

Phil Haslanger and Ellen Reuter

We have four grown children along with their spouses and children, but we are the only ones living in Fitchburg. Phil is 68 and Ellen is 66. Phil's two children from his first marriage are Brian (Tina) and Sarah (Jason). Brian and Tina live in Portland, Oregon and have two children. Sarah and Jason live in Lawrence, Kansas and have four children. Phil and Ellen's son Michael lives in Phoenix with his wife, Kasey and their daughter, Julia, lives in Chicago with her husband, Justin.



For most of his adult life, Phil was a journalist, primarily working for The Capital Times. He began his journey into ministry in 2003 and was ordained in 2007, when he began serving Memorial UCC. Ellen was a social worker/family therapist for much of her career and now is a spiritual director and an artist.

They came to Memorial UCC primarily because Phil was called to serve as a pastor here, but they have both been thrilled to be part of such vibrant congregation, enjoying the people, being moved by the music, being inspired by the generosity and outreach of the people here.

When Phil retires at the end of June, they will remain in Fitchburg but look forward to having more time together and to seeking out new adventures in the years ahead.



The family at work (with a little help from John Rosch).