## Meet Dr. John Whitley



On April 17 the Staff Parish team was introduced to Dr. John Whitley who will be the new pastor at MUMC as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 Pastor John has a BA in Religion from Florida State, a Masters from Yale Divinity and a TH. D from Harvard Divinity. He has been serving as a part time pastor in New England since 2015 at Community UMC in Brighton, MA. John will be commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the New England Conference in June of 2017 when he will officially take on the title of "Reverend." His previous work includes furniture sales, youth counseling, archive work, teaching and editing.

John has been on the Board of Directors of a housing project in Allston, MA on behalf of his current ministry. He has also been involved in Imagine No Malaria and he has made good connections with Cooper Community Center (Roxbury, MA) in his current appointment.

Pastor John has a lifelong passion for ministry and theological study and finds great joy in helping others to find and deepen their lives of faith and live out their calling to be instruments of God's grace in the world.

Pastor John is married to Elizabeth Whitley. They have 3 children: Will (Age 10), Leila (Age 8) and Sybil (2 Months)