



Pastor Peggy Moss comes to the First UMC of Avon Park, from Northeast UMC in Tampa, Florida, where she served as pastor for two years.

She is a lifetime member at Hillsborough UMC in Tampa, where she served in numerous leadership roles throughout those years, including youth ministry, discipleship, missions, outreach, and trustees.

She has two sons. Russell and his wife Jennifer who live in Harrisburg, PA. and Will and his wife Leslie, and two beautiful grandchildren Brody and Brooklynn who live in Buna, Texas.

She says *“that she aspired to be a preacher at a very young age”* and recalls holding church in her garage on Saturday mornings when she was around 10. However, she says, *“I must have been a slow learner”* as it was many decades later that she heard God calling her into ministry.

At that time, Pastor Peggy realized the first thing she must do was obtain higher education. Four years later, Pastor Peggy graduated Magna Cum Laude from St Leo University with specializations in Religion and Sociology. She is continuing with her education at Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

After graduation, Pastor Peggy served as a missionary in St Marc, Haiti where she taught school at the El Shaddai Learning Center; she also served with the Clean Water for Haiti organization for one year. While serving in Haiti, Pastor Peggy entered the candidacy for ministry in the United Methodist Church, and subsequently received her license as a Local Pastor in 2018.

Pastor Peggy believes in the sovereignty, grace, and mercy of God Almighty our everlasting Father, the never-ending love and peace of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, and the power of the Holy Spirit, our Protector and Helper.

She says she loves preaching, adding that *“preaching is more than delivering God’s Word on a Sunday morning.”* Moreover, she said that St Francis of Assisi once said, *“preach the gospel at all times and sometimes use words.”* She continues, *“Preaching may start at the pulpit; however, preaching is also loving our neighbors, feeding the hungry, being kind to a stranger, consoling those who are grieving, bringing comfort to those who are sick, and sharing the love of God with those who are lonely.”*

She says, *“the joy of the Lord is my strength and ain’t nothing gonna steal my joy. I hope that God’s love shines so bright in my life that people will point and say, **“I want what she’s got.”**”*

We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, and God has appointed each one of us to be ambassadors of Christ, in fellowship and in unity as God’s church and for God’s glory as we build his kingdom here on earth, through the making of disciples for the transformation of the world.”

I am beyond blessed and thrilled to be your Pastor as we journey together on this new path that God has placed before us. God bless you all.