

Introducing
REVEREND CRAIG HABERMAN



PERSONAL/FAMILY INFO:

I am single. I have two married sons, Kirk and Christopher and six grandchildren, ranging in age from two years to ten years old. Kirk, his wife Kim, and family live in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and Christopher, his wife Meg and family live in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

EDUCATION:

High School Diploma:	Park of Cottage Grove	1974
Bachelor of Science	Bemidji State University	1978
Majors	Physics (Education) Mathematics (Education) Coaching Certificate	
Master of Divinity	United Theological Seminary Dayton, Ohio	1984

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS AND MINISTRY RELATED WORK:

Community UMC, Union City, OH (Student Pastor)	1982 – 1985
Verndale UMC, Central UMC	1985 – 1993
Mobile Ministry (Kabetogama UMC, Crane Lake Chapel)	1993 – 2001
Grace United Methodist Church, Moorhead, MN	2001 – 2010
Tracy United Methodist Church	2010 – 2016
Alexandria United Methodist Church	2016-present

VISION FOR THE CHURCH:

While the Church isn't the only place God is present in our world, I do believe it is God's focused presence in Christ. The Church is unique in that here all ages gather together, at the intersection between families and society, to consider the realities of God, meaning, purpose, and values, while marking the passages of birth (baptism), growing up (confirmation), adult life (marriage), and death (funerals/grieving). This is who we are as a community.

We United Methodists in Minnesota are used to people moving toward us. We are just beginning to learn the essential role of being servants to the community, of moving outward to share the love of Christ and to serve others in our settings.

WHY I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING ELY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

I have served a variety of congregations, in terms church size and geographical location, in Minnesota. These churches have been in open country, small towns, medium size towns, and the Fargo-Moorhead area. The size of the town of Ely and the congregation are very much to my liking. I have spent fifty-two years in the lake/forest country of the Minnesota/Canadian border and feel very much at home here.

WHAT DO I DO FOR FUN AND ENJOYMENT:

I try to spend as much time as possible outdoors, doing something active in all seasons. My special interests include running, hiking, and canoeing. I also enjoy reading a wide variety of books and articles. Although my family is relatively far away, I try to spend as much time with them as possible, electronically and in person.