



From the Pastor



The Rev. Richard Moeller

In my lifetime, I have met a lot of people. Being in ministry for 36 years, it is inevitable you will meet people who will be different from the others. Some are “different” in quirky ways. They exhibit actions that may not be what some may consider “appropriate.” The old adage may be true for this group: “They march to the beat of a different clarinet.”

I have met people who were what you might call “average”, “run-of-the-mill”, or “the person next door.” They are the people who may not stand out in a crowd or make a significant contribution to a certain profession. They aren’t the one who will discover the cure for cancer, or heart disease, or anything like that. They are just “good-old-folks.”

Then you meet one or two who are true exceptions. They are the people who will leave a lasting impression on you. They are the people you talk about more than others.

One person I will never forget meeting, who was in a class by himself, and will be missed dearly, is Tom Bone III – “T-Bone” as I lovingly called him. Tom was someone you would only be a stranger to once. Once you met Tom, and got to know him, you would realize you had a friend. Tom was one of the kindest and sweetest souls I have ever met. After I met him, I didn’t realize the extent of the things in which he was involved. Sportscasting and reporting, newspapers, Concord University, his presence in the town of Athens and the Virginias.

One thing Tom Bone was most known for was his art. His caricatures of people, politics, and

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Reflections and Memories of Tom Bone III

Rev. Richard Moeller

It's hard to say something others have not already said about Tom Bone III. He was a gentle spirit, a kind soul, and a friend to all who knew him. I was fortunate to have known him as his pastor for a little over a year. He was always ready to help wherever and whenever. Always a smile and full of good counsel.

He will be missed in his family, his church, in the community, and in all the places he touched throughout his life.

Rest In Peace Good and Faithful Servant.

Sharon Manzo

Tom and I worked together in one of the offices at Concord many years ago. We often shared frustrations about some of the decisions made by our supervisor. His funny, creative caricatures always made me laugh. He is missed by so many already. Goodbye, my friend.

Matthew Verduce Thomas

Tom really was the best of us. Never met a nicer person. He was such a wonderful voice for Concord and local sports. He was a man of incredible talent, humility and kindness. To say he will be missed is an understatement.

Paulette Belcher

Tom was one of the kindest person that I have ever known. He was the same person outside of the church as in. I have known Tom for 35 yrs. He loved his church and would do anything for it. I have really gotten to know him real well thru the zoom classes that we have taken together. I think a lot of him.

Kathy Smith

Tom not only loved his family, community and church - he loved his dogs. As a neighbor for over 40 years I saw him faithfully walk and care for King Arfur, Thor and others. He was



as patient and kind to his pets as he was to people.

Love to Chris, Erin and Tommy

He's That Kind of Friend By: Rev. Dr. Felicia Wooten Williams

Tom, Chris, and Loki welcomed me into their home not long after we moved to Athens. In that very first visit, I sat there with them sipping tea and enjoying a lively chat about family, hobbies, and history. It felt like home. Being with them reminded me of days at my childhood home when family and neighbors would spend time together simply reminiscing and treasuring Christian fellowship. During that first visit, Tom got excited about Christian ministry opportunities like singing in the choir, restarting the CUMC men's fellowship and renewing the publication of the congregation's newsletter. As I thought about visits with the Bone family, I realized that I needed to tell my eldest

son, Nathaniel, about Tom.

Nathaniel and I have frequent conversations about people we know and love from our faith journey; so, I approached him by asking “Do you remember Tom Bone?” Nathaniel responded with “Of course, he’s my friend.” With that statement, I realized that Tom was not only my pal, but also T-Bone was a comrade to everyone that he encountered, including strangers. He had this way of making anyone and everyone feel like a special friend. Tom endeavored to exemplify the type of friendship that we find in the Lord, Jesus Christ. He’s that kind of friend: a friend. Tom endeavored to exemplify the type of friendship that we find in the Lord, Jesus Christ. He’s that kind of friend: a forever friend. As the depth, breadth, height and width of Tom’s friendship net reaches far across the distance, I hope that you will agree with me by singing or humming “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” in honor and memory of our beloved friend and brother, William Thomas (Tom) Bone III.

Budget Snapshot

Total Contributions year-to-date:

Contributions and Distributions
Received \$83,155.91

Apportionment Money Received
\$9,351.00

Apportionments Paid
\$14,550.00

Apportionments Balance Due
\$7,648.00

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Depot Donations
\$2,020

2025 Charge Conference

On Sunday, October 26, our congregation gathered for the annual Charge Conference with 21 members in attendance. We were blessed to welcome Rev. Chip Bennett, District Superintendent of the Southern District of the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, who encouraged us with insights and resources to strengthen our ministries. Among these were Portico courses for leadership development, strategies for creating a warm and welcoming church environment, and the Mission Insight Data and Religious Priorities Report, which Pastor Moeller will share with us soon.

During the business session, the Conference approved all reports and recommendations, including 2026 Clergy Support, leadership nominations, the Parsonage Report, Trustees Report, and Finance Report.

Financial updates included our 2026 Conference Fair Share of \$19,341 and District Promotion Fund of \$725.29. Rev. Bennett also shared how these funds are used across the Conference, highlighting the Spring Heights Summer Camp—a ministry that provides children with meaningful summer faith experiences. Thanks to our shared giving, children can attend camp for \$450 per child, making this ministry possible for many families.

We give thanks for the faithful leadership of Pastor Moeller, the guidance of Rev. Bennett, and the commitment of our congregation as we continue to serve Christ in our community.



Jason Moose Reed

Just clowning around! This picture was taken in August 2011 at the Athens-Concord Town Social. The man behind the mal up is none other than Tom Bone III. He always did quirky things like this to brighten other people days. I was saddened to hear of I passing this morning, but as a fellow believer and disciple of Christ, I was so happy for Tom that he ran the race and is finally home with his Heavenly Father. A few weeks ago, I embarked on a new journey accepting the role as Pastor at Mt. Jackson Baptist Church. Tom attended the Methodist Church in town. After my first sermon, as I was greeting church attendees following service, in walks Tom. He came just to shake my hand and congratulate me on the new role! That was Tom. Always thinking about others. Will be praying for his family in the days and weeks to come, for peace and understanding. In memory of Tom, the PA guy on 3rd Down, "Let me hear you ROAR!"

Don Swanson

Tom always sat next to me in the choir, and I was so appreciative of his help with the bass part.

I always enjoyed talking to him about sports. The artwork in his cartoons was fantastic.

More Reflections...

Dr. Roy Knight

As Tom's pastor in the mid80s I will always remember his smile and enthusiasm for all of life. He was always ready to help. His humility always challenged me.

His work, his cartoons, at Annual Conference was a joy to all members. I will miss him there and on Facebook. Tom, well done thou good and faithful servant. Your memory will be a blessing.

Greg Godwin

I first knew of Tom from a distance as a Bluefield Daily Telegraph Sports Reporter while Jordan played basketball for Princeton High School. In 2006, I was appointed to Concord UMC as the pastor, where Tom was an active member. Tom was a gentle man with a strong inviting witness to God's goodness in our world. I last saw Tom as worship leader during the July 20th service and shared the joy of visiting the art display of his cartoons in Bluefield the day before.

On March 18, 2012, Tom drew the cartoon about the new coffee bar in the sanctuary during my sermon. Peace,
Pastor Greg Godwin
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Kenna Sue McKenzie

Tom was always such an uplifting, positive person to all. His tireless work and dedication to his church, concord university and the community will be sorely missed! I feel so fortunate to have known him! RIP Tom.

Jayne Jones

Tom, I am going to miss you so much. I have only known you for four years, but it feels as though I've known you all my life. You taught me so much—maybe I'll shape into a newsletter writer yet! I don't know how I'll do my job at the church without your guidance and advice. You were always there when I needed you. Rest in peace, dear friend. I am going to miss you.

Joyce Moeller

Tom, you were such a great guy. You were so welcoming to Richard and me, even before Richard became the pastor. You were always willing to help any place you could. You were kind and so helpful. We will miss you and your cartoons, which were wonderful. Rest in peace!



Remembering the Life of Concord Public Address Announcer Tom Bone

By: Wes McKinney, Sports Information Director



ATHENS, W.Va. – The Concord University Athletic Department is mourning the loss of longtime public address announcer and 2024 Concord Athletics Hall of Fame inductee Tom Bone.

Bone served for 26 years as Concord's public address announcer for football and men's and women's basketball. The native of nearby Union, West Virginia took over the microphone from Harry Finkelman prior to the 1999 football season, and was the voice of the Mountain Lions from 1999 until his death earlier this week. Bone's final call behind the mic was CU's Homecoming football game against West Virginia State October 11.

Since 1948, the only public address announcers for Concord

football have been Bone and Finkelman, covering 77 years between them.

Last fall, Bone became a member of the Concord Hall of Fame with his induction for meritorious service to the University.

In his hall of fame speech in October 2024, Bone said, "When a by-stander sees you somewhere wearing a shirt with a college's name on it, he or she can't help but judge that institution partly by the behavior of the person who is wearing its name. So, when you're wearing a Concord shirt and even when you're not, you are an ambassador for Concord University."

"I urge to remember that and to live out that responsibility to make your alma mater proud," Bone said in closing.

Not only did Bone supply his voice to Concord Athletics, he wrote countless articles on the Mountain Lions as a beat writer for CU for *The Bluefield Daily-Telegraph*. Bone worked for the BDT for nearly 20 years before retiring in 2018. Still in retirement, Bone supplied stories on Concord for the newspaper on a part-time basis.

On Tuesday, Concord University put out the following statement: To Concord University, Tom Bone

was many things: an alumnus of 1976, a retired director of public information after 20 years of service, a public address announcer in athletics since 1999, a Hall of Fame inductee in 2024, and a lifelong supporter of this institution. Tom's commitment to Concord was unwavering, and his positive spirit throughout all seasons of life was inspiring.

The Mountain Lion community is in mourning, and we extend our sympathies to Tom's family and the many others throughout the region who had the pleasure to work and serve with him.

NOTE: Lindsey Byars, Concord University Director of Marketing and Public Relations, also contributed to this story.



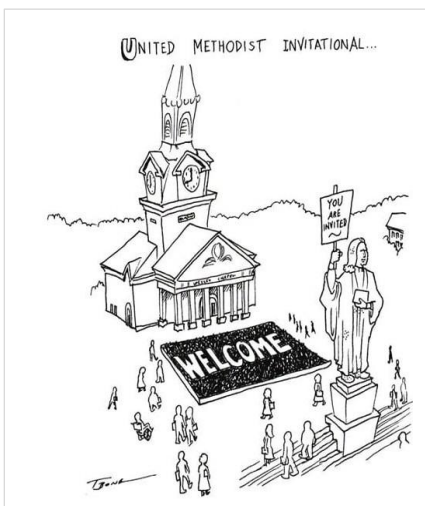
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everyday life. These pieces of art were without comparison and most always in black and white. They appeared in newspapers, magazines and on television. Tom was also very active in his church – Concord United Methodist Church in Athens, West Virginia. Tom was the West Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church Cartoonist for many years capturing, as only Tom could, the proceedings of the Annual Conference. Tom will truly be missed at both.

Tom Bone III, the world will miss you as much as your family does – Chris, you wife, Erin Bone Steele, and Tom Bone IV. May God bless you and give you eternal rest. Yours In Christ,

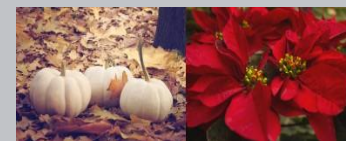


We Remember William Thomas Bone III ("Tom"), who died October 20, 2025. Tom was a member of Concord UMC in Athens and a gifted artist, serving as the "Annual Conference Cartoonist" for many years.



A service to celebrate Bone's life will be held at Concord United Methodist Church in Athens on Saturday, November 15, 2025. Visitation with his family will take place from 1:00 PM. At his direction, his body will be cremated. A memorial stone will be erected in his memory in the Wall family plot at Athens Cemetery.

Calendar



Saturday, November 1
8 AM — Men's Breakfast
Anderson Hall

Sunday, November 2
All Saints Day
11 AM — Worship & Holy Communion

Sunday, November 9
Organ & Tissue Donor Day
11 AM – Worship, Roots & Wings

Wednesday, November 11
Veteran's Day

Saturday, November 15
1 PM – Memorial Service for Tom Bone III

Sunday, November 16
11 AM – Worship

Sunday, November 23
11 AM – Worship, Roots & Wings
12 PM – Thanksgiving Dinner

Wednesday, November 26
7 PM – 4-Week Bible Study begins
Voices of Advent

Thursday, November 27
Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 30
1st Sunday of Advent
11 AM – Worship

Saturday, December 6
8 AM — Men's Breakfast
Anderson Hall

Sunday, December 7
2nd Sunday of Advent
11 AM — Worship & Holy Communion

Sunday, December 14
3rd Sunday of Advent
11 AM — Worship, Root & Wings

Sunday, December 21
4th Sunday of Advent
11 AM — Worship

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
11 PM – Candlelight Service

Thursday, December 25
Christmas Day

Sunday, December 28
1st Sunday After Christmas
11 AM — Worship, Root & Wings

Wednesdays – Advent Bible Study
7 PM – November 26, December 3, 10, 17

All Thursdays
6 PM – Yoga Anderson Hall

Church staff

Pastor:

Richard Moeller

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Jayne Ford Jones

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Musician/Technician:

Justin Hill

Technician:

Matthew Thomas

Custodian:

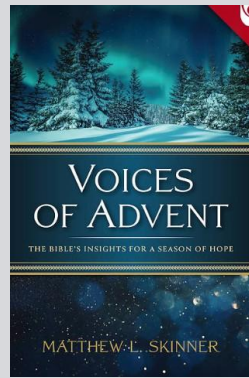
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Four-Week Advent Bible Study

Via Zoom
Wednesdays @ 7 PM

November 26

December 3

December 10

December 17

Contact Richard or Elizabeth for zoom details and book.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 23

After Worship Service

Anderson Hall

You are invited to join us for a **Thanksgiving Meal** filled with home cooking and all the trimmings!

To make it a true feast, please see Sheila Mann to sign up to bring a side dish, dessert, or drinks.

Let us gather together in gratitude, fellowship, and good food!

Advent 2025 - Come, let us adore him!

Four Sundays before Christmas and ends on
Christmas Eve



Announcements

Help Wanted

If you would be interested in being a worship leader, scripture reader, or providing the children's message, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Anchor Room, at the rear of the sanctuary.

Snow shovelers unite!

Yes, it is that time again. Anyone willing to help shovel the white stuff is encouraged to contact the Church Office.



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