

The Ministerial Search Committee of UUFVB unanimously and enthusiastically recommends that we call the Rev. Scott Alexander as our next settled minister.



Rev. Scott Alexander

Experience

The Rev. Scott W. Alexander has been senior minister of the River Road Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Bethesda, MD, for 12 years. During his ministry, that congregation completed a \$4.3 million dollar renovation and its budget doubled from half a million to over a million. Membership grew from 580 to 640, and the religious education enrollment went from 180 to 280. With nearly 36 years of experience as a UU minister, Rev. Alexander also served as senior minister of the denomination-wide Church of the Larger Fellowship, and was pastor at both the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield, NJ, and at the First Church of Houlton, ME. Rev. Alexander has written and edited several books and conducted training for other UU ministers.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies, Lawrence University; Master of Divinity, Thomas Starr King School for the Ministry; Clinical Pastoral Education, Memphis Institute for Medicine and Religion.

Personal

Rev. Alexander has been partnered with H. Collins Mikesell since 1981. Collins, who currently is a senior analyst with the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, DC, would split his time between Vero and Washington during the initial years of this ministry.

Quotes from Rev. Alexander's Ministerial Packet "I am a young and energetic 60 year old who is a long way from seeking retirement. My recent successful completion of two, 30- day, 120 miles a day, charity cross-country bike rides speak to my physical and emotional vitality. I feel at the top of my intellectual, spiritual, emotional and physical game. I still delight in this calling of ministry, and believe my prior experiences have prepared me to serve a new congregation with maturity, excitement, and care. I love the life of the mind, the amazing dynamic that is a congregation, and the diverse and varied tasks and duties of ministry. Every aspect of congregation life is important, and I am ready to provide attentive, mission-based leadership to the congregation that is committed to serving our liberal faith, both within the congregation and in the wider world and community."

River Road UU Congregation website for more information: www.rruuc.org

Candidating Week Tentative Schedule, April 9-18, 2010

Note: Blocks of meeting times are reserved throughout the week, during which committees and other groups will have a chance to interact with the Rev. Scott Alexander.

Friday, April 9: 5-6:30 p.m.--Reception with the Board of Trustees and Ministerial Search Committee, in the lobby.

Saturday, April 10: 10-11:30 a.m.--Meeting with past presidents in the choir room.
3-6 p.m.--Open house reception for the entire congregation in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be served.

Sunday, April 11: 10 a.m.--Rev. Scott Alexander preaches his first sermon, "Lessons Learned Along the Way." 11:45 a.m.-- Pizza lunch for all youth and their parents, Fellowship Hall. 4 p.m.--Gathering at Indian River Estates. Pastoral care visits.

Monday, April 12: Meetings to be scheduled.

Tuesday, April 13: Meetings to be scheduled.

Wednesday, April 14: 12-1:30 p.m.--Brown bag luncheon forum in Fellowship Hall, at which time congregants will be able to interact with and ask questions of the candidate. Other meetings to be scheduled.

Thursday, April 15: 5-6:30 p.m.--Forum in the sanctuary at which time congregants will be able to interact with and ask questions of the candidate. Other meetings to be scheduled.

Friday, April 16: No group activities planned.

Saturday, April 17: 6 p.m.--Auction occurs, Fellowship Hall (tickets must be purchased). Other meetings to be scheduled.

Sunday, April 18: 10 a.m.--Rev. Scott Alexander preaches his second sermon, "Taking Your Turn in the Channel." Congregational meeting and vote immediately following.