



# THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

To: Clerks of Session/Moderators in Vacant Pulpits  
From: Pam Garner, Office Administrator  
Re: Pulpit Supply—July thru December 2018  
Date: June 26, 2018

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The following persons have expressed an interest in pulpit supply preaching. You can establish availability by directly contacting the persons listed.

Kathy Cooper  
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Kathy Cooper is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and has recently been Certified Ready to Receive a Call. Kathy loves helping people come alive to Jesus through engagement in Scripture, sharing of life stories, and helping people reflect theologically on their lives and work. In her 27 years of ministry with InterVarsity (campus ministry), Kathy has developed skills and expertise in Bible study and teaching, leadership development and training, cultivating hospitable and diverse teams, listening, and theological reflection on work.

The Rev. Christine Johnson Foster  
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Member of Presbytery of New England for last 20 years. Most recently served as Co-Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church for almost 15 years. She is interim trained and currently seeking next call to serve in ministry.



The Rev. James Keller  
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Author of Three Islands in My Life and Ministry, a memoir that tells about membership in Iona Scotland, 2 years asst. minister in Scottish church, 10 years pastor in S. Bronx, 19 years E.D. of Ecumenical Ministry in MA working with Hispanics developing community organizations, including being founding president of community health center for low income people, which now has 60K patients. Lived and worked 4 years in Mexico building houses that became a Habitat for Humanity affiliate. Speaks Spanish as well as English.

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As a member of Hudson River Presbytery, while living in CT, she specializes in Supply Preaching. She received a History B.A. from Swarthmore College with its Quaker tradition, and an M.Div. from YDS. At U. of Glasgow, she studied with William Barclay. Serving as a parish pastor for 23 years in Michigan, Ohio and New York, developed her preaching skills. Judicatory service has included Commissioner to G.A.1999, Ordination Exam Reader, 2 Preparation for Ministry Committees and the original Task Force and Committee on CLPs.

The Rev. Carol North  
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Before retiring, Carol North served churches in the DC and Northern VA areas. Her primary focus there was in evangelism/church growth. Since moving to CT in 2002 she has enjoyed helping two UCC churches celebrate significant historic milestones (250 and 300-year anniversaries). Carol brings messages of grace and hope that speak to all ages.

The Rev. Susan M. Pfeil  
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Since 1998, Susan has completed five interim pastorates, a specialization that has become more and more vital for churches in transition. Susan was Stated Supply Pastor at First United Church of Christ, Bridgeport 2010-2016. After 122 years of ministry, the Church closed its doors at the end of December 2016. From February – April 2017, Susan was the Sabbatical Supply Pastor at Monroe Congregational Church, Monroe CT. During the summer and fall, guest preaching opportunities included Valley Presbyterian Church, Brookfield; United Congregational Church, Bridgeport; and United Congregational Church, Richards Ave., Norwalk.

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies  
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After 40 years of active chaplaincy and parish ministry I retired only to discover that there is yet more ministry to be done. Since retirement I have been teaching Bible Study classes, preaching, leading worship and doing pastoral care. I have found it to be a great joy to step in for a Sunday when a pastor is away because of the wonderful individuals and congregations I have come to know.

The Rev. Arthur Shippee  
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Arthur has preached, presided, and moderated at many churches throughout PSNE and beyond. Formerly Chair of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee and on Roundtable, he has convened or served on several task forces and was a Commissioner to the 220th General Assembly. His Specialized Ministry is teaching, mostly at Queens College, CUNY, and at Eugene Lang College, where he teaches both Philosophy of Religion and Poetry and Religion. He and his wife Mary attend First, New Haven, where she serves on session and they sing in the choir, among other things.

NOTE: It is possible that persons other than those listed above may make their availability known to the Presbytery office. Please call 860/388-0874 for possible additions to this listing.

ec: Barbara Riihimaki/Sean Miller, Co-Chairs, Committee on Ministry

