



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

# the Bridge



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## All Hands On Deck!

Many of our Members and Friends have given a great deal of their time, energy, and creativity over the last 6 months! We are so very grateful for their dedication, expertise, tenacity, and personal sacrifice as they managed the purchase & sale, raised funds, cleared fire-safe space, scrubbed & cleaned, set up networking & AV, and managed the parade of contractors. Check out the list of accomplishments in the foyer at Church St.

With this final push, they are in need of your continued encouragement, gratitude, and support – physical, emotional, and spiritual. If you have not had an opportunity to participate in transitioning to our new space, now's your chance! There is something for everyone:

*arranging chairs in the sanctuary, final cleaning & polishing, bringing food for special work events (and set up and clean up), moving boxes, providing vehicle & drivers for transporting boxes, guiding professional movers as they load & unload furniture, and assisting Ministry Teams in unpacking boxes.*

**Check out our Volunteer Corner and calendar in this issue for many ways to help support our crews with this final push!**

## Land Crew



## Firesafe!

Lots of people have been bustling around, both inside and outside at our new home. Since March, the Land Crew has spent more than 150 hours trimming, pruning, and digging. Most of our time has been spent making the grounds firesafe to lower our California Fair Plan insurance expense. And it worked! We now have a better plan that saves us money.



aka: **Mud Crew**

After the rain a couple weeks ago, the Land Crew changed our name to the Mud Crew!

**Marlene & Cliff Bottenfield**  
[LandCrew@uugrassvalley.org](mailto:LandCrew@uugrassvalley.org).

## Sunday Hospitality – Last & First

With special plans for Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> and Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>, food is coming back!

We want to commemorate and celebrate our last Sunday Hospitality at Church St and first Hospitality at Squirrel Creek!

**On May 31<sup>st</sup>** at Church St: Look forward to **Sundae Sunday** – an ice cream social after both services. A sign-up sheet to bring toppings, serve, set up, and clean up will be coming out soon via uucmConnect.

**On June 7<sup>th</sup>** at Squirrel Creek: Expect a **special festive opening** with catered food, not a full lunch, but light fare to sustain us as we celebrate and explore our new home after the Service.

Food will be back on June 14<sup>th</sup> as part of our regular Hospitality!

Out NOW: a special email and a new Sign-up Sheet for Sunday Hospitality.

And don't miss the **Kitchen Tour on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** 1:00 pm–3:00 pm.

RSVP at [hospitality@uugrassvalley.org](mailto:hospitality@uugrassvalley.org)

## Volunteer Corner

**VOLUNTEER !**

# The Great Box Moving Day #1: We Will Drive 2.4 Miles!

**Saturday, May 23, at 8:00am**

We are calling drivers, lifters, loaders, Tetris-master trunk packers, and relay team champs: Come and help us move boxes to our new home at Squirrel Creek!  
Snacks & beverages provided!

We welcome trucks, vans, cars and dollies to transport packed boxes from the Church Street Garages to Squirrel Creek's Social Hall. Loading from sliding garage doors on School Street is on mostly level ground. We need a few strong-legged, sure-footed volunteers to tote some things downstairs and out to cars on Walsh Street.

Is unloading more your style? Meet at Squirrel Creek to help unload truck and trunk contents into the Social Hall where boxes will be carefully staged and organized until the movers bring in the furniture on June 2.

If you're less "square," and more "3-squares-a-day," we need people to set up and clean up snacks and beverages for the moving crew (and you!).

Whether you can drive your pickup, load boxes at Church St, unload at Squirrel Creek, or take care of snacks, your help will be greatly appreciated! It takes a village and the more helping hands (and truck beds and trunks and dollies) we have, the easier and faster this church will move!

Big, Boxy thanks from your Moving Moxy team: Gwen & Heidi-Lynn

Let us know you can come and how you'd like to help: [Moving@uugrassvalley.org](mailto:Moving@uugrassvalley.org)

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## Volunteer Corner

More opportunities.....

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# What's Cooking in the Kitchen?

The kitchen floors were professionally cleaned this week. What a difference!

*We're ready to move in and unpack!*

There is still plenty to do and time to do it! We invite you to pack, unpack, or get to know and get comfortable with our kitchen.

Join us in one or several of these events:

### **Kitchen Tour - Thursday, May 21st, 1:00 to 3:00**

See the sanitizer in action! Ask questions. Watch water boil and paint dry. (Just kidding about the paint drying.) We'll fire up the stove, explore our new kitchen, and learn about the new plans for our Sunday Hospitality events.

### **Final Packing - Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Packing and move the final kitchen stuff

(If we have enough helpers at 10:00 am, it may not take to 2:00 pm)

### **Unpack - Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

### **Fine tuning kitchen & last details - Thursday, June 4, 1:00 to 3:00 pm**

RSVP at [hospitality@uugrassvalley.org](mailto:hospitality@uugrassvalley.org)  
or drop in to lend a hand or offer encouragement.

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## Land Crew

**Tuesdays 9:00 am-11:00 am**

Come help us plant flowers and create an inviting entrance and parking lot. If you like to be outside, enjoy listening to birds singing and watching turkeys frolic, join us any Tuesday from 9-11 am. We're an outdoor fun group and we'd love your help.

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### Cleaning Crew

We are on the home stretch! Only a few opportunities left to participate on the Cleaning Crew! We are putting on the final touches for June 7 'opening day' and celebration. SO much has been accomplished with an amazing group of hardworking volunteers.

There's a task for all abilities, skills, and comfort levels. YOU CHOOSE what projects to work on. Some examples:

- cleaning light fixtures, inside and out
- washing windows, inside and out
- vacuuming
- wiping off dust created during flooring installation

Mark your calendars or just show up to participate:

**Thursday, May 21, 10:00am-12:00pm**

**Saturday, May 23, 8:00am-11:00am**

If you have them, please bring: rubber gloves, bucket, large sponges, flat head and Phillips screwdrivers.

Questions? Contact Laurie at [Volunteer@uugrassvalley.org](mailto:Volunteer@uugrassvalley.org)

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### Opportunity to Carpool

Ruth Edwards is proposing starting a group to carpool from Church St to Squirrel Creek for those that used to walk or need a ride.

Contact Ruth at:

[ruthjoedwards@hotmail.com](mailto:ruthjoedwards@hotmail.com)



# Upcoming Dates

*(subject to change: keep your eye on e-chalice and uucmconnect)*

May 19	9:00 am–11:00 am	<b>Land Crew</b>
May 20	8:30 am	Professional Cleaners get rooms ready
	10:30 am	FPC Meeting at Church Street
May 21	10:00 am–12:00 pm	<b>Arranging chairs in the sanctuary</b>
	10:00 am–12:00 pm	<b>Cleaning Crew</b>
	1:00 pm–3:00 pm	<b>Kitchen Tour</b>
	3:00 pm	AV test run in sanctuary
May 23	8:00 am–11:00 am	<b>Move boxes to SC</b>
	8:00 am–11:00 am	<b>Cleaning Crew</b>
May 26	9:00 am–11:00 am	<b>Land Crew</b>
May 27	3:00 pm	AV test run in sanctuary
	3:00 pm	FPC Meeting at Squirrel Creek
May 31	9:00 am & 11:00 am	<b>Last Worship Services at Church St.</b>
June 1	10:00 am –2:00 pm	<b>Kitchen Crew packs &amp; moves</b>
		<i>Pianos &amp; Altar moved</i>
June 2	8:00 am – 4:00 pm	<i>Furniture moved to SC</i>
	9:00 am–11:00 am	<b>Land Crew</b>
June 3	10:00 am–noon	<b>Kitchen Crew unpacks</b>
June 4	9:00am–11:00am	<b>Move boxes to rooms &amp; unpack</b>
	5:00pm–7:00pm	<b>Move boxes to rooms &amp; unpack</b>
	1:00pm–3:00pm	<b>Kitchen Crew unpacks</b>
June 6	times TBD	<b>Final tasks to prepare space for ...</b>

## June 7 10:00 am First Worship Service at Squirrel Creek

KEY: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**    *Professionals Hired*    Contact Team to participate



## A Little Light on the Subject

One difficult aspect of the Facilities Preparation Committee has been figuring out how many people would be needed to do all the work on our new campus. One particular question took a great deal of pondering: "How many Unitarian Universalists does it take to change a light bulb?"

The FPC published this response:

"We choose not to make a statement either in favor of or against the need for a light bulb. However, if in your own journey, you have found that light bulbs work for you, this is wonderful. You are invited to write a poem or compose a modern dance about your personal relationship with your light bulb. Present it this next month at our annual Light Bulb Sunday Service in which we will explore a number of light bulb traditions, including incandescent, fluorescent, 3-way, LED and tinted, all of which are equally valid paths to luminescence."

May we always walk in the light!

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[Send your suggestions NOW!](#)

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



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