



From the
Board of Trustees
of the
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Elkhart
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Dear Members and Friends of UUFE:

As you know, Rev. Amy Kulesza DeBeck announced yesterday that she will be resigning as our minister effective December 31, 2021. She has had a long journey with us but feels that her time with us has come to an end and it is time for her to leave.

The Board of Trustees shares the distress and shock of all friends and members of UUFE at this unexpected announcement, and will be working with the congregation and the Rev. Lisa Presley of the MidAmerica Region to help all of us deal with the natural anxiety of this transition. By all means, feel free to contact any member of the Board of Trustees to discuss the situation.

The final service by our minister will be on December 26, and we hope that all will attend, hopefully as a live service but possibly as a Zoom service. May we be together in celebration, not only of our journey these past 13 years with Rev. Amy but also of the ongoing strength, commitment, and resilience of this community.

There is much to be done to prepare ourselves and our UUFE community for the future. As a first step, The Board of Trustees will be learning of and discussing our options for the transition. We have already contacted the MidAmerica Regional Staff and soon will be exploring the different styles of ministry best suited to our future needs.

There will be problems, of course, but there are exciting possibilities. With the ever increasing understanding of how to deal with the Covid virus, we hope soon to again meet together in our beloved UUFE sanctuary or the Gathering Place for services, with children in our renovated classrooms, and with parties and potlucks as part of the thriving social life we once had. We strongly believe that this transition can be a positive opportunity for reflection for our congregation.

In the meantime, the Board welcomes your comments, questions, or suggestions.

Yours in beloved community,

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