**John Crisman Woodring**

John was born on the mission field in Puerto Rico, the fourth of eight children. His father is a Presbyterian pastor who finished his seminary education at the Seminario Evangelico in San Juan. His mother was a family physician who served a small clinic at El Guacio, which is now a camp and conference center for the Synod of Puerto Rico.

The family moved to Kentucky when he was three. His dad had served in various churches, mostly as supply pastor or pulpit supply, until retirement in 2013, while his mom served in local hospitals and clinics as well as in private practice.

He was exposed to the wide variety of denominational life as a child and teenager. His seven siblings have been scattered across our nation and world and are members of various denominations.

He received his BS from Milligan College in Tennessee, and his M. Div. from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

He has served churches in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, and is currently serving as Interim Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Bath.

His wife, Jackie, grew up in Allegany, NY, and earned her Master’s in Virology and her Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, both from The Ohio State University. She has conducted research and taught at Penn State University College of Medicine, Houghton College, and Jamestown Community College. She recently retired from Lake Erie College of Medicine as Professor of Biochemistry and Director of Research.

John and Jackie enjoy cooking for each other. (Jackie is the chef and John’s just a cook.) They enjoy their hobby farm, gardening and raising chickens.

John has also been a high school soccer coach, a counselor for emotionally-disturbed teenagers, and a high school referee for both soccer and basketball. He relaxes by reading fantasy novels, bird-watching, walking with their dogs, and mowing the lawn.