

From Curate, Vicar, Rector, Canon and Spiritual Director, I have had the opportunity to fill many roles in the dioceses of the Episcopal Church where I have served in the Midwest. Having been ordained 23 years ago, I have served churches in South Dakota, Iowa, Colorado and now in Connecticut as a priest and as a spiritual director.

I am 66 years old and live with my husband, Dave Rogers, in Niantic. We moved this year from Iowa to Connecticut in late February 2020, right before the pandemic began. We have been married for 38 years and have two children, Kevin and Katrina. Both are married and we enjoy being grandparents to our four grandchildren who range in age from 1 to 7 years old. Our home is also graced by the presence of two rescued parrots who keep our house energized and talkative. While Katrina and her family live in NV, our son Kevin and his family live in CT. They are one of the reasons we moved to CT this year. We desired to be closer to family and to interact with our grandchildren on a personal level. Now that the pandemic has kept us mostly quarantined, Dave and I are able to offer some part-time child care since their day care and school schedules are changed due to Covid 19 precautions. Dave is employed as a Bridge Engineer, working in pedestrian bridge design. The other reason which drew us to CT is that I grew up in Rhode Island and have always wanted to return to Southern New England. I left RI right after college and this is my first move to return to live in my previous geographic area.

Currently I co-facilitate an on-line grief support group for the CT Brian Dagle Foundation whose focus is to offer services for anyone searching for hope, healing, and support after a loss of a loved one. I also am the volunteer recruiter for the New London Food Bank. There is a necessity to find more volunteers for the Food Bank, especially now that more people need access to food during these pandemic days. I appreciate the opportunity to volunteer some of my time for this food bank while being able to do my recruiting for them from home. In my spare time I like to paint with oils and acrylics as well as yarn work such as knitting and crocheting. Many of my homemade blankets and premie hats are donated to the Angel Babies program, whose mission is to provide families who have lost a baby, or a pregnancy, the support, compassion, and love needed in their darkest day. Angel Babies not only provides support but also gifts the family with a burial set which includes a burial gown, blanket, hat, and memorial trinket.

Before ordination, I was in the special education field for approximately 18 years, primarily as a Home Interventionist for families with infants and preschoolers with handicapping conditions. During that time, I also consulted with day cares, preschools and led parent education programs.