

Shannon Blosser comes to Pea Ridge UMC after serving churches in Kentucky and West Virginia. He is an ordained elder in the West Virginia Annual Conference, having transferred his ordination credentials to West Virginia in 2020.

He grew up in Shady Spring, and attended Perry Memorial UMC. Shannon is a 2002 graduate of West Virginia University (B.S., Journalism) and 2011 graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary (M.Div.). He was ordained as an elder in 2017 in Kentucky.

Prior to entering ministry, Shannon worked as a journalist covering topics ranging from high school basketball to elections. In West Virginia, he worked for *The Register-Herald*, *The Times West Virginian*, and *The Clarksburg Exponent-Telegram*. He also worked for *The Shelby Star* in North Carolina and for a higher education policy think tank in Chapel Hill, N.C. His favorite moment as a reporter was a tie between NASCAR's Kevin Harvick walking off an interview with him in Pocono, Pa., and meeting Arnold Palmer at Stonewall Resort.

Shannon has remained involved in the communication world by serving on conference communications teams in both Kentucky and West Virginia. In 2019, he represented the Kentucky Annual Conference's communications team as a reporter for the special General Conference in St. Louis. He has also helped to train districts and churches on how to effectively communicate.

He is married to Abbi, who is a communications assistant for the West Virginia Annual Conference and two districts in the Kentucky Annual Conference. They have two children (Noah and Thaddeus) and a cat (George).