



Rev. Aaron Rieder (he/him)

At Large

Association: Southwest Association

Home Church: First Congregational Church UCC, Union City

Aaron was born and raised in Bourbonnais, Illinois. Aaron graduated from Olivet Nazarene University in 2003 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. After teaching for several years, Aaron decided to pursue a call to ministry. He and his wife Kristen, a native of Michigan, moved to Cheboygan, where Aaron became the pastor of a small church in another denomination for several years. After leaving his first church, Aaron started working as an interim pastor at the First Congregational Church of Cheboygan. A year later, both Aaron and the church decided that they were a good fit and Aaron was ordained and installed as the pastor of the First Congregational Church of Cheboygan in 2008. When the First Congregational Church of Cheboygan decided to rejoin the UCC, Aaron sought Privilege of Call to have his ordination recognized by the UCC. This process was completed in 2024. Aaron has been called to First Congregational Church UCC in Union City, and will begin his new position on June 30, 2025. An At-Large position on the Board of Directors fits well with his move from UNA to SWA. He is moving to Union City with his wife, three children, two dogs, and a flock of homing pigeons and enjoys astronomy, science fiction, hunting and target shooting in his spare time.