

Margaret Payne

Margaret was born and raised in Dunbar, West Virginia. After graduating from Dunbar High school she attended West Virginia State College University and received a BA degree in Sociology/Social Work with minor studies in Criminal Justice and Health Ed./Recreation. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

After school she started a job with The Franklin County Juvenile Court as an Investigative Probation Officer, as well as a volunteer and promoter for the, startup of the "Big Sister" program in Ohio.

Margaret returned to West Virginia where she married and raised three children. Now she continues to raise one of her two young grandchildren as a single grandparent.

Through some difficult years, Margaret began to seek God's leading, which lead her to many joyful years of dedicated service in her local church as a Sunday school teacher, devotional leader, choir member, along with many other appointed jobs and duties.

Margaret was employed by Shawnee Hills Mental Health where she enjoyed working with handicapped and mentally challenged children. For a short time she also worked for the Federal Government as a Customer Service Representative with Tax Payer Services in Houston Texas. Margaret was also an assistant to a Program Director, at Appalachia Educational Laboratory in Charleston. She went on to work the State of West Virginia, as a Senior Disability Examiner. Before retiring she was employed as a Legal Assistant in The Law Office of Michael Miskowiec.

Margaret has also served as a Literacy Volunteer, She is now a long time member of the Kanawha Valley Emmaus Community; and has been for a dedicated volunteer, for the past 15 years, to Kairos Prison Ministries where she is currently serving on the Kairos Lakin Advisory Council.

Her love for God, family and country and the joy of being a blessing to others has directed her path she believes has lead her here to the West Virginia Institute for Spirituality as Hospitality coordinator.

