



Countdown!
93 days
First Service
June 7th

the Bridge



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We're In!

And here's what we're doing about it.

Our little truck is on the move! Countdown is now under 100 days!

So... we've taken possession of building since New Covenant has moved out and the move is really starting to pick up. There's a lot going on and, while it's still a construction zone, there are MANY opportunities to see the new place (see Laura's article below) and ways to go out and help. My first visit (since the initial walk-through) was this week and had me gettin' down-and-dirty, cleaning out the maintenance shed. What a hoot!

In this issue, we have reports from the Volunteer Corner, the new Kitchen & Social Hall, Maintenance, and the Facilities Preparation Committee. You can also look for a future issue focusing on our Church Street home - the sale, moving-out, the history and nostalgia.

This edition has also upped the game a bit as far as being more interactive (Thanks, Siobhan!). Clicking on the buttons (Suggestions, Questions, Volunteer) will take you to links for your input. Some will redirect to the team leaders themselves - please use them! Let's hear from **YOU!** We also now have a link to the Bridge directly from our website at uugrassvalley.org. We even have our own *page* with access to current & past issues.

And always, you can e-mail your suggestions, comments, ideas, articles, pictures, and artwork to TheBridge@UUGrassValley.org. Sit back, relax, and enjoy...

This week in the Kitchen



Squirrel Creek Kitchen News

Come tour our new Kitchen and Social Hall on Friday, March 13 at 10am! Even if the kitchen and hospitality haven't been your thing – come join the tour and discussion!

Help us create clear expectations so our new Squirrel Creek Kitchen is easy and fun.

- Provide input about layout and flow.
- Help imagine new possibilities for our Kitchen and Social Hall.
- Help us generate a list of questions, possibilities, and priorities.

Of course, some ideas will need to wait – it will be fun to imagine together.

- Learn about the formation of a new Hospitality Team.

Let me know if you plan to come or want to but can't make it – or if you have any questions, send an email to: hospitality@uugrassvalley.org.

Here's to good times ahead in our new Kitchen and Social Hall at Squirrel Creek!

Cheers,

Laura Harter

Hospitality Team

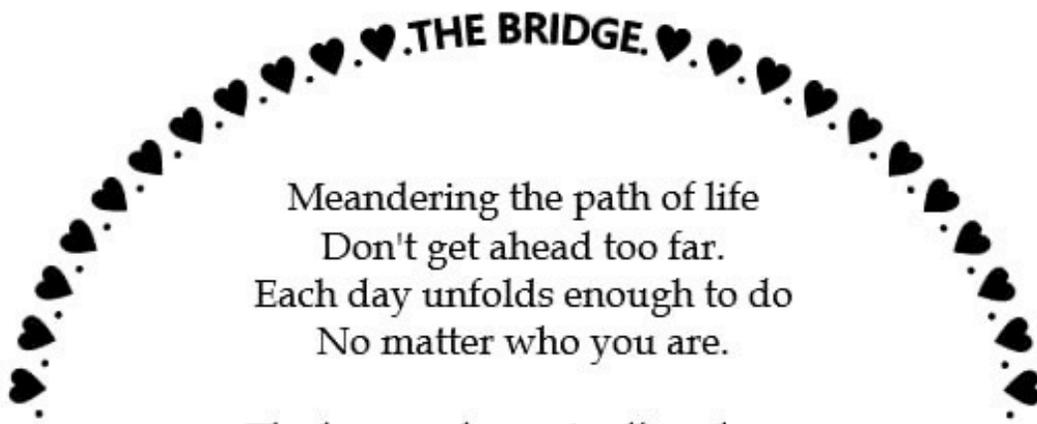
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Watch for the future issue
dedicated to Church St.

Send your
suggestions!

Questions? What would you like to know?



Meandering the path of life
Don't get ahead too far.
Each day unfolds enough to do
No matter who you are.

The here and now is all we have
So *always* **PAY ATTENTION!**

Jump off **THE BRIDGE** when you get there,
Hold fast your heart's intention.

by Jill Banwell

VOLUNTEER !

Volunteer Corner

This Volunteer Coordinator is going on a Camping Adventure!

I will not be available this Sunday to take the rush of volunteer sign-ups, however if you cannot wait until my return next Sunday, please send an email to volunteer@uugrassvalley.org and let me know what might be of interest to you.

Light cleaning? Kitchen Cleaning? Packing and/or Moving Boxes? Unpacking? Painting? Green Sanctuary?

Also, I have not yet gotten the Volunteer Bulletin Board in the Channing Room set up. As the priorities of tasks to be accomplished are identified, the bulletin board will develop.

With Joy & Gratitude,
Laurie Bell
Volunteer Coordinator
volunteer@uugrassvalley.org

Maintenance

Over the past week maintenance activities have included collecting proposals for carpet cleaning, some replacement and some repair.

An extensive task has been sorting through the 50+ keys, some labeled, most not, left behind by the building's outgoing tenant. We have keys identified for all exterior doors, but not for all interior portals. Thankfully all interior doors without identified keys were left unlocked. The entire building will be rekeyed soon, and some loose hardware will be repaired or replaced as needed.

Over the next few days, the Maintenance Shed will be cleaned out (it is quite a mess) in preparation for construction of a workbench, shelves and tool racks.

Kern Hildebrand



Update from the Facilities Preparation Committee

On Monday, members of the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) met with Pastor Randy of New Covenant for one last walk-through. One of the main things we did was take possession of all the keys, both internal and external, and get educated on what doors and areas they went to. This will certainly make it easier for us to get in to do the work that will be needed in the upcoming weeks. However, we want to make certain that our facility and our people are totally safe, so we have budgeted for rekeying, and are in the process of making it happen even as you are reading this.

Another item that is on the highest-priority list is our audio/video systems, including our Zoom access. There's no point having a wonderful newbuilding with a wonderful minister if nobody can hear him. A dedicated team has already been working very hard on this to have it ready to go by Opening Day.

We are looking deeply at what we should do about the heating and air conditioning, known as HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning). The systems currently in place are quite old, close to or past end-of-life, and there have been anecdotal reports of them not doing a good job of keeping the space comfortable, either for Sunday service, or for workers and groups in the building during other times. These systems, however, are quite expensive, and the FPC is doing as thorough a cost/benefit analysis as possible.

These are the tasks with which the FPC is primarily occupied at this very moment, though we are certainly looking ahead to what the priorities are and what we can afford with the money we actually have in hand. Keep reading this newsletter for regular reports from your FPC, and ways that you can help the process move forward.

**Your's truly in the
shed - doin' some
cleanup. C'mon out,
it's fun!**

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