

## Rev. George Reed

### *Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, 1967-71*

My wife, Anita, our son, Geoff, and I moved from Princeton Theological Seminary upon graduating in the summer of 1967. We came with our house trailer to Hall's Mobile Park on the road to Ellettsville, where we lived for about four months. We were happy with our home, developing wonderful relationships there. We then moved into a home on the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln for the remainder of our four years in Bloomington. Our daughter, Jennifer, was born in February of 1969 to grace our lives. Our dear son, Geoff, was baptized at four years of age with our daughter, Jennifer, at the same service, by Rev. Paul Miller.

The Presbyterian Preschool was enjoyed by our son, who lamented later in kindergarten that the public school did not have hammers, nails, and wood to build things like the preschool had with Mrs. Krieder, their teacher.

While in Bloomington, I served as an Army Chaplain with the local Civil Affairs Company, training at the Army Reserve Center and at Camp Atterbury.

Rev. Paul Miller, the senior pastor, provided me with four great years of pastoral education and helped me to prepare for the call to be pastor at the Reading-Lockland Presbyterian Church in Lockland, Ohio, where we lived and served for nearly thirty-four years. Anita was a loved elementary school teacher in Lockland for twenty-eight years. She provided at least 34 years of service to the congregation as a Sunday school teacher, working in Bible School, working with the Evening Circle, and the couples group.

I worked with Rachel Pollock of the Interpretation and Stewardship Committee to institute a new program. Rachel and her husband Jim were fraternal workers in Egypt who finally returned to the US and settled in Ellettsville, Indiana. They were living examples of good stewards. They spoke of giving our best to the Lord, like cream off the top of fresh milk. They had divided four salaries into five equal parts to call a fifth fraternal family to Egypt.

I worked with a young adult group in the congregation, made up of college students, working folks and friends of the congregation. Most came from the congregation. They had a social and activity schedule which provided Christian friendship.

I also worked with a Youth House established by area congregations to provide a safe setting in the midst of Bloomington for high school youth with the hope of promoting ways to a better life through interaction with selected adults who provided leadership with the young folks from the high school. It lasted for a little over a year and was an attempt to promote a richer life without the drugs of the day. I worked with the leadership team to monitor the operation of the facility.

I retired in April of 2005 from Reading-Lockland Presbyterian Church and Anita retired from teaching in November of 2003. We moved to Union, Kentucky to be closer to our children,

Geoff and Jennifer, and their families, both of whom live in Grant County. We now worship at the Union Presbyterian Church, a very friendly church.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always,

Rev. George L. Reed and Mrs. M. Anita Reed