

Pastor Dawn hasn't always been a minister. In her prior career, she was a Licensed Veterinary Technician (Nurse) for over 40 years. She taught in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University for 30 years and worked in Emergency and Critical Medicine in the Veterinary Medical Center on MSU's campus for 6 years.

So, how and why did she enter into ministry? To make a long story short, she believes that God began calling her to ministry through her work in hospice care with Eaton Community Palliative Care, in Charlotte, Michigan. Ultimately, her hospice experiences led to her retire from MSU and to pursue a second career in ministry. Off to Chicago Theological Seminary she went, where she earned a Masters of Divinity degree. After graduating with her MDiv, she studied through the Interim Ministry Network, to gain specialization for transitional ministry.

She feels blessed to be the Interim Pastor here at Bethlehem, shepherding us in preparation for calling their next Senior Pastor. Despite her "green & white" origins, she is a "GO Blue!" Michigan Wolverine, through and through! She is overjoyed to be in Ann Arbor!

Pastor Dawn lives near Williamston, with her wife Bea, along with Dani (a quail – that's a long story), and their two dogs – Siofra (a Gordon Setter) and Branwyn (a Cardigan Welsh Corgi). Branwyn is a certified Therapy Dog who LOVES to bring joy to people wherever she goes. Pastor Dawn does too.