

UUFC - A Sabbatical Guide

In her ninth year of service to our congregation, our Senior Minister, Rev. Jill McAllister, is taking a short sabbatical from April 18 through August 21, 2022.



What is a Ministerial Sabbatical?

The sabbatical leave is a tradition for Unitarian Universalist clergy. Given that a typical ministerial work week is 48 to 60 hours, most UU ministers are granted, by contract, a month of sabbatical leave for each year worked, up to six months at a time. A sabbatical leave offers an extended time for rest, reflection, renewal, study, and contemplation – all needed for sustainable and effective ministry.

A ministerial sabbatical leave is also a good opportunity for congregation members to join in shared ministry by working together, sharing their own insights and skills, and getting to know one another better. Both congregation and minister can benefit, returning from sabbatical time with new energy. During this time Jill is generally not available for Fellowship work or questions. In the case of an emergency, however, such as the death of a member, the Board president and staff will always be able to contact her.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT DURING THE SABBATICAL?

The Sabbatical Planning Team

The Sabbatical Planning Team has developed a coordinated plan for managing Fellowship life during the sabbatical. They have worked with Jill to create a list of everything (!) that needs to be covered while she is gone – focusing primarily on her usual tasks and responsibilities.

Those tasks and responsibilities have been assigned to our supporting ministers and to Fellowship staff and leaders.

Shared Ministry

As always, the Board of Directors and staff, plus all of the Fellowship's councils, teams and committees share responsibility for our ongoing operations and programs. In addition, we have a circle of supporting ministers and consultants. All of this is our Shared Ministry.