

Pastor W. David Kent Bio

Pastor Dave began attending West Side in 2005. He has served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

Pastor Dave grew up in the Shippensburg-Newburg area. He graduated with a B.A. in chemistry for Gettysburg College, an M.D. degree from Hershey Medical Center of the Penn State University, and become Board Certified in Family Medicine after completing a residency at Geisinger Medical Center.

In December 1979, he established a Family Practice in Mercersburg where he attended patients until 2013. In 2007 he became interested in Palliative Care and Hospice Medicine and through various educational programs and training courses became Board Certified in 2012.

Pastor Dave served as chairman of the Quality Improvement Committee at Chambersburg Hospital for 20 years, helped establish the hospitalist program in 2004, served two 9-year terms on the Board of Directors at the hospital, founded the Palliative Care Service in 2007 which he directed until 2017 and finished his medical career working for Lutheran Home Care and Hospice until his retirement from medicine in December 2019.

In addition to medicine and ministry, Pastor Dave operates Mountain View Farm where he raises produce, tends an orchard and feeds pigs, beef cattle, chickens and turkeys. He sells home raised meat and produce at Mountain View Farm Market. He also operates Mountain View Sawmilling with his son and son-in-law.

Pastor Dave has 6 children and 8 grandchildren. His wife Susan Taylor died in April 2019.

Pastor Dave enjoys preaching and teaching the Word of God. He is interested in reaching the local community for the cause of Jesus Christ. Through counselling, Pastor Dave desires to assist persons with life problems find Biblical answers to their dilemmas. He is freely available at the church office.