



Retired professor Dr. Walter Brueggemann is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and an influential contemporary theologian. He has written dozens of books and hundreds of articles on the Old Testament, including his magnum opus, *Theology of the Old Testament* (1997). Brueggemann is also renowned for study of the psalms *The Prophetic Imagination* (1978), which offers a new way of organizing and processing the psalms. Brueggemann and his wife, Tia, currently reside in Traverse City. For more information visit: <http://www.walterbrueggemann.com/>



John and Sheryl Emra are Christian educators who teach adults how to work with at-risk youth. The Emras designed and developed *Life Is Full of Choices* as an after school program centered on empowering at-risk kids in East Los Angeles. After working with inner city youth for over 30 years, the Emras decided to become trainers so that they could expand from working with one group of kids to training adults who could then work with kids on many corners in many cities. The Emras are residing in Traverse City this fall to teach their parenting class "Raising Responsible Adults." For more information visit: <http://www.lifeisfullofchoices.org/>



Becky Kalajian

Becky Kalajian is the owner of Yoga in the Vines, in which clients practice gentle yoga outdoors at local vineyards, then take part in an optional wine tasting. She began teaching yoga in 2014 and is certified as an E-YRT 200 (more than 1,000 classes taught.) Her classes integrate easy-to-follow directions with the application of good alignment. Becky is a freelance writer who is blessed to live in Holiday Hills with her husband Jim, two teens and two dogs. Her interests include reading, skate skiing, mountain biking, running and being with her family. Her favorite Bible verses include John 1, 1-18 and Romans 8, 1-39.