Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar Sabbatical



What is sabbatical?
A time of rest and renewal for a pastor that allows him/her to sustain the call to the pastoral vocation.

Is Rebekah coming back?
Yes.

The sabbatical is a time of renewal to enable the pastor to continue to serve. Rebekah looks forward to returning to GSPC after these three months.

When?
June 16 - Sept. 15, 2025

Who will be our pastor?
Rev. Anne H.K. Apple

Rev. Apple has served in several congregations, including as an intern at GSPC 25 years ago. Anne will be full-time at GSPC during Rebekah's absence



How is the sabbatical funded?
Clergy Renewal Grant -- Lilly Foundation

Rebekah and GSPC applied for and received a grant of almost $60,000 to fund Rebekah's sabbatical travels and cover the cost of temporary pastoral leadership.

I need something. Whom should I contact?

Please contact Anne Apple (anne@gspcmobile.org) for pastoral needs. Other church staff can help you with logistical needs. Committee chairs can be reach for specific committee requests.

What is Rebekah doing on sabbatical?

Family Trip to Great Britain

June 23-July 16

London, Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon
Ambleside (Lake District)
Edinburgh, St. Andrews, Fort William
Isle of Skye, Loch Ness



Other Trips

Chicago
(Rebekah and Ashley)
late July

Boston and Walden Pond
(Rebekah and her mother)
Labor Day wkend

Ocean Springs
(Rebekah)
early Sept.

Zick Preaching Scholars Retreat Highlands, NC
(Rebekah and her preaching group)
August 24-28

A Shared Prayer

Holy God,
Bless pastor and congregation as we are parted from one another. Bring renewal and recreation, discernment and deepened faith, and bind us through your Holy Spirit until we are once again worshiping and serving together. Through Christ we pray, Amen