

## **Julie Badel**

With roots in the Copper Country going back to the late 1800's, I retired from the practice of law in Chicago two years ago and joined KUUF at that time. This represented a return to Unitarian-Universalism as I was married at the Unitarian Church of Evanston soon after college. I live on Huron Bay just outside of L'Anse with my trusty German Shepherd Dogs— Gabe, Sara and Jake, all of whom are shelter or rescue dogs. Animals are a long time passion. My time now is largely devoted to not-for-profit organizations. I chair the Board of Trustees at Finlandia University and also sit on the boards of Glenwood Academy and the Finnish American Society off the Midwest. I am interested in serving on the KUUF board because I have the time, energy and dedication to make a contribution to this congregation at this crucial time in its history.

## **Elaine Eikenberry**

I have been a member for just under 2 years. KUUF has been an exceptional support system for me during the past year and a half of personal health changes and global upheaval. The members, ministry and new visitors have all provided bright moments to my life. My youngest child is headed off to college. Suddenly, I have time available and an ongoing interest in supporting the community. I am inspired by the commitment of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship to address issues of equality and social justice. I will continue my daytime work and will work to uphold the tenets of KUUF's Covenant while serving on the Board.

## **Pete Ekstrom**

She was very persuasive! Alice Boyce said "sign the book." We did. That was thirteen years ago and the rest, as they say, is history. It had been a long time since I had been a member of any religious community—60 years to be exact. My 12 years as a KUUF member has been very fulfilling and I haven't looked back. I have appreciated the freedom to do my own meaning making in the context of a supportive community; a great context in which to develop a sense of being in the world. It seems like a good time to step up and broaden my responsibilities as a KUUF member and offer to serve on the board.