

**Southwest Association Pulpit Supply Listing**  
**(Updated April 2021)**  
**(Pandemic adjustments to worship listed in italics)**

The recommended honorarium for one worship service is \$150. 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](mailto: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.

*Would participate in outdoor services, e.g., in parking lots, parks, or lawns of private homes.*

**Rev. Ron Ballew** – [popsballew@gmail.com](mailto:popsballew@gmail.com)

(262) 565-3775

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](mailto: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.

*I have a computer with camera and mike and am familiar with zoom.*

*I would be willing to do an outdoor live service or a recorded service at the church with a limited number of participants. Not indoors.*

**Rev. Beverly (Bev) Davis** – [bevblu@yahoo.com](mailto:bevblu@yahoo.com)

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302 Nautilus Dr. #110, Madison, WI 53705

**Bio:** I am an ordained UCC minister. I reflect on past experience as Pastor, Hospice Chaplain, artist. My sermons often connect the scripture with contemporary events and life experiences. I am a second career minister. I also have written a children's book series, entitled *Great Gray, A Book about, Exceeding "NO" Expectations* that address bullying, and build self-esteem.

**Rev. Phil Haslanger** - [phaslanger@gmail.com](mailto:phaslanger@gmail.com)

(608) 279-5241

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.

*I have a computer with camera and mike and am familiar with zoom and other group meeting programs. I have experience recording self-video of sermons for inclusion in on-line services. I am not likely to attend a traditional in-person service.*

**Rev. James Iliff** - [jiliff1955@gmail.com](mailto:jiliff1955@gmail.com)

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3100 Nightingale Lane, Middleton, WI 53562

**Bio:** I retired in October 2020 after 28 years of active parish ministry, including 19 at Middleton Community UCC, and have served the Association and Conference in various capacities over the years. I try to offer sermons that both challenge and inspire and can accommodate both lectionary and non-lectionary churches. After May 1, 2021, I would be available for live in-person worship as long as local health guidelines are being observed.

*I have experience with recorded and live virtual worship.*

**Rev. Dean Kucera** - [czechvamp57@gmail.com](mailto:czechvamp57@gmail.com)

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625 Skyview Place, Madison, WI 53713

**Bio:** I am an ordained UCC minister with my standing in Northern Illinois Conference since 1989. I have just recently moved to Madison, Wisconsin. My mission is to bring people together to see their potential as spiritual, physical and psychological individuals with gifts to give. I like to guide, educate and empower through preaching sermons that reach people where they are in life. I try to bridge gaps in relationships between peoples of various faith traditions and hope to create opportunity for understanding and peace.

*I am willing to conduct in-person worship as long as proper safety protocols are in place and followed.*

**Rev. Jessica Taft** – [jessicataft@uwalumni.com](mailto: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.

*I have a computer with camera and mike and currently available to pre-record and electronically send content for worship. I cannot meet for an in-person service.*

**Rev. Bonnie Van Overbeke** – [bonnievano@aol.com](mailto: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 led 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.

*I am willing to preach more generally especially now when ministry is more stressful and our pastors need a break once in a while. I have a computer with camera and mike, am familiar with Zoom and have "led" and participated in meetings via Zoom. I am not willing to meet in a traditional in-person service.*

**Rev. Julia Weaver** – [thejweaver@yahoo.com](mailto:thejweaver@yahoo.com)

(608) 261-9755

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](http://backyardmosaicwomensproject.org).

*I have a laptop computer with camera and microphone. I would be open to working with congregations on a live or pre-recorded service with their technological assistance. I am not comfortable doing a traditional in-person service.*

## **LAITY**

**Robert H. Gwynne** – [bobgwynne@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:sheiser@att.net)

(608) 220-8674

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](mailto: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.

*I have been serving a small congregation (<10) that has continued to meet in-person. With my computer I have been self-recording and sending a short devotionals to the members and currently videotape the services to email and to post on social media.*

**Kurt Schultz** – [kfschultz21@gmail.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

*I have a computer with camera and microphone and can supply either recorded or live sermons. I am willing to attend in-person services. Note that I am out of Wisconsin until March 2021.*

**Terri Wolff** – [ctwolf@tds.net](mailto: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.