

Mitzi Cole

Minister of Congregational Care

Mitzi Cole was born and raised in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Mitzi earned her undergraduate degree in Music Education and Performance from Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia. Her Master's degree is in Education in the Christian School setting with a concentration in curriculum studies of Orff-Schulwerk from Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She has completed and received Levels I, II, and III certifications in the Orff Schulwerk at James Madison University and Virginia Commonwealth University. She is currently taking courses at Asbury Seminary to fulfill her requirements for Deacon Ordination in The United Methodist Church. She just completed a year long Chaplain Residency at Maryview Medical Center in the Clinical Pastoral Education program.

Mitzi taught music in Portsmouth Public Schools in Portsmouth Virginia for five years. From 2001 – 2014. She taught music at Star of the Sea Regional Catholic School in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Mitzi is an accomplished professional, having performed with the Washington Opera Company and the Paul Hill Chorale, both located at the Kennedy Center in Washington D. C. Additionally, she was the recipient of the 2013-2014 “Apple for the Teacher” award presented annually to teachers in Hampton Roads by the Alpha Chi Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda. In 2014, she presented a career presentation on teaching at Bridgewater College. She has served as the Handbell choir director of Monumental United Methodist Church in Portsmouth Virginia since 2016.

Currently Mitzi lives in Portsmouth, Virginia with her husband, The Reverend John Cole. He serves as pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church. Their twins are John and Hannah. They are twenty-five and live on their own pursuing their careers. John lives in Norfolk, Virginia and works in the filming industry filming TV commercials and instructional videos. Hannah is a first-grade teacher and lives in Hilton Head, South Carolina. Mitzi enjoys taking bagpipe lessons and is a member of the Tidewater Pipes and Drums.