

Beemerville Presbyterian to welcome new minister

WANTAGE — The Beemerville Presbyterian Church will welcome the Rev. Barry Young at the Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m., where he will assist the interim pastor, the Rev. Herb Heins.

Young was called after a two-year search and will officially begin on Sunday, Jan. 3.

Young recently moved home to Wantage after serving as pastor to the Trinity Presbyterian Church in western Pennsylvania.

He graduated from Davis and Elkins College, W.Va.; Rutgers University, earning a master's degree in education; and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va. He was ordained in 2005.

Young also has experience as a hospital chaplain, a counselor at a homeless shelter, an urban after-school program coordinator, and as a teacher of English as a second language in Thailand and China.

"I was immersed in the real Thailand, and was able to experience a Christian

community that took care of each other," Young said. "We were surrounded by 300 Buddhist temples in Phetburi. I taught English in the only Christian school in a rural area."

Young said his heart went out to the people, especially the children, because of the poverty of the area.

In China he taught English to future English teachers in a rural government school.

Young grew up in Wantage. Dr. Charles Jenkins, a previous pastor of the Beemerville church, was one of Young's mentors.

"I am looking forward to doing Christ's work in the area where I grew up," Young said.

Young and Heins will be greeting at the Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. in the Beemerville Presbyterian Church, 226 Route 519, Wantage.

For more information, visit www.BeamervillePresbyterian.com.



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