

Southwest Association Pulpit Supply Listing (Updated January 2019)

The recommended honorarium for one worship service is \$125. You should expect to pay more if you are asking for leadership of more than one service. Remember also to reimburse the guest preacher for travel expenses, including round trip mileage.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Lawrence Balleine – balleine@tds.net

W5711 Koller Circle, Monticello, WI 53570
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Bio: I retired from active, full-time ministry in late 2014 after serving local congregations for forty years -- the last eighteen as pastor of Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello. When subbing -- I will follow the lectionary if that is the practice of the local church. If I am called to speak at a "non-lectionary" church, I will either base the sermon on the lectionary texts or address an underlying theme of the particular liturgical season.

Rev. Ron Ballew – popsballew@gmail.com

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4225 N. 92 Street, Milwaukee 53222

Bio: As a pastor with 21 years parish experience, my context preaching form is the African American experience with the ability to focus on the struggle of being African American in America. I have served churches which are majority white, and have assisted them to face racism on many levels.

Rev. Luke Bocher - bocher@charter.net

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120 N 6th St, Evansville, WI 53536-1055

Bio: My name is Luke Bocher and I have recently retired after serving as a local pastor in the Wisconsin Conference UCC since 1980. I live in Evansville. I can preach from the lectionary if needed or preach to the needs of individual congregations taking into account the climate of the world around us. I like to connect the scriptures to the everyday lives of the congregants.

Rev. Donald Ellerman – Delle_rman@yahoo.com

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Whitewater, WI 53190

Bio: I am an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ. I preach from the Lectionary. Since I am a member of the Wisconsin CHHSM (Council for Health and Human Services Ministry), I share a Minute for Mission about the work of CHHSM. I am a retired pastor and I speak from my experiences from having served the church. This past year, I preached in pulpits of both the SE & SW Associations.

Rev. John W. Eyster– jweyster@gmail.com

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122 East Cox Road, Edgerton, WI 53534-9761

Bio: I have experience not only as a pastor (23 years at Emerald Grove Congregational United Church of Christ, Janesville, WI, but also as an educator in the field of democracy/civic education at the high school (Parker HS, Janesville, WI) and college level (UW-system). I like to share reflections on the Christian being a citizen of the U.S. and significant public policy issues as related to our Christian faith ethics.

Rev. Phil Haslanger - phaslanger@gmail.com

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10 Glen Brook Way Apt 112, Fitchburg, WI 53711

Bio: I retired as pastor at Memorial UCC in Fitchburg in June of 2017. Ministry is my second career. For 34 years, I was a journalist at The Capital Times in Madison. My sermons often connect the scriptures with contemporary events. I am happy to preach from the lectionary or whatever texts a congregation chooses.

Rev. Jessica Taft – jessicataft@uwalumni.com

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412 Orchard Drive, Madison, WI 53711

Bio: I am ordained UCC clergy, currently taking time away from full time ministry to take care of my 3 young children. I am a graduate of Eden Theological Seminary and I served as solo pastor of a church in Cincinnati, Ohio before my hiatus. I tend to preach on the lectionary, but am able to preach topically, if requested. I find it meaningful to make connections between the historical context of scripture and our lives today.

Rev. Bonnie Van Overbeke – bonnievano@aol.com

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3002 Woods Edge Way, Fitchburg, WI 53711-5153

Bio: I am an ordained UCC minister, retired from and a member of Memorial UCC, Fitchburg, and currently serve as chair of the Bethlehem Partnership Committee, as a facilitator for a Clergy Excellence group, and as a member of the Southwest Association Church and Ministry Committee. I have lead several trips to Israel Palestine as part of the Bethlehem Partnership and am a representative of the ecumenical Bright Stars of Bethlehem organization that advocates for the ministry of Christmas Lutheran Church as it serves the people of Bethlehem. Because of that involvement I would like to preach and share the stories and struggles of our partners with churches in our Conference.

Rev. Julia Weaver – thejweaver@yahoo.com

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115 W. Doty Street, Madison, WI 53703

Bio: I am an ordained UCC minister. I reflect on my call as a chaplain and artist working primarily with women returning to their families and communities from incarceration, backyardmosaicwomensproject.org

LAITY

Robert H. Gwynne – bobgwynne@aol.com

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5715 American Parkway, Apartment #203, Madison, WI 53718

Bio: I received my MDiv from Chicago Theological Seminary in 1997 after a 26 year career in Student Personnel Work at Madison College, having previously been a teacher and counselor in secondary schools in WV and CO as a graduate of Dartmouth College. I have previously been licensed by Eastern Illinois Association and Southwest Wisconsin Association to serve as interim (sole pastor) in Steger, IL and Belleville, Fox Lake and Fort Atkinson, WI, as well as by the Milwaukee Presbytery of the PCUSA to serve concurrently its church in Fox Lake. I normally preach from the lectionary, applying those texts to life in the community as reported in local and national media, preaching a gospel of reconciliation.

Sonja Heiser – sheiser@att.net

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133 Maple Street, Evansville, WI 53536

Bio: I am a retired authorized lay pastor, having served a small, rural congregation for 13 years. I generally preach from the lectionary, incorporating scripture into current events as well as relating its historical significance to the culture at the time. My goal is two-fold: to equip the congregation for the challenges that await them when they leave the sanctuary and to give them a deeper understanding and appreciation of the richness of The Word.

Alan Timm - avtimm@gmail.com

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N3671 Willing Rd, Jefferson, WI 53549

Bio: I am a member of Grace United Church in Fort Atkinson. I am in year four of Lay Academy. I am a former dairy farmer. I usually preach from the lectionary but will accept the challenge of an ongoing series or special topic if desired. My Lay Academy experience has been life transforming and I enjoy talking about that part of my life journey and what it has meant to me. My style reflects a layperson's interpretation of the scriptures and their message.

Kurt Schultz – kfschultz21@gmail.com

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5150 County Road C, Spring Green, WI 53588

Bio: I am a member of First United Church of Christ in Sauk City, WI. I am currently enrolled as a 4th year student in the Wisconsin Conference UCC Lay Academy program. I use scriptures and translate the meanings and lessons into current life situations. I use the model, "What can I learn from this scripture to benefit my life". I'm on our Consistory and participated on a Discernment committee. I fill in for Pastor Bill Kapp (First UCC, Sauk City) when he is unable to attend. I assumed the pastoral Sunday duties while he was on an 8 week Sabbatical.

Terri Wolff – ctwolf@tds.net

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Bio: I am a graduate of the Lay Academy and have been an authorized Lay Pastor since November of 2005. Since then I have helped a number of churches in the Southwest Association, along with filling in for my home church in Lowell WI where I have been a member

for most of my life. My preaching usually follows the lectionary for the given Sunday. I am comfortable doing children's time during a service as well as sharing the service with readers/helpers. I am available for most Sundays.