

Denia Leishman is our Finance Director at Henderson Settlement. She has held this position since August of 2008, after being interviewed for the position while on a mission trip to Henderson Settlement. Denia and her husband, Jerry, reside in Hedgesville, WV, where she works from home, traveling to Frakes, KY several times a year, including with her church to participate in their annual mission trip to our White Oak, TN community. Denia's interest in missions began as a 25-year Christ-seeker, who found herself in Jamaica on her first mission trip with a group of mainly college students. The night before leaving to travel home, Denia heard the gospel message presented by a Pastor/team member and gave her heart and her life to Jesus Christ.

Denia is a cum laude graduate of Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV, with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. Upon graduation, she pursued and passed the CPA exam and began working as a Staff Accountant for KMG Main Hurdman, in Hagerstown, MD. She worked 5 years as an auditor and tax preparer, before moving to the private sector for a year as the Accounting Manager of a local agricultural distributor. In 1993, she began working for Cox, Hollida CPA's and Consultants as a Tax Accountant. After several years of splitting her time between Cox Hollida and her father's Construction business, Denia began working solely for the family business until her father's retirement in 2012.

After investing several years in on-line classes at Liberty University, Denia attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago during 2005-2006, obtaining a Graduate Studies certificate in Spiritual Formation and Discipleship. Her last class at Moody was a 2-week trip to Israel with her professor and many of her fellow students. Denia has also participated in several mission trips, from construction to VBS to auditing a local mission base for Wycliffe Bible Translators. As the Lord has led and provided so generously, she has traveled on mission trips to Arizona, Kentucky, Jamaica, Argentina and Cameroon, Africa.

Denia has been active in Bedington UMC since 1978, when she began attending their Youth Group. She has been active in several capacities, including Youth Counselor, Sunday School and VBS Teacher, Church Council, Purpose Driven Life Leadership Committee, Apple of Gold Women's Mentoring, and the Missions Committee. She currently teaches an Adult Sunday School Class and chairs their Missions' Committee.

Denia enjoys hiking, "mild" mountain biking, canoeing/kayaking and reading biographies, along with spending time with her family. She attributes her fulfillment in life to the unconditional love, acceptance and guidance received from her parents, her sister, her husband and close friends.