

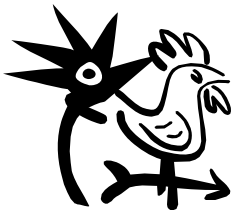
WHAT WILL DREW BE DOING ON HIS SABBATICAL?

Two things primarily: (1) seeking spiritual refreshment and renewal and (2) gaining skills to keep up with our church growth. The center-piece of his seeking spiritual refreshment will be a trekking (walking) trip in Nepal and possibly Lhasa, Tibet. Possible side trips include some time in a Tibetan Buddhist monastery and a visit to the birthplace of the Buddha. Other pieces include an Ira Progoff "Intensive Journal Workshop" weekend and a ten day silent retreat.

In order to gain some additional skills to accommodate our church growth, Drew plans to visit at least three larger, well-run Unitarian Universalist churches, talk with their staff, etc. Additionally, depending on funding, Drew plans to participate in an Alban Institute workshop called "Waltzing the Gorilla: Leading the Corporate-Size Church" and a Unitarian Universalist Large Church Minister's Conference.

HOW CAN I CONTACT DREW?

Sorry, but Drew's sabbatical is a time for a complete break from his duties as our minister. The network described in this brochure will deal with all routine matters, and almost every emergency matter, that might arise. Therefore, the only people authorized to contact him are the President and Vice President of the congregation, the Pastoral Care Associates Coordinator, and the Church Administrator.



SABBATICAL COMMITTEE

If you have comments or questions about the sabbatical, please contact any member of the Sabbatical Committee, listed below:

Joy B., Chair
Pat M.
Kate M.
Anne N.
Miriam R.
Melinda V.

Drew Kennedy, Minister, ex officio
Jean J., Church Administrator, ex officio

WHY A SABBATICAL?

The sabbatical leave is a tradition for Unitarian Universalist clergy, as it is for the university. It offers an extended time for study, reflection, rest, and renewal—all ingredients for effective ministry. A sabbatical leave is part of the congregation's covenant agreement with Drew as our minister. Just as importantly, the congregation will benefit as Drew returns refreshed, filled with new ideas and with rekindled energy. Further, it offers the staff and congregation the opportunity to step up to fill some of Drew's responsibilities while being exposed to some of the best speakers our denomination has to offer.

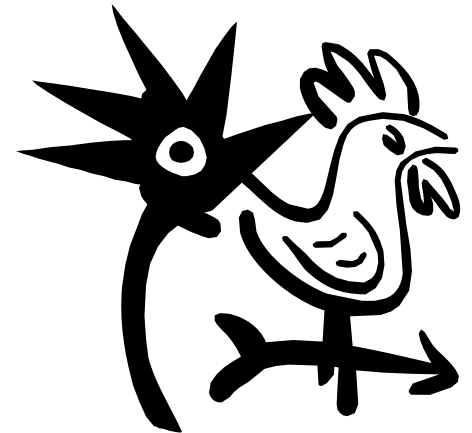
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A Guide to Drew Kennedy's Sabbatical



January—May, 2004

After 17 years of superior service to our congregation, our minister, Drew Kennedy, will take his first sabbatical from January 5 to May 31, 2004.

The Sabbatical Committee has worked since autumn 2002 to insure that Sunday services continue to be of the highest quality with stimulating pulpit guests, that excellent pastoral care continues to be provided, that services celebrating rites of passage are available, and that the administrative operations will continue to run smoothly.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

During the sabbatical, Sunday services will prove to be very stimulating! To fill the pulpit each Sunday, the Sabbatical Committee has invited an outstanding roster of Unitarian Universalist ministers from around the country. Two regularly returning ministers will also provide familiar faces in the pulpit two Sundays per month: The Reverend Ruppert Lovely and Mark Ward.

In addition, a special Saturday workshop series is planned with three renowned ministers: "Leaders in Liberal Religious Thought." The complete schedule of sermon and workshop topics and biographical information are available in other brochures.

Worship Associates have been trained to assist with making Sunday services run smoothly. Sunday Services will be managed by staff, volunteers from the Sabbatical Committee, and the Worship Associates.

IN THE PULPIT...

January 5	Bon Voyage to Drew
January 11	Mark Ward
January 18	Ruppert Lovely
January 25	Dave Weissbard
February 1	Victoria Safford
February 8	Mark Ward
February 15	Ruppert Lovely
February 22	Mark Ward
February 29	Forrest Church
March 7	Roger Bertschausen
March 14	Terry Sweetser
March 21	Ruppert Lovely
March 28	Mark Ward
April 4	Youth Service
April 11	Ruppert Lovely
April 18	Scott Alexander
April 25	Nina Grey
May 2	John Tolley
May 9	Mark Ward
May 16	RE Sunday
May 23	Rosemary Bray McNatt
May 30	Ruppert Lovely
June 6	Welcoming Drew home

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral care and support will continue to be provided by the Pastoral Care Associates and Pastoral Care Providers. For someone to talk to, please contact our Pastoral Care Associates Coordinator, Jeanne L., at [phone] or [email]@earthlink.net. In certain unusual circumstances, the Rev. Ruppert Lovely may be called upon to provide pastoral care, but only if authorized by Pastoral Care Associates Coordinator, Jeanne L., or by staff member Lisa R.

For help with more tangible concerns (such as a ride to church or the doctor), please contact our Pastoral Care Providers Coordinator, Roger Z. at [phone] or [email]@cs.com.

Finally, both Jeanne and Lisa can refer you to a wide range of professional mental health services.

rites of passage

WEDDINGS AND UNION CEREMONIES

Please contact Church Administrator Jean J. for a list of Unitarian Universalist ministers who are qualified to perform weddings and gay/lesbian Holy Union ceremonies at First Church for both members and non-members.

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Services for Members: The Rev. Ruppert Lovely will perform funerals and memorial services in Drew's absence. Please contact Church Administrator Jean J. who will help make the arrangements.

Services for Non-Members: Jean J. can provide you with a list of qualified Unitarian Universalist ministers in the Milwaukee area who may perform your service.

DEDICATIONS OF CHILDREN

Mark Ward will be performing our spring Dedication of Children on Mothers' Day, May 9, 2004. The next Dedication of Children will be in December, 2004.

CHURCH OPERATIONS

The Sabbatical Committee, Drew, and the staff have been working together to assure that church operations will continue to function smoothly in Drew's absence. Church Administrator Jean J. will function as the staff team leader, so questions about the church office or operations should be directed to Jean.

WHOM DO I CONTACT WHEN I NEED...?

Any member of the staff can assist you or direct you to the appropriate staff member to answer your question. But to get you there faster, here are some areas of church operations about which questions are frequently asked, and which staff person can best help you.

Question Regarding	Staff Member
Adult Religious Education	Beryl A.
Annual Report	Sharon M.
Budget	Jean J.
Building Hours	Jean or Sharon
Children's Religious Education	Beryl A.
Church Calendar	Jean J.
Chanticleer Newsletter	Sharon M.
Custodial Services	Jean J.
Event Planning	Jean J.
Fund Raisers	Board Liaison
Meeting Space	Jean J.
Order of Service & Printed Announcements	Sharon M.
Pledge Payment Status	Lisa R.

Beryl A., Director of Religious Education
Jean J., Church Administrator
Sharon M., Church Secretary
Lisa R., Director of Membership and Development