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God is very picky about “presence.” No substitutes. “You gotta be there.” God creates in person, breathes breath into human life in person, shows Moses the Holy Face, and after sending the Biblical judges and prophets chooses to “empty God’s self” into the person of Jesus because, “You gotta be there.” The Church is Christ-present-in-person for the community and the world. All this, says Rev. Ken Humbert. ‘Little wonder he rounds out a long career in ministry as Minister of Visitation here at WUMC where we hold as a core value that there will be “no lonely people.”

Rev. Ken was called to ministry at 17, was preaching by 18. He attended Western Maryland College (now McDaniel) and Wesley Seminary. His diverse continuing education experiences include the University of London at Egham, International Clown and Mime at Davis Elkins, The Silence with the Brothers of Taize, the Religion Dept. of Chautauqua Institution. He comes to us having served and led nine churches, from early staff positions to lead pastor. Rev. Ken and Beverly have been married nearly 48 years. (Ken’s ordination was their third date!) Beverly is a retired art teacher, often seen working at the Carroll Co. Farm Museum (docent and “School Marm”). Their grown children, Micah and Meghan, are both educators. Meghan and

her husband Robert and their two daughters are active members here at Westminster UMC.

As Minister of Visitation, Rev. Ken will focus his ministry of presence among our at-home and living-assisted members, visit us when hospitalized in conjunction with Pastor Malcolm. He will assist in worship, preach as requested, and lend a hand in a variety of ways, wherever his “being there” will help. And if he looks familiar, it’s because he’s “been here” before, serving as our interim pastor, 2014-15 (10 months), full time. He will be with us now part time, serving 15-20 hours, weekly.