Food Pantry, and the Northern Neck/Middlesex Free Health Clinic. She encourages us to give back to our community in any way we can.

“God has been so good to me. I want to share that with others”, says REVelyn.

REVelyn had two successful careers in the K-12 education field before God called her to ministry. She graduated from Wesley Theological Seminary with a master’s degree in divinity in 2021. In 2022, she completed the Graduate Certificate in Patient Counseling from the Medical College of Virginia Health Sciences Division at Virginia Commonwealth University. This third and final career is the most satisfying to her.

She lives in Lively with four-legged friend, Avery, who accompanies her to the church office during the week. Her two grown adult children live in Virginia and lead busy lives with their spouses and children.