

Janice A. Deal

Janice graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She worked as a hospital nurse in Ohio and Virginia. In 1984, she started a home-based business in Virginia that provided word-processing services. After receiving certificates in editing and publishing and being certified as an Editor in the Life Sciences, she transitioned to freelance editing and provided substantive editing and copyediting for medical journal research and review articles and books. Subject areas included nutrition, cancer, women's health, pharmacy, and addiction medicine. She managed projects and developed and presented several workshops about editing practices for adult education classes, a publishing company, and the American Medical Writers Association.

In 2006, Janice and her husband returned to Ohio and settled outside Zanesville. Being sensitive to energy use, the environment, and handicap accessibility, Janice and her husband researched energy efficiency and universal design. They designed and built their new home with added insulation, geothermal and radiant floor heating, and multiple handicapped accessible features that enabled her to provide live-in care for her parents.

As a young adult, Janice became interested in and joined United Methodist Women in Virginia where she was active at the local level as circle leader, vice-president, and president. After returning to Ohio, she started attending United Methodist Women events at Central Trinity in Zanesville and became a member there. She was soon asked to join the Foothills District leadership team as communications coordinator and worked to update the District Standing Rules before she became district president. For the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women, she served as secretary and the chair of the Conference Standing Rules Committee. At present, she is president of Central Trinity United Women in Faith and serves as Legacy Liaison for West Ohio Conference United Women in Faith. She helped start the prayer shawl ministry at Central Trinity, serves on the Administrative Council and the Board of Trustees, and plays in the handbell choir. She has given presentations and written newsletter articles about workshops she attended at Leadership Development Days and Assemblies. She has served on the Real Estate Committee for West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church Board of Trustees. Janice considers participating in Mission u and the Reading Program to be her favorite activities of United Women in Faith.