

Rev. David Neil Mosser traveled the world—and a good deal of Texas—before becoming senior pastor at First United Methodist Church of Arlington in March 2004. Since coming to the church, David's not only preached to the church's 5,000 members from the pulpit on Sunday, but worked hard to continue the church's tradition of being a leader in the community.

David grew up in Independence, Missouri. He enrolled at Southern Methodist University in Dallas where he first earned a bachelor's degree and then a master's of divinity from the Perkins School of Theology. David later received a PhD in Rhetoric from the University of Texas in Austin.

David has served several parishes in Texas including Georgetown and Graham. Earlier in his career, he taught at the Gbranga School of Theology in Liberia, West Africa, coincidentally an area where his Arlington congregation over the years has been involved in missionary work.

David represents the church in the community by serving on the city's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area Steering Committee, which works to rebuild the city's distressed communities. He also serves on Arlington Memorial Hospital's Medical Ethics Committee.

When not at the church leading Bible studies, David often is in the classroom. He is an adjunct professor at Perkins and teaches a multicultural introduction to philosophy class and introduction to ethics at Navarro College in Midlothian. He has been the editor of the *Abingdon Preaching Annual* as well as author or editor of 17 books.

David has been married to Helen Segerstrom since 1984. They have three children and two grandchildren. They live on ten acres in Midlothian, where Helen raises horses.