



Countdown!
69 days
 First Service
 June 7th

the Bridge

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Imagining... Help!

Here's your chance to get involved.

Wow - I'm calling it half-way there!

Our current issue is all about Imagining what could be at Squirrel Creek and Volunteering to get the job done. We've posted some of your suggestions so far (while holding in our hearts the message from this past Sunday's service about what we'll miss and what we're looking forward to).

We keep buggin' ya about getting involved, but saying it again - now's your chance to participate in the transition and welcome our UUCM community to its new home -- just 2 MONTHS away! Cleaning is underway big time at Squirrel Creek, so please check the Volunteer Corner.

Also, Team Leaders - email our Volunteer Coordinator with your volunteer needs.

You can always contact us at TheBridge@UUGrassValley.org - we look forward to your comments!

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



Imagine That!

by Ellen Goodwin

What do you imagine UUCM's future will include at Squirrel Creek? We asked members and friends who attended the February 28 "Imagine" kick-off dinner for our combined pledge drive and capital campaign to share their ideas—whether practical or way out there!

"It was exciting to hear so many wonderful ideas," said Gail Schulz, who is co-chairing the combined campaign with Gail Johnson Vaughan. "Our first goal, of course, is to cover the cost of the building and basic repairs—and to have sufficient annual pledges for our operating expenses, which go up every year. If we receive pledges beyond those goals, we can make more of these ideas realities."

Here are some of your ideas:

- Soup and bread one Sunday a month after church
- Concerts and plays
- More windows and light in the sanctuary
- Community gardens, food forest, veggie and flower gardens
- Play areas for children
- Rides for folks who don't drive
- Space for local nonprofits to meet and hold events
- Nursery and religious education spaces
- Becoming a sanctuary congregation
- Training student leaders
- Peace room (drawings, exhibits, manifestations to foster peace)
- Teen center
- Great sound system
- Meditation spaces: pond, labyrinth, benches in quiet, shady places, dedicated room
- Solar system, energy efficient HVAC, insulated ceiling in sanctuary
- Summer camp
- Music room with a piano
- Art gallery
- Book discussions, poetry readings
- Garage sales
- Dances
- Picnic area

You can see the entire list [here](#). And you can add to the list [here](#).

[Send your suggestions NOW!](#)

It's CLEANING TIME at Squirrel Creek!!

Get Your Rubber Gloves, Buckets, Old Rags & Work Clothes Out!

Do you like to be surrounded by clean spaces and surfaces and bathrooms? Don't mind getting a little dirty cleaning our new home? Then I have the perfect opportunity for you to Volunteer!

The Moving Out Team is already packing up things from Church Street and would like to start moving them into Squirrel Creek! So with our wonderfully spacious new home comes many rooms that need to be cleaned and spiffed up!

To start with our cleaning tasks I have scheduled three Cleaning Work Days. PLEASE check out these dates/times and let me know which one(s) work for you:

- **Monday April 6th 11-3**
- **Thursday April 9th 12-4**
- **Tuesday April 14th 10-2**

This is what you will need to bring IF you have them. If not let me know and I will supply. Rubber Gloves, Old Rags, Bucket. Also bring drinking water and a snack/lunch.

Please sign up by one of the following ways:
Email me at volunteer@uugrassvalley.org
Call me at 530.798.3200

If you have already given me your name at a Sunday Service, please still let me know that you are interested in helping with the cleaning.

Everything we all are doing to make Squirrel Creek feel like home is important. A clean home is so much more welcoming! Thank you.

With Joy & Gratitude,
Laurie Bell
Volunteer Coordinator

Kitchen & Hospitality

Thank you to Ellen Goodwin, Tracy Pepper, and Joyce Williams for emptying all the cabinets of 'random stuff' left behind in our new kitchen. We're still sorting through what's useful.

We've set some dates to clean and pack. No worries, if these dates don't line up for you. There will be other opportunities and times to help. Let me know if you like to sign up for one of these work days. It will be fun!

- **Thursday, April 9 10** – prepping and first pass at cleaning the kitchen, need 2 more
- **Friday, April 10** – deeper dive - cleaning the kitchen, need 1 more
- **Friday, April 17** – packing up some of our UUCM kitchen stuff, need 2 more

Donation Needed - Dining Tables - We are looking for 2 or 3 nice round wooden dining tables with chairs for the Social Hall to get us started with some cozy seating arrangements. If you have a table or chairs you'd like to donate, or see something on FaceBook Marketplace or a thrift store please send a photo or message to me at hospitality@uugrassvalley.org or text me.

Are you concerned about how and when we will bring back our Sunday Hospitality Hour? A group is working on it. We are revamping the sign-up and figuring out ways to make it easy, to understand and do.

We'd love to hear your suggestions, needs, ways you'd like to help: hospitality@uugrassvalley.org

Laura Harter

VOLUNTEER !

Update from the Facilities Preparation Committee

Opening Day is coming fast!

There is no news from the Facilities Planning Committee (FPC), but a diligent continuation of the activities we've been doing.

Our earliest cost estimates used in planning were SWAGs (Scientific Wild-A** Guesses). As we get greater accuracy from actual competitive bids, we are able to adjust the prioritized to-do list, moving some things up and some things down. Also, we are continually evaluating what we can do ourselves versus what is better contracted out.

Along these lines, there have been questions raised about why we're getting contractors' bids on painting. In the early days, we were thinking of just a few walls, with the same sort of paint. This has grown to somewhere around 30,000 square feet of walls, some of which will require multiple coats. They have various kinds of paint on them, which will require different kinds of treatments to make sure they stick. There is more damage to the surfaces than we had been aware of, requiring lots of spackling.

And of course, we want to get the painting done before the new carpeting goes in, and we want to get the new carpeting in before furniture starts arriving, so there's quite a bit of coordination that we are doing.

We are still discovering things about our water. We will be having it tested and repaired as necessary, and a shutoff valve added. (Imagine not being able to shut off a broken pipe in the building!)

Finally, please trust us: we are spending a lot of money, but we're not wasting a penny of it.

Alec MacLean

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



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