

From Pastor Tom

Who am I? People are starting to ask!

I grew up in Sheboygan, the son of Dr Irvin and Loretta Schroeder. I have a brother in California and two sisters in Wisconsin. I graduated from Sheboygan North High and from what is now Carroll University. I went to seminary at Vanderbilt Divinity School, part of Vanderbilt University.

In 1979 I was ordained and called to Christ UCC in Orrville, Ohio as the Assistant Minister. Later that year I married my wife, Beverly. While in Orrville, our daughter, Nicole, was born.

In 1985 I accepted a call to serve Irondequoit UCC as the Associate Pastor. Irondequoit is just north of Rochester, NY. While we were in Rochester our son, Robert, was born.

In 1989 I accepted the call to serve as Pastor and Teacher at Grace UCC in Kohler and the family moved back to Wisconsin, a place we always vacationed, in order to visit with family. I remained at Grace until I retired in 2017.

Now I spend my time planning my next trip, often going to California, where both of our children live. Besides travelling I also spend time learning and improving any skills that I have involving photography and birding. I enjoy any reason to be outside, and especially on the water. I enjoy hiking, biking, swimming, boating, sailing, canoeing, and even just sitting, any way possible to be outside.

I look forward to getting to know you as I share myself with you over these coming months.

God bless.