

SABBATICAL INFORMATION SHEET

John will be gone on Sabbatical from September 5th 2022 and will return on January 14th 2023. He is taking a total break from his Pastoral duties with us so he can fully immerse himself in his studies and experiences abroad. He will not be answering emails, etc.

If you have need of Pastoral Support or have any church related questions during his absence, please refer to the opposite side of this page for [Contact Information](#).

Worship Services will continue as usual, both in person and online.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND LEADERS

September 11	Martha Swan
September 18	Aaron Maier/Dave Fadden – which to be decided
September 25	RL Stolz
October 2	Jenifer Deming leading Communion. Karen Glass leading Worship
October 9	Annual Meeting with a variety of community members speaking
October 16	Dan Berggren
October 23	Curt Stager
October 30	Dexter Criss
November 6	Jenifer Deming
November 13	Aaron Maier/Dave Fadden – which to be decided
November 20	Pete Nelson
November 27	Advent begins with Laurin McArthur and Susie Allen taking turns leading Worship until John returns

See below for more information on the above Worship Leaders.

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WORSHIP LEADERS DURING JOHN'S SABBATICAL LEAVE

SEPTEMBER 11 - MARTHA SWAN

Martha is the founder and Executive Director of the freedom education and human rights project John Brown Lives! She recently retired from more than 20 years of teaching Spanish, and some French, in Adirondack schools. Some of her best teachers have been her students, the undocumented farmworkers with whom she worked in Arizona, Florida and Arkansas, the people of Central and South America fighting for their rights and their very lives in U.S.-supported military dictatorships and proxy wars, from Chile and Argentina to Nicaragua and El Salvador, and her many colleagues and partners involved in John Brown Lives!

SEPTEMBER 18 - DAVID KANIETAKERON FADDEN

David is an Akwesasne Mohawk artist, author, and storyteller whose artwork has been exhibited at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian and at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. In addition, he is the director of the Six Nations Indian Museum in Onchiota, NY which was founded by his grandfather Ray and his grandmother Christine Fadden, carried on by his father John.

"Growing up in a traditional Mohawk household (one of six Native nations of the Iroquois Confederacy), I was taught from the beginning to respect all living creatures and to view everything as living and having a spirit. I try to reflect this notion in my paintings. Our ceremonies offer thanks and appreciation to all the things that give us life. This appreciation for lifegiving entities is expressed through ancient prayers, songs and dances. I, in my own way, try to express this feeling through my art."

Currently, David, is one of several artists selected by BluSeed Studio in Saranac Lake to create new works of art that address the issue of pollution and its impact on Lake Champlain, one of the projects goals is to use the arts to draw awareness to how our daily lives have a direct effect on Lake Champlain and its tributaries.

Fadden's illustrations have appeared in such children's books as *Native American Stories and Nocturnal Activities for Children*, *Skywoman: Legends of the Iroquois*, and *Walking Two Worlds* as well as in the Discovery Channel's, "How the West was Lost: Always the Enemy".

SEPTEMBER 25 - R L STOLZ

RL moved to Keene in 1985, with his wife Karen, to pursue their dream of building a mountain guiding business; Alpine Adventures. Their careers as guides took them all over the world and exposed them to many extraordinary people and experiences. Along the way, they raised a son, Kevin, and became deeply enamored with their mountain community. In 2014 they began transitioning from mountain guiding to their other passion; photography. That resulted in Vertical Perspectives Photography, which remains active currently. RL recently lost Karen to cancer and that has altered the course of his life in many ways.

OCTOBER 2 - JENIFER DEMING and KAREN GLASS

Jenifer has deep family ties to Keene; she began coming here summers at age 5; her family bought Summerbrook in 1955 and she moved here full time 20 years later. Jenifer is a semi-retired chaplain having been ordained in 2005. Most recently she worked part time at Moriah Shock Correctional Facility until it closed in March.

Karen has been attending KVCC and singing in the choir for more than 40 years. During that time, she has witnessed the presence and contributions of many members. This Sunday is dedicated to seeing ourselves in the continuum of history and the recipient of the many gifts of those on whose shoulders we stand.

OCTOBER 9 - ANNUAL MEETING

Interspersed with worship and the Annual Meeting Charlotte Lichtenberg, Dre Roebuck Fritz Sabbow, Martha Gallagher and Lorraine Duval will share with the congregation what forms their spiritual core and how/where they get their worshipful inspiration.

OCTOBER 16 - DAN BERGGREN

Dan was raised in the Essex County town of Minerva and is a SUNY Fredonia professor emeritus in the field of communication. He has been an occasional guest worship leader since 1984 and for 49 years, a writer and performer of Adirondack songs.

OCTOBER 23 - CURT STAGER

Curt is a climate scientist, ecologist and professor of Natural Sciences at Paul Smith's College. He is the author of *Still Waters: The Secret World of Lakes*.

OCTOBER 30 - DEXTER CRISS

Dr. Dexter Criss is an Associate Professor of Chemistry at Plattsburgh State University College. He is also Choir director for the PSUC Gospel Choir which includes a diverse group of students and faculty involved in the presentation of the American experience through the performance of its musical heritage to both campus and regional community groups.

NOVEMBER 6 – JENIFER DEMING**NOVEMBER 13 – AARON MAIR**

Aaron is the director of the Forever Adirondacks campaign of the Adirondack Council. He is a retired New York State Department of Health epidemiological-spatial analyst and Environmental Justice pioneer and was the 57th president of the nation's oldest and largest environmental organization, the Sierra Club. He is a graduate of, and holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from, Binghamton University. He also trained at Rhode Island's Naval Education and Training Center and attended the American University in Cairo.

Mair was a delegate to the 2001 UN World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance, Durban; pioneering member of the National Black Environmental Justice Network; National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit in Washington DC; a founding member of Friends of Clean Hudson that led the successful fight to dredge PCBs from the Hudson River; and received an EPA Environmental Quality Award for his efforts. Mair was a NYLCV board member, and was the Environmental Justice expert witness for the Sloop Clearwater's Environmental Justice Contention at Indian Point Relicensing Hearings in front of Atomic Safety Licensing Board.

NOVEMBER 20 – PETE NELSON

Pete is a proud Keene resident and is delighted to be part of our community. He is a co-Founder of the Adirondack Diversity initiative and a co-founder of Adirondack Wilderness Advocates. He and his wife Amy have a precious 40-acre inholding well up into the High Peaks, covered in virgin forest, which is their spiritual center.

NOVEMBER 27 THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2023 - SUSIE ALLEN & LAURIN MCARTHUR

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and the Christmas Season. Susie and Laurin will both lead services during this time until John returns after Epiphany on January 14.

Rev. Susie Allen is a spiritual director, helping people nurture the growth of love with God, with self, and with others. She has been leading small groups and retreats for 18 years. Her theological understanding is grounded in the Celtic tradition, and she completed the 3-year program offered by John Philip Newell, the School of Earth and Soul. Susie and her husband, Roger, moved to Keene in 2018, and her family roots here go back over 150 years.

After retiring as a Presbyterian minister in 2019, Laurin and Nancy moved to Keene to live full-time in what had been their vacation cabin since 2011. Prior to entering ministry, Laurin worked for Merrill Lynch in New York City. They have two sons and three grand-children. In his new life in the Adirondacks, Laurin has embraced maple sugaring, beekeeping, and wood-working projects. The latter is a mystery to his children. The McArthurs are delighted to have chosen to reside here and cherish the friendly welcome they have received.