

John Sfondelias spent his career doing computer programming, systems engineering, teaching and computer-based education. His after-career life has included photography, guitar (playing and making them) and spending about 7 1/2 years in Colorado with his wife, Sheila, before being re-absorbed back into the vortex of Champaign-Urbana. He has practiced yoga for over 40 years - which has kept his body from completely falling apart and his mind somewhat sane.

Michaela Kruse was raised an ELCA Lutheran, but discovered Unitarianism in college when her then boyfriend, now husband, Adam, sent her a link to an online quiz titled "What religion are you?" They both took the quiz, both found they were UUs and have been attending UU churches or churches with UU ministers ever since. Michaela is currently taking a break from her profession as a Registered Dietitian to raise her children, Gloria, age 6, and Calvin, age 2. When she has time, her favorite hobby is to act in community theatre productions.

Rick and Lisa Morgan enjoy a blended family of four children and 11 grandchildren. Later this year they begin a new chapter in their lives together, a happy and fulfilling retirement which will include their involvement in this congregation, travel, time with family, and lots of relaxation.

Pat Feely grew up in Decatur but moved to Champaign/Urbana to raise her daughter Clare & son Conor both of whom are now young adults and pursuing their own passions, so Pat is excited to be entering the next phase of her life. Pat works in the health insurance industry where she recently participated in an event which asked her to identify her core values – which for her included openness, kindness, equality, love and wisdom. This experience reminded her how grateful she is to have discovered this church community where we are all valued and respected as **wildly** extraordinary and unique. Pat has discovered kindred spirits here who appreciate and respect our differences knowing that together we can collaborate to make the world a better place.

Maureen Warren and Allison Hanson met at the University of Kansas as undergraduates and have been married 13 years. They lived in Chicago 7 years before moving to Champaign three years ago, with their now 3-year-old twin daughters: Anna and Sophie. Maureen is a curator of European and American Art at the Krannert Art Museum. Allison is a social worker at Carle, working on the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Amanda Christenson, Bob Jacobs, and their daughter (Maggie) are new residents of Champaign, Illinois. Amanda works with the Master Naturalist program here in east central Illinois. Bob is a special education teacher and he is still working in Galesburg until Summer when he can finally join Maggie and Amanda here in Chambana. Amanda has lived in rural Illinois her whole life while Bob grew up near the Twin Cities in Minnesota. They got married almost two years ago under a big oak tree. Their family enjoys adventures to nature and small farms, visiting family in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the southwest, and indulging in nerdy television. They always seek out community and are glad to be here.

Sara McDougall has just retired from a quarter century of advising young engineering students. She was raised an Episcopalian and discovered UUCUC through the secretary of the Episcopal Church who was a member of UUCUC. Sara has been creeping toward joining our church community for five + years and was finally noticed and welcomed by Florence and so she signed the Book!