

Gina Phairas Bio

You could say my kids have grown up here at UUCA (Nick 18, Mia 11) but I would argue I have spiritually grown up here, too. I've spent a few years learning in religious education. I started volunteering in Spirit Play, graduated to teaching Neighboring Faiths, and then served as a Coming of Age facilitator. In between classes, they even let me serve on the RE Council.

I've also had the opportunity to deepen my understanding of stewardship and the financial needs of the congregation by serving as co-chair of the Annual Budget Drive in 2018 and 2019. I theoretically left the ABD team in 2021 but I've been told that's a committee you never really leave.

Professionally, I'm the co-founder of dogbiz, the nation's leading business consultancy for the dog training industry. And yes, I do get to spend part of my day talking about dogs but most of my time is spent helping dog professionals start, run, and grow their businesses so conversations tend to center around topics like marketing, budgeting, and team development.

I'm excited to be a part of Ministerial Search Committee because I enjoy walking people through the opportunities and challenges that change presents. I care deeply about my UU Asheville family and see serving on the MSC as an opportunity to be involved in its future.