



Countdown!
58 days
 First Service
 June 7th

the Bridge

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A Sprinkle of Fairie Dust... and the Week in Pictures.

Less than TWO months away! Time marches on and the **Fairies** are doing their work - cleaning, moving, land clearing, cross-removing... and the hired ones: contractors, plumbers, painters.. oh my! It's a busy place. We also seem to have some happy neighbors, both human (some actually wanting to pitch in - how's that for being made to feel welcomed). Also, let's not forget our wild neighbors.

A Big Thanks to Laurie Bell and her intrepid Cleanup Team. Also - the Land Team and Maintenance. Looking to be a part of it all? Come one, come all - members, friends, family, people off the street, Team Leaders - email our Volunteer Coordinator and GET INVOLVED.

In this issue, we moved things around a little bit, just to see if you're paying attention - also, apologies for the smaller print in places (there's alot to pack in - maybe another page?). Let us know what you think with ideas, suggestions (sanctuary names!), etc. - contact us at TheBridge@UUGrassValley.org - we look forward to your comments!

So here we go - Sit back, relax, and enjoy...



This Week's Update from the FPC

The Facilities Planning Committee (FPC) hasn't just been planning, but DOING! along with several contractors, and some wonderful volunteers.

WATER: There have been, and continue to be, some mysteries about the water supply. Peters' Drilling and Pump Service has been wonderfully helpful in figuring it out and making it as useful as possible. There were two wells, but Peters determined that one of them didn't work and hasn't worked in a very long time. That well was capped off and disconnected. There was a pressure tank in one of the women's restrooms. (What's a pressure tank? When water is supplied by a well, it doesn't just pump water straight to the faucets, but rather to a large storage tank which is pressurized and feeds a constant amount of water into the building.) This tank has been removed and relocated to the well up by the road, next to the other pressure tank. And oh boy! we can now shut off the water to the building. I know that sounds obvious, but there wasn't a good way to do that before.

PAINT: Paint is happening as we speak and should be done by Thursday. As Board Member Charlene Dugan said when she saw it this morning, "It opens up and brightens up the Administration wing."

FLOORING: Once the painting is done, we will begin replacing the soiled, damaged, and worn out carpeting in the Admin and Family Ministry wings. After speaking with many of the primary occupants of those areas, the decision has been made to do it all in wood-grain vinyl plank flooring.

AV/INTERNET: A huge amount of work is being done to make sure that we have phones and internet and can see and hear services – not only in the sanctuary, but on Zoom. There will be a very large monitor at the back of the chancel, to be used as we use the monitor we currently have.

CHANCEL: The back of the chancel, where the baptismal tank was, is being remodeled so that it will support the new monitor and allow the altar/table that Joel Houtman built to be used.

LIGHTING: We are currently exploring with several potential vendors ways to upgrade our lighting, by replacing damaged fixtures, and replacing fluorescent tubes with brighter and more cost-effective LEDs. Coupled with new paint and flooring, our new church is going to look fantastic!

CHAIRS: The blue chairs that were left to us are being evaluated. Many of them are usable, but we didn't realize how many are damaged. Some may be repairable, and that is happening. Others may be beyond repair. The FPC is working on developing a floor plan that will utilize both the chairs we have at Church Street and the "new" blue chairs at Squirrel Creek.

SECURITY: All of the old locks have been removed. There is a keypad that has been installed and is functional. Soon all persons needing access will be issued their own keycode to the keypad. This will also allow us in the future to issue codes to renters, which can then be disabled after they are done using our facility.

The FPC is also appreciative of the work that's being done by all the volunteers working with Kitchen/Hospitality, Cleaning, and Grounds

Alec MacLean

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Volunteer Corner

After 4 hours of cleaning bathrooms at Squirrel Creek, I took my patient dog Angel out for a walk on the property. I have walked her there a few other times, however I experienced an unfamiliar feeling while walking her. At first thought I could not figure out the source and then it came with such clarity. I was feeling a sense of stewardship, of responsibility and pride towards our new home on Squirrel Creek.

I was even more excited with anticipation towards being there as a community. And all these “warm fuzzies” came from cleaning bathrooms!

Imagine the good feelings you might experience washing a window, vacuuming a floor, handing a clean rag to someone up on a ladder wiping down the walls. There is something to do for everyone! And don't worry, the bathrooms will have most likely been finished... thanks to a stellar team of volunteers today. We got four of the six bathrooms spotlessly cleaned!

Please, when you see them, give a special thank you to Sue Hollon, Gail JV, Mark Grove & Reine Thibeault for cleaning our bathrooms!

The next Cleaning Day that needs volunteers is **Tuesday April 14th from 10-2**. Please consider helping get our new home ready for occupancy. And if you can't make that one, there will be others announced in this column. You can sign up by emailing me at volunteer@uugrassvalley.org or by calling/texting me at 530.798.3200.

In Joy & Gratitude,
Laurie Bell
Volunteer Coordinator

Moving On Out...

New Alert from the Moving Out Team:

We are getting ready for the big move to our new UUCM home at Squirrel Creek. The teams have already started sorting out unwanted items, cleaning out the basement and the upper garages, beginning packing of the Admin Office and the kitchen, and collecting packing materials. It's a buzz of activity at both places.

The big plan is to have all the cabinets empty, the artwork off the walls, and furniture ready for the movers on June 2. We have contracted with Ernie's Moving Co., and they will move all the furniture in a one day move. The piano will get its own special moving treatment and will be picked up on June 1.

There is a lot to do at our new place to get ready to receive us. It was not left in the best of shape, and much work is needed to clean and get Squirrel Creek ready for us to move in to. Laurie Bell is heading up the volunteers to help with the moving and cleaning, and she could use help—so grab those cleaning gloves and reach out to Laurie for directions.

We will not be able to take things over to the new place until May 15th, but that won't stop us from packing things up and staging them in the garage. Once we get the green light, we will be needing help to move boxes and small things over to our new home.

Anyone with a pickup, a van, or just a trunk is invited and encouraged to help. We will keep you posted and let you know when that can start.

Thanks to everyone! This is a huge undertaking, and even little bits of help will make a big difference!

Gwen Eymann

VOLUNTEER !

Come on out and be a part of the FUN!



How can I join in?



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