



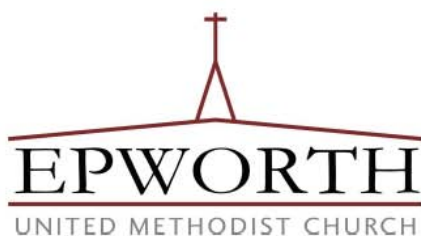
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## **Helen Ryde**

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### **“LGBTQ United Methodists Tell Their Stories of Hope for an Inclusive UMC”**

A native of Faversham, Kent, UK, Helen Ryde moved to the US in 1998 and worked in the corporate world before joining the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) in 2012. She and her wife Kate reside in Weaverville, NC. Helen is a Home Missioner in the Western NC Conference of the United Methodist Church, appointed to her work in the Southeastern Jurisdiction with RMN. Her work with RMN has been motivated by a desire “to help UMCs in the South become places where LGBTQ+ kids can be welcomed, affirmed, celebrated, and nurtured as the whole human beings that they are.” Helen’s work exemplifies her belief in the transformational power of relationships. Helen will be joined by other LGBTQ United Methodists in telling their stories of joy and pain and hope – please come along and invite your friends to hear their inspiring and thought-provoking stories.



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