**Biography**

**Rev. John Zimmerman**

Rev. John Zimmerman grew up in the rural community of Stoystown, Pennsylvania. He heard the call into the ministry just after graduation from high school, attended the University of Pittsburgh for his undergraduate degree and obtained his Master’s of Divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Pastor John is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and served as a pastor in local church settings for 28 years. He always recognized the spiritual gifts of preaching, healing, and evangelism in his Christian life. God has allowed these gifts to be used in a variety of local church settings which include rural, suburban and city.

In 2013 Pastor John left local church pastoral ministry to be appointed as General Evangelist in the United Methodist Church. He developed a consultant ministry model called, “About Face Church Outreach Consultants.” About Face helps churches discover transformational development ministry with the poor, broken and lost. He believes the Church is in the unique position to offer hope and transformation of our broken lives. This is a replicable model to share with local churches around the country as he engages in long-term relationships within the context of the local church mission field. He envisions helping churches move into a new paradigm of ministry that reflects more fully the New Testament Church.

​ He speaks throughout the United States and develops and leads online classes through the Institute for Discipleship. He was honored as the recipient of the 2015 Harry Denman Evangelism award for his commitment and service to sharing the Good News. His heart, however, finds its greatest fulfillment when he is leading the church into mission outreach right in their own backyard.

​He enjoys hunting, camping and opportunities to enjoy his family. His wife, Christine, holds a K-6 grade teaching certificate and received a Master’s Degree from Edinboro University. She is an approved Conference Evangelist in the Western PA Conference of the United Methodist Church and a fulltime partner with John in the outreach ministry. Her interests include camping, traveling and loving people. The Zimmerman’s are blessed with four wonderful boys.