

Revised on 2020 Pulpit Supply List

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We hope you will find this pulpit supply list helpful to you. We welcome feedback from you. Please feel free to call the Regional Center at 913-432-1414, if you want more information or assistance. Typical honorarium range: from \$125-\$200.

Rev. Gary Armour, Phone — 913-609-1345 Email: garv@familycounselingkc.com

My preaching style is Biblical and practical. My goal is to apply The Word of God to our human condition. In the sermon, help connect the presence of Christ with the people of God so that we may find hope and joy in the midst of pain and suffering. I also use humor and personal stories to illustrate the hope that is in the Message. I am an ordained Pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and was a full time minister for over 35 years in Disciple congregations in Missouri and Kansas. I have a BA in Psychology from UMKC and a Master of Divinity from St. Paul School of Theology. I am in a full-time counseling practice as a Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist at Lifeline Counseling Center in Olathe, Kansas.

Rev. Terry Barnes, Cell phone - 816-813-3102, and leave a message. Email: ternbarnes@gmail.com

The fall of 2015 I retired from the ministry after 35 years. I pastored Woods Memorial Christian Church in Excelsior Springs for 19 years. I am now a member of Hillside Christian Church where I was ordained in 1983. I am open to pulpit supply any Sunday. My sermons are Biblically based, expository, with application for today. With advance notice, I can give pastoral prayer, children's chat, and help lead in the singing, if I know the hymns. I live near Worlds of Fun with easy access to the interstate system. My wife will most likely not accompany me on pulpit supply dates because of her involvement in our son's church.

Rev. Ronald W. Bowen, Phone: 816-228-4323 816-519-5056 (cell), Email: bowenrw99@att.net

Rev. Ronald W. Bowen retired from full-time ministry October 1, 2015 after serving the church as either a minister or associate minister for 35 years. A 1980 graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY a school which at the time was considered a very progressive school for the Southern Baptist denomination. While at the school Rev. Bowen helped for the American Baptist Student Fellowship which served the 100 ABC Student who attended the seminary. The purpose of the fellowship was to maintain a close connection with the denomination and develop an understanding of American Baptist polity. Rev. Bowen spent the first 17 years serving in the American Baptist Churches in the USA, in Ohio, Illinois and Missouri. During that time in addition to serving local congregations as pastor he was active in regional ministry and supportive -of the

regional camping program. He served as a member of Christian Education and Evangelism committees as well as leading workshops in the area Christian Education and youth ministry. In 1997 Rev. was called to the position of Associate Minister at Fairview Christian Church. One of the qualifications of the call was Ron would seek to have his standing approved by the Kansas City Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). In May of 1998 received his standing as a Disciple's minister. After serving at Fairview for 7 years as associate minister and the last 15 months was during the church's interim period where a long time pastor retired and a new pastor was called. In 2005 Rev. Bowen was called to serve Good Shepherd Christian Church in Blue Springs, MO as their minister. During this period the church was strengthened in the areas of community service and mission focus. After serving Good Shepherd for 10 years Rev. Bowen retired from full time Christian ministry.

Rev. Sondra Bowers, Phone: 816-853-1070, Email: sondra.bowers@vahoo.com

Through storytelling and current events I try to make scripture come to life. I prefer to use technology for additional emphasis if available including music, YouTube videos and still pictures. I will stand behind a pulpit if necessary but would prefer to be in open area if available. I use a Tablet with notes rather than a manuscript on paper.

Rev. Jacky Buck, Phone: 913-780-4790 (home) 913-558-7878 (cell), Email: iackydb@comcast.net

My ministry since 1980 has included supply preaching as regional staff and in local congregations. I have discovered that I enjoy the preparation as well as meeting people in different areas. would like to continue this ministry during my retirement while continuing my participation in my local congregation.

Rev. George W. Campbell, Phone: (816) 455-4456 Email: george.w.campbell@att.net

I have been an ordained clergyperson in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for many years and have enjoyed the preaching aspects of pastoral ministry. I have been an interim pastor in a number of congregations in the Greater Kansas City Region. I served on the Greater Kansas City Regional Staff for a number of years coordinating the Disciple Men ministry, and enjoy public speaking. I would prefer limiting my preaching options to the Greater Kansas City Region.

Dr. Don E. Canfield, 816-228-3804 (home): 816 225-3399 (cell), Email: decanfield@comcast.net

I do match-making preaching: match the text to the congregation, match the text to understanding and relevance for listeners, and match the meaning of the text to the current meaning of the people and in the sermon invite them on the journey of understanding and application. I prepare the sermon by looking at the text, seeking to understand the circumstances and meaning of the text when written and faithfully bringing that meaning to a renewed relevance of those who hear it. I embrace much of Craddock's approach. (I only wish I could prepare and preach a sermon as successfully as he.) I write the sermon (which I enjoy), learn the sermon (which I dislike) and preach without notes so I can constantly engage the listeners, rationally, emotionally and visually.

Rev. Sharon Cantrell, Phone 913-909-2126, Email: sscantrell@yahoo.com

I am probably unique to pulpit supply- as a late bloomer, after 30 years as a social worker, I attended seminary and graduated and was ordained in 2011. I have not preached weekly but have done pulpit supply a number of times. I love to preach and enjoy the exegesis involved in writing messages. My uniqueness perhaps centers on my Urban Ministry work with Micah ministry at Independence Blvd Christian Church, and the desire to thank congregations who have participated in our region. I have a desire to make others aware of this important Regional ministry. I love to preach both on my ministry at Micah, but also on my study of who God calls us to be.

Rev. Lee Chiaramonte, Phone: 816-231-0016 (IBCC) 913-262-7627 (H), Email: revchiaramonte@aol.com

I am only available during the month of January to preach. I am the Senior Pastor of Independence Boulevard Christian Church for 13 years and the Executive Director of the Micah Ministry. I have taught extensively at seminary and one Catholic university; I've been the chaplain to NewHouse (Battered Women and Children's) Shelter for five years; and I have been in fulltime ministry for about 20 years. I am the mother of three, including two special-needs children. I usually preach a 15-20 minute sermon that I have written out and become familiar with. I enjoy preaching on gratitude, doubt, forgiveness, discipleship; the changing American family; sacramental formation, American church history; the "Protestant principle," theological musings on the nature of God and personal and congregational lifecycle themes.

Rev. Margi Colerick, 816-941-2828 (home), 816-799-2780 (cell) margirev47@kc.rr.com

Been in ministry 45 years. MRE, Brite. MDiv. Central. I write a manuscript, but don't read it. Biblical and Topical; Use stories or power point to illustrate the message. Enjoy doing original drama sermons. I can do traditional or praise worship. Other skills: teach piano, play guitar, earned a US Coast Guard 100 ton Captain's license, display 600+ nativities each Advent. Additional: 1 husband, 3 kids, 7 grandkids, 6 rescued dogs, 6 trips to Ireland, hoping for #7.

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Rev. Elsa Cook, Phone: 207-400-6714, Email: elsaacook@gmail.com

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The Rev. Elsa A. Cook is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She studied studio art at Skidmore College and received a Masters of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. Elsa has served churches in New York City, Maine, Washington and Pennsylvania. She believes in the power of community, that poverty can end in our lifetime and that everyone needs a little more love. She hopes to be an agent for change in the church as she encourages ordinary people to take bold risks for love.

Rev. Nancy Cook, Phone: 913-660-4993, Email: iodic92@vahoo.com

I am an Ordained Minister through Greater Kansas City Disciples of Christ Region. I graduated from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in 2015. My home church is First Christian Church of Blue Springs Mo. I work as a Hospice Chaplain for Crossroads Hospice in Lenexa KS.

Rev. Fred Daniels, Phone: 913-620-6126, Email: fred.daniels@sbcglobal.net

My name is Fred Daniels. I answered to call of Jesus to serve Him in any way I could back around 1972. †

was ordained a DOC pastor in 1985 and have thoroughly enjoyed 'preaching Jesus Christ and Him crucified' (1 Cor. 2:2). I love to bring God's word to His people with love and challenging message. I am also very passionate about discipling believers and helping them see the call of Christ for their lives. I love to tell the gospel story!

Rev. Terry Chamberlain Diehl, Phone: 913-219-8520, Email: terrvcdiehl@gmail.com

After earning two degrees from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Terry Chamberlain Diehl attended and graduated from the Yale University Divinity School. She also studied a year at New College, the divinity school at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and spent time in the Holy Land.

She was ordained at Creighton Christian Church, Phoenix, AZ, in 1975. Rev. Diehl served as the pastor of Hickman Mills Community Christian Church, Kansas City, MO, for 39 years and especially enjoyed preaching, teaching Bible studies, and leading summer mission trips. She is an oblate of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, KS. Rev. Diehl and her husband of 44 years, Rev. Dr. Paul J. Diehl, have three children.

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I preach such that I can make connections, connections between ourselves as members of the Body of Christ, connections between texts so that we may grow in our understanding of the entirety of Gods story, and connections to our world as we apply the messages of scripture and enter into the world as the hands and feet of Jesus. When I preach, I routinely leave the pulpit behind to allow more authentic connection between the congregation and myself by literally removing some of the space between us. The Bible is one continuous story, so when teaching it, I explain the historical and social context and strive to make connections to other areas of scripture, such that we all develop a deeper understanding of the overwhelming love of God for each of us and the entirety of Gods redemption story. Similarly, if we truly believe what the author of the letter to the Hebrews tells us, that "the word of God is living and active," then surely that living word must compet us to act. Jesus is the cure for all the ailments of the world, so when preaching, I lift up how the scripture applies to each of us as individuals and to our world today. Then finally, my goal is to empower and challenge each of us to enter into the world, proclaiming the wonders of our Savior and serving as people shaped by His unending mercy and grace.

Rev. Tammy Eaton, Phone: 816-885-0240 Email: revtammveaton@gmail.com

I am an on call chaplain at Truman Medical Center who enjoys the opportunities I have to preach at the hospital but that is only every 6-8 weeks. I am a practical theologian and my preaching involves real life application. I am always rooted in the scripture, appropriate stories, often emphasizing God's love, offering hope. Flexible-generally 15 minute range.

Rev. Irwin Edwards, Phone: 816-348-7555, Email: edwardsnaz2010@yahoo.com

Rev. Irwin Edwards, M.Div., B.A. was called to preach at the age of 27. I started preaching at the K.C. Rescue Mission and then preached for 5 years at a bi-vocational pastorate assignment. I preached for 16 years as a full time pastor. I am now on active retirement status seeking opportunities to supply preach. My mission is to see the kingdom of God grow by the shed blood and cross of Jesus Christ.

Rev. James "Buck" Firth, Phone: 913-341-0879, Email: bfirth49@gmail.com

Rev. James "Buck" Firth, ordained UCC pastor with DOC standing, available for pulpit supply and/or parttime ministries after completion of interim ministry in Wisconsin probably sometime in November/December 2016.

Chaplain Veronica Fallah, M.Div. Phone: 816-616-6485 Email: gkcdwm@kcdisciples.org

Rev. George Flanagan, D.Min. Phone: 816-304-4798 (mobile), Email: feorge670@kc.rr.com

Two important traits characterize my preaching: (1) the scripture informs the purpose and remains present throughout the sermon, and (2) the form is narrative, somewhat after Lowry's "homiletical plot." I strive to convey respect for the congregation, for scripture, and for Christ. I favor the Lectionary because it challenges me to discover thesis and purpose in the scripture for the preaching event in real time. I was a hospital chaplain for 25 years, and now serve in interim/transitional ministry. I also teach healthcare ethics to nursing and medical students.

Rev. Mindy Fugarino, Phone: 408-208-8880, Email: miwfugarino@hotmail.com

Rev. Mindy Fugarino serves both as Associate Spiritual Director at Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center in KCK and as Spiritual Guide for the Federal Prison's Life Connections Program in Leavenworth. Loving stories of Scripture and of how God is still at work in our daily lives, she enjoys exploring how we open ourselves to the Spirit for transformation, healing, and full participation in God's kingdom here and now. With approximately 20 years in ministry, she has served multiple congregations as Co-pastor and as an Intentional Interim working for congregational transformation.

Rev. Paula D. Gold, Phone: Home: 816-427-5486, Cell: 816-929-0771, Email: pauladgold@gmail.com

I was ordained in Oklahoma in 1969 and served as pastor in churches in Oklahoma and Texas for eight years. I was the first woman Chaplain in the Federal Prison System and served for 12 years (Oklahoma, California, Texas, and New York). was certified as a Clinical Pastoral Education Supervisor (CPE) in 1987 and presently I serve at the Kansas City VA. look forward to providing pulpit supply in the Kansas City Region.

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Rev. Cynthia Crabbs Heller Phone 913-706-2768 Email: revcrabbs.heller@gmail.com

I have a Master's of Divinity and Certificate of Doctoral Studies from St. Paul School of Theology. I currently work as a school nurse full-time in order to stay in the Midwest (close to grown children in Kansas City and within driving distance of aging parents in Oklahoma) and to pay off school loans (nursing pays better than ministry). I finally have a grand-baby and plenty of pictures to prove it. I have loved leading worship since I was a teen-ager and have chaired more than one Worship committee over the years. I occasionally preach at Vespers services at Foxwood Springs and Kingswood, but would enjoy being able to preach and lead worship at other congregations, especially during summer break I enjoy sharing the Word of God in many ways and appreciate the honor of preaching it from the pulpit. I now have one of my sermons on my LinkedIn page. I regret I can't do more as an ordained minister, but practical considerations have had to take first place as I age. I am a member of Blue Valley Christian Church.

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Tabatha Johnson: 816-518-2551 Email: tdjohnson76@hotmail.com

Rev. Tabatha Johnson is available for pulpit supply and short-term/sabbatical pastoral coverage. She is currently a part-time chaplain with the Kansas City VA Medical Center. She has sixteen years of ministry experience, and has served as a Sabbatical Pastor, Senior Pastor, Family Life Minister, and Chaplain. Tabatha is a graduate of Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, KS. and is ordained through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and is in good standing through the Greater Kansas City Region. She is co-Editor of [Still A Mother: Journeys through perinatal bereavement](#), published in 2016 by Judson Press. She lives in Lee's Summit, MO with her husband and their children. Her cell is 816-518-2551 and email is tdjohnson76@hotmail.com.

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Disciples minister, ordained in October, 1998. Served as interim minister at Hillcrest CC, Redbridge CC and Lone Jack CC prior to current ministry as Hospice Chaplain at the KC Hospice House. Preaching style is to move outside of and away from the pulpit and bring the Good News of Gods saving grace in a conversational tone. Topics are all scriptural based and relevant to today's every day walk of life.

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Ordained Minister, Chaplain, M. Div. We live in a world that is shattered. Many people seek answers for comfort. My role is to use the guidance of Jesus Christ, to offer words of encouragement, with hope that people's lives will be restored.

Rev. Timothy Meier, Phone 816-679-5602. Email: timary74@yahoo.com

Graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in 1976 and served Lutheran congregations in northern Wisconsin from 1976 to 1989. In 1990 we were called to join our synodical mission team in Taiwan and served with that team until 1995. In 1995 we and others left our synod and became independent. My wife, Mary, and I continued to serve in Taiwan until 2005 when we returned to the states and settled in Independence, MO. We became members of Raytown Christian Church and I received DOC preaching credentials in 2006. We have served as elders and in other capacities at RCC since that time. I will be happy to provide more information if desired, but this is probably enough for now. References: Rev Joe & Rev Dawn Weaks.

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Mary Beth Minges mbminges@hotmail.com

I am currently serving as a Staff Chaplain at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. I have been in ministry throughout my life, including youth ministry, campus ministry, faith formation and teaching. I was ordained in 2013. I am willing to preach in any congregation in the Region. The best way to contact me is by phone: 913-683-0000.

Rev. Tom Minges, Phone 816.304.6265, Email: tomg928@qmail.com

Preaching focus: I tend to rely on the Lectionary for Scriptural direction, though happily deviate from that if some other theme is more appropriate in a particular setting. I'm not a long preacher, like to use stories; I'm intrigued by Jesus' parable style, so am comfortable with ambiguity and prefer to leave the congregation with something to think about rather than give an answer. I would say I'm on the progressive side, theologically I think my delivery is interesting and engaging (don't we all).

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Douglas Reece, Phone: 816-532-3154 (home) 816-223-3144(cell) Email: Dougrece52@gmail.com MINISTRY OBJECTIVE: To communicate the Word of God which meets people where they are through the gospel of Christ, listening to their questions, and walking with them as they seek wholeness and deeper relationships with God, themselves, family and their community.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND: I am married to a wonderful lady named Gayle. Gayle is a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor for a major environmental engineering firm and travels extensively. We have lived here in the Smithville/Platte City area since 1996. We moved to back to Kansas City as we were both transferred here with work which was a blessing from God. t finished my Masters from Covington Theological Seminary and still continue to work as a chief operating officer of a Non-Profit organization in St. Joseph, MO. (A complete resume for Douglas Reece is available-contact the GKC Regional Office).

Dr. Stephen Regas, Phone: 816-373-3014 (H), 816-454-0935 (cell), sregas@encompassmed.com

I am originally from Kansas City and a graduate of Brite Divinity School. I was ordained in 1984 and served as the installed pastor of a small church in eastern Kansas for six years. After that I changed career directions and went to medical school. I have been a practicing family physician for 17 years. I am a member, Elder and former Board Chair of Liberty Christian Church. I would describe my preaching style as traditional- usually following the lectionary and emphasizing the historical background of the Scriptures.

Rev. Paul Southard, Phone: 913-495-9566, Email: southard@kc.rr.com

I started in parish ministry, and in recent years have been in social work. I see preaching as an encounter between the preacher and listeners focusing on the love and grace of God. I like to draw on illustrations to help the listener grasp something from the text(s) for the particular service. The sermon involves study and communication to the listeners of thoughts of the living with God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. The sermon should raise questions and be personal in the lives of the listeners and help them grasp the "meat" of a scripture passage. The sermon is rooted in the context of the whole Bible.

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Rev. James Vertreese, Phone: 816-509-1161, Email: ilvert@earthlink.net

I am Rev. James L. Vertreese, a native of Kansas City, Missouri. I am married to Annetta and we have three sons. am currently the Administrative Pastor for New Vision Christian Church (DOC), Kansas City, MO. Since entering the ministry in 2008, I have found sharing the preached Word to be most rewarding and personally fulfilling. I believe that God's Word is still alive and fresh and I attempt to bring a message that is relevant to the times, in which we live.

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Jim is available to offer a personal testimony of his journey of faith into his current mission work in Guatemala with Kairos North America - a ministry of First Christian Church Blue Springs.

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As for how preaching is a part of my life, it is what I do best in ministry. I LOVE to preach and prepare for worship. I've been told by many who have heard me preach that I am an excellent preacher; I have a Sermon List of individuals from churches where I have been over the years that receive my sermons whenever I preach. Not only does it help to keep in contact, it is a way to share the message of God's incredible love! Sadly, many people don't know just how incredible God's love is.

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Rev. Don Wiltfong, Home 816-220-0501, cell: 816-721-7221, Email: dwiltfong@att.net

Having graduated from Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Oregon, in 1979, I earned a Master of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, and in 1983 was ordained by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pacific Southwest Region at my home church in El Cajon, California. For 21 years after ordination I served four churches in Indiana and Missouri. Moving to secular work in the fall of 2004, I am now employed by Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City, Missouri. I currently play in the Journey Band (acoustic guitar and vocals) which provides music every week at Lee's Summit Christian Church, where my wife, Beth, and I are members.

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