

Dear Members and Friends,

The Pastoral Transition team is pleased to announce that on behalf of the Congregational Church of Amherst UCC, we have entered into covenant with Katherine (Kate) Rogers, for the position of full time Acting Associate Pastor. This is a temporary position, to be filled by Kate from August 13, 2018 through June 30, 2019. In this role of Acting Associate Pastor, Kate Roger's duties include but are not limited to:

- Provide leadership and spiritual guidance for the Senior High Youth Group program for the church, including organizing and attending the annual mission trip.
- Support and conduct Sunday Worship services and special services including preaching on a monthly basis. Share responsibility for conducting all rites and sacraments of the church with the Acting Senior Pastor.
- Share responsibility for pastoral care and pastoral visitations for the congregation with the Acting Senior Pastor and the Congregational Care team.
- Support lay leaders, church organization and management efforts. Attend Council, Deacons, Staff, and other team meetings as appropriate.

The congregation is encouraged to support Kate throughout this period to help make her tenure as Acting Associate Pastor as productive and successful for the church and herself as possible. Kate is not yet ordained but will be entering the final stages of the ordination process this fall. She will be licensed by the UCC to serve the sacraments during her time with us.

As a reminder, a needs assessment study is underway and along with subsequent discernment efforts, will ultimately help the congregation refine the church's staffing requirements, as well as review specific pastoral roles, responsibilities, and goals. While these efforts are ongoing, Kate as our Acting Associate Pastor, will make sure we provide the continuity and the attention necessary to continue to grow and nurture the SHYG program, as well support Pastor Maureen in her new role as Acting Senior Pastor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the undersigned.

[Read Kate's Bio here](#)

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