



Countdown!  
**77 days**  
 First Service  
 June 7th

# the Bridge

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## Fast-moving with Lots Happening.

But we're starting to get "comfy".

Folks are starting to get comfortable in our new digs - taking tours, cleaning up, and holding group meetings. Also, sharing ideas (wait 'til you see that list! - a room with comfy chairs and sofas??). We're marching towards the move-out, the Truck is getting closer, and with as much that still *needs* to be done, some might wish we had more time to get things done!

In this issue we have a report on our water source(es), contributions from Volunteering and Hospitality, and our regular report from the FPC. Oh, before I forget - a big 'ol thank you to the Land Team! We've had so many positive comments about how much is getting done out there on the outside. Come join 'em!

As far as the newsletter itself, some adjustments have been made on tech side & with editing (thanks, Ruth & Janet) to hopefully make things a little clearer. In addition, the timing of each issue has changed. Initially thought of as a weekly publication, it has become clear for the need to put it out as the information arises and as things are happening so as not to be outdated. You may see the Bridge weekly -or- more or less frequently - it depends!

You can always contact us at [TheBridge@UUGrassValley.org](mailto:TheBridge@UUGrassValley.org) - we look forward to your comments!

As always - Sit back, relax, and enjoy...



Men's Group



The Board

## Well, well, well... Our Squirrel Creek water system.

a report by George Dunstan

We have two wells at our new Squirrel Creek campus that provide water for use in the buildings as well as for irrigation and our 24,000 gallon fire protection water supply. The first well is located just off Squirrel Creek Road. The photo shows the little “house” covering the well head and the pressure tank next to the well.

The second well is located just outside our new Social Hall and is down inside a concrete vault.

The first well is permitted by Nevada County Environmental Health and classified as a Transient Non-Community Water system and requires testing quarterly for bacteria as well as other periodic tests. The second well is a bit of a mystery. The previous occupants thought it was only used for feeding the fire protection water supply and that appears to also be what Nevada County thinks. Upon inspection it appears that it may also supply water to the buildings and we will determine if that is the case very soon. If it is determined that this second well feeds into the buildings, we will proceed with Nevada County to bring the well into compliance and assure a safe water supply. Stay tuned for updates as we gather new information.



[Questions? What would you like to know?](#)

## Volunteer Corner

The Volunteer Coordinator is back from a refreshing visit to the coast.

The beaches and ocean always provide me a welcomed expansive change from our magnificent tree canopy.

I am looking for volunteers to help clean our new kitchen! This involves the pantry, the kitchen cupboards and doors, counter-tops, sinks and walls. Not to worry, you will not be asked to clean the ovens, stove or floors! I think a team of 6 can do the job in a few hours.

I will have some date selections in next week's column.

I know many of you have signed up with me on Sundays. Even if you have please let me know if you are interested in helping clean our kitchen. Best way to let me know is to shoot me an email via [volunteer@uugrassvalley.org](mailto:volunteer@uugrassvalley.org). Or let me know in person.

I will be available this Sunday so you can let me know in person.

Looks like having a volunteer bulletin board for signing up is not going to happen. With the birth of The Bridge and my being available in person or via [volunteer@uugrassvalley.org](mailto:volunteer@uugrassvalley.org) seems to work just fine.

See you Sunday!

With Joy & Gratitude,  
Laurie Bell  
Volunteer Coordinator  
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**VOLUNTEER !**



## Kitchen and Hospitality Update

Our Kitchen Tour on Friday, March 13 was a good time. Lots of enthusiasm and suggestions – all practical for the short term as well as for long term planning.

Our discussion boiled down to these areas:

- Moving Prep for Squirrel Creek
- Moving Prep at UUCM
- Timeline for all this prepping
- Unpacking – this will be the easy part!
- Revamping Our Food Service
- Research of Commissary/Commercial Kitchen Certification

Stay tuned for dates to roll up your sleeves and join the 'many hands make for light work' opportunities that will come up.

If you are interested in planning any of the above there is a Kitchen Next Steps Meeting on Monday, March 23 at 10 UUCM. We'll discuss moving as well as revamping and restoring our Food Service.

There are many ways to be involved. Reach out to Laura at [hospitality@uugrassvalley.org](mailto:hospitality@uugrassvalley.org) for more information. I'd love to learn how you would like to help.

Laura Harter

## Update from the Facilities Preparation Committee

The Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) is getting ready for occupying our new church based on two strategies:

- 1) What we want to have done by move-in; and
- 2) What we want to live with for a while to determine what we really want.

The first strategy includes things that we hope are going to make Opening Day a day of great joy, celebration, and beauty. So while we could live with the paint and carpets the way they are and redo them at a later date, we don't want them to be something we all try to pretend not to notice, and hence are beautifying them now. (Also, it will be easier and cheaper to do it now, before all of our stuff is in there!) To this end, members of the FPC are having many meetings with companies to get estimates on flooring, lighting, painting, striping the parking lot, locks, the street sign, etc.

The second strategy is what Jeff Gold refers to as "Live and Learn." Some of these long-range items include but are not limited to such things as the playground, a labyrinth, outdoor furniture, tree thinning, etc.

June 7th is coming!

Alec MacLean

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### Here's what's in store for the next issue of the Bridge!

1. Tablecloth 'imaginings' from the congregational dinner.
2. Other suggestions from newsletter readers' input.
3. Your questions answered!
4. More articles and interviews.

[Send your suggestions NOW!](#)



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