

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Dear friends of VUU,

Welcome to VUU's new fiscal year, and to the hottest Arizona month on record (or so it will undoubtedly feel). While the sun beats down on us, and the fortunate escape at least part-time to the mountains or to a northern state, we continue the work of providing a place of peace and of radical hospitality in the valley.

After a unanimous vote to officially start a capital campaign, a record number of members attending the Annual Meeting voted to approve a budget and elect our Board of Trustees for the coming year. I am honored to have been chosen from among them to serve as your President this year. The Board will be holding our annual retreat in September to finalize and verbalize our goals for the year.

Our first order of business will be to begin capital planning and finance campaign work for our campus improvements by organizing committees to move us ahead this fall. To read more, and to volunteer to join, please [visit the capital campaign page](#).

You will see there, as well, that we are planning to create some temporary additional parking space which is needed to reduce overflow street parking in the neighborhood on Sunday mornings. While the intention is to add permanent parking, and to re-orient and shade the parking lot, those changes will likely come toward the end of our capital improvements.

We ended the fiscal year with an operating surplus of \$40,600, of which \$26,800 was carried over to the new fiscal year, and the remainder dedicated to replenishment of savings that had been depleted in recent years, to ensure that we have necessary funds to meet cash flow and emergency needs.

Reverend Andy will return to the pulpit this month as we prepare to make room for so much more in the fall. More people, more faith formation offerings (for young and old alike), more fellowship, and more outreach. The change to two services on a Sunday morning can be a difficult one, but one that will certainly grow opportunities for all. Please add your assistance to the months of planning our staff have done, by attending and being patient as we settle in to a new routine.

Excitement is in the air at Valley UU Congregation. I am proud to be a part of it.

Regards,
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