

The Confluence

News of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta, OH
A Voice of Liberal Religion in the Mid-Ohio Valley

Open Minds, Helping Hands and Loving Hearts
September 2022

Services are held each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in person in the Sanctuary of the **First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta, 232 Third St., Marietta, OH 45750**. The services are also available on Facebook (search for FUUSM) and on [Zoom](#).

September Events

Sunday September 4

- 10 a.m. **choir practice** in the Sanctuary.
 - 9:30 a.m. **Today's Issues** in the RE building parlor and [on Zoom](#)
- 11:00 a.m. **Labor Day – Our Relationship with Our Work – Worship Leader Martha McGovern**. The pandemic caused many of us to re-examine our jobs, our careers, and the overall place of work in our lives. What are some current perspectives on work? Can our UU Principles help us to promote better policies and to establish better personal relationships with our work?

Monday, September 5 , Labor Day. Office closed.

Wednesday, September 7

- noon, [Zoom](#) meditation. Meeting ID ID: 906 204 9940
Passcode: OMWed12
- 5 p.m. Worship & Music committee, RE parlor.

Saturday, September 10

- African drumming class, 3-5 p.m., FUUSM social hall.

Sunday, September 11

- Sternwheel Festival at the confluence in Marietta.
- 9:30 a.m. **choir practice** in the Sanctuary.
- 9:30 a.m. **Today's Issues** in the RE building parlor and [on Zoom](#)
- 9:30 a.m. Buildings & Grounds committee, social hall.



Concretia, permanently displayed in the FUUSM Sculpture Garden. By UU member Elin Jones, Ines Allen, Nancy Coleman and Judy Lewis

- 11:00 a.m. **Annual Ingathering Water Ceremony - Rev. K. Hawbaker**

Everyone is invited to bring a small sample of water from a source significant to you, to pour into a common vessel to acknowledge how Water is Life, and we flow together as FUUSM. There will be reflections on *Braiding Sweetgrass*.

- 1-3:30 p.m., **Social Justice Forum** will focus on water protection near and far.



Monday, September 12

- 2 p.m., **Caring Committee**, RE parlor and via Zoom. (Use Sunday service link.)
- 6:30 p.m., **Board of Trustees**, RE parlor and via Zoom.

Wednesday, September 14

- noon, **Zoom meditation**. Meeting ID ID: 906 204 9940 Passcode: OMWed12
- 1 p.m. Women's group, home of Chris Hoke. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. Note time change – 1:00 pm! From Marietta, the trip may be 1.5 hour (due to construction on Rt.7). Carpooling is recommended. Perhaps meet at the Giant Eagle lot to change cars. Do NOT use GPS! Drivers – get directions from Chris via email. Chris will supply drinks, plates, utensils. May have enough chairs depending on the number of guests. No masks unless you feel uncomfortable / cautious. If it is sunny, we can walk around the gardens. Please let Chis know by Sunday, Sept. 11th, if you will be coming. If there are less than 5, the outing will be canceled.

Thursday, September 15, Tai chi, 10:30-11:30 a.m., social Hall.

Saturday, September 17, 5 p.m., **Pig Roast @ LeRoy & Rev. Kat's home**, 650 Ferncliff Dr. Bring a chair and a dish to share

Sunday, September 18

- **9:30 a.m. Today's Issues** in the RE building parlor and on [Zoom](#)
- 9:30 a.m. **choir practice** in the Sanctuary.
- **11 a.m. Building a Beloved Community — Rev. K. Hawbaker.** Let us use our active voice (verb) to live our values and engage in a process of mutual commitment. Grounded in Universalist beliefs, we can emphasize our collective work along with individual freedom of belief. We strive to serve the greatest good through time in protecting people and the planet. This requires communication and commitment to focus our energies of collective change.

- 12 noon: **Fall Congregational Meeting** for Start-Up.
- 12:30 p.m. **Board of Trust Governors meeting** in the RE building, upstairs.
- 12:30 p.m. **Green Sanctuary Committee** meeting in the RE building parlor.

**FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th**

Please plan to attend a brief Congregational meeting immediately following the Sunday service on Sept. 18!

Wednesday, September 21, noon, [Zoom](#) meditation. Meeting ID ID: 906 204 9940
Passcode: OMWed12

Thursday, September 15, Tai chi, 10:30-11:30 a.m., social Hall.

Friday, September 23

- 9:30 a.m., **Membership Committee** will meet in the parlor.

Sunday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. **Today's Issues** in the RE building parlor and [on Zoom](#).
- 9:30 a.m. **choir practice** in the Sanctuary.
- 11:00 a.m. **Guest Speaker: Timber Hawkeye**, author of *Buddhist Boot Camp*.
- 1-2:30 p.m., social hall, **Timber Hawkeye**, offers a book talk, discussion, and Q&A about discovering the difference between feelings and emotions, and the countless benefits of mindfulness so we can live at peace in the world (both within and around us).

Wednesday, September 28, noon, [Zoom](#) meditation. Meeting ID ID: 906 204 9940
Passcode: OMWed12

Thursday, September 15, Tai chi, 10:30-11:30 a.m., social Hall.

Saturday, October 1

- Circle Supper hosted by the Tings.

Sunday, October 2

- 9:30 a.m. **Today's Issues** discussion, RE Building parlor.
- 9:30 a.m. **choir practice**, Sanctuary.

- 11 a.m. **Forgiveness.** In observance of Yom Kippur, this service draws from Jewish resources and other religious traditions. By listening to multiple voices, we affirm our commitment to a pluralistic worldview. Our liberal faith seeks greater depth and breadth of inclusion, acknowledging the lessons, disappointments and failures that have taught us the most.
- 4 p.m. **Blessing of the Animals** in the courtyard. A FUUSM family-friendly event.

New FUUSM Events Calendar and Reservations Policy

FUUSM now has a continually updated Google Calendar for events and space reservations. [Click here for the calendar.](#) Please consider bookmarking it in your web browser.

[Since this is a Google Calendar, you must have or open a Google account. If you use Google Calendar for your personal calendar the FUUSM events will be merged in with your events but in a different color. You can also opt to view each calendar separately. Editor]

Space reservations should be made with Dawn Hewitt, FUUSM office assistant, via email (fuusm.office@gmail.com), telephone (740-373-1238), or in person during office hours. Those who add events or space reservations to the paper calendar on Dawn's desk without notifying her risk having their events overlooked and not added to this sharable, online calendar.

This *Confluence* Calendar is also updated periodically and can be accessed [here](#) and on fuusm.org.

Office Hours

Office assistant, Dawn Hewitt, Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
 Rev. Hawbaker Mon., Wed., & Fri. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., other times by appointment.
 Tuesday is Rev. Kat's day off, and Thursday is devoted to sermon writing & study

Homecoming 2022

More than two years ago the world, as we knew it ended. In its place came masks to wear in public, Zoom meetings, missed events including deaths and births, safety measures just to be in the church, a dependence on some forms of social media, and a fierce need to reconnect in person with those we cherish in this life and, of course, FUUSM Homecoming 2022.

Homecoming, the weekend of July 29-31, brought an onslaught of volunteers and delicious food.

The Friday Homecoming event brought over 40 adults and children to “Treasure Island” (the FUUSM courtyard) to hunt a chest filled with special egg prizes. Saturday 55 guests munched on beautiful food while they watched FUUSM members, along with our minister, push a concrete statue up an impromptu ramp into pride of place in the courtyard. Sunday 92 people attended the reflection service along with drinking special coffees and promising to stay in touch or get more involved with FUUSM.



Over 187 people joined the fun over three days. And it all began with two people sharing their stories of love for FUUSM and our Principles. Some of us have begun to wonder what could happen if all of us did some small version of that?

The conclusions we have drawn from the Homecoming conversations point to one important idea: we need to rethink how FUUSM works in a world filled with the need for our core values.

The results of Homecoming 2022 show us that we are living in a new time – a time of opportunity and transformation...a time to draw in others who need the FUUSM community, and who are seeking how to connect with us. And this is an amazing time for us to find ways to connect more effectively with those within the FUUSM family.

What I am trying to say as simply as possible is that it's the end of the world as we knew it.

The way we will need to move forward is not quite clear, but the bottom line that we learned from Homecoming 2022 is that if we share our events more publicly, and our personal stories of what FUUSM means to our lives, people will come. Now we need to get ready.

**Sent by Annie Warmke, co-chair with Roger Kalter, of Homecoming 2022
Photos by Anna Haught and Ralph Olander**

As we celebrate our accomplishments over the past three years it's time to ask ourselves a couple of questions so we can clarify how to proceed. If you didn't already do so at church, please answer the "[Where do we go from here?](#)" questionnaire.



Collage of photos by Anna Haught. Click here for more of Anna Haught's and Ralph Olander's [Homecoming Photos](#).



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Board Briefs

The Board approved giving Concretia a permanent position in the courtyard. Benefits packages were discussed for full-time employee Rev. Kat, and part-time employee Dawn Hewitt.

A Fall Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022, following the service.

A subcommittee of the Board will review the By-laws, which have not been revised since 2010.

The Chalice Lighter Grant has been resubmitted.

Membership committee will resume Circle Suppers.

Service Recognition: Annie Warmke and Roger Kalter.

COVID POLICY: *When Covid numbers are high in Washington or Wood counties, we wear masks.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need more volunteers to help with Empty Bowls, a wonderful community outreach program that had its origins at our church. Please contact Cathy Rees: rrees501@hotmail.com or 740-373-0724

Board of Trust Governors Meeting

Sunday, September 18, 12:30 p.m. in the RE building, upstairs.

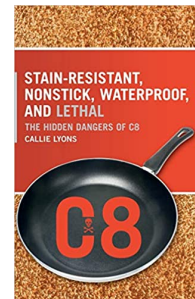
Reminder: Any member of the society and/or donor to the Trusts may attend to provide oral or written comments for consideration at the meeting.

Submitted by Linda Lawton on behalf of the Board of Trust Governors

**You're Invited to the September 11th Social Justice Sunday Forum
on Water Protectors**

FUUSM's Green Sanctuary Committee is pleased to team up with the Social Justice Committee for the September 11th Social Justice Sunday Forum focused on water protectors and what we can do to support their efforts.

SJS leader **Andrew Clovis** will moderate the panel of speakers: **Scott Russell**, a former co-chair of the Stop Line 3 Team of the Sierra Club's North Star Chapter, will come to us over Zoom to discuss the current status of the battle against Line 3 and Line 5 pipelines that endanger the lands and waters and people--particularly Indigenous People in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin; **Giulia Mannarino**, a local climate activist, a member of Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action, and a "fracking refugee," will share why she was willing to join the Line 3 protest in Minnesota in June of 2021; and Callie Lyons, local author and podcaster who published "***Stain-Resistant, Nonstick, Waterproof, and Lethal: the Hidden Dangers of C8***," will bring home the importance of protecting our lands and waters and the health of ourselves and our friends and neighbors on the front lines right here in the Mid-Ohio Valley. A Q&A roundtable with the speakers will follow the presentations.



Scott Russell



Callie Lyons

The Forum is planned as an in-person gathering held from 1:00 - 3:00 in the FUUSM Social Hall, but will also be available on Zoom at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89319914112?pwd=RVZnZlY4bXBEN1JvVkxKNFRKTHEyQT09> If you would like to telephone into the Zoom session [click here for the information](#).

Circle Suppers Are Back!!!

Hooray! Circle Suppers are back! Starting in October, we will be scheduling these monthly—typically the second Saturday of the month, but with some scheduling flexibility. Since COVID continues to mutate and produce variant strains, for now we must limit the Circle Suppers to those who are COVID vaccinated. Masks are at the host’s discretion. We had to discontinue the Circle Suppers once the COVID pandemic hit. Since it has been a while, a few comments for review and reintroduction might be helpful. The idea behind Circle Suppers is to enhance the spirit of community within FUUSM by having regular opportunities to gather and share a meal. The food is merely an excuse (although an effective one); the real sharing is of ourselves. We have found that the smaller, quieter setting of a Circle Supper allows for conversation and discovery of each other. In particular, it is a wonderful way for newcomers to expand the circle of FUUSM people they are familiar with. That’s why the Membership Committee has taken the lead in organizing the Circle Suppers.

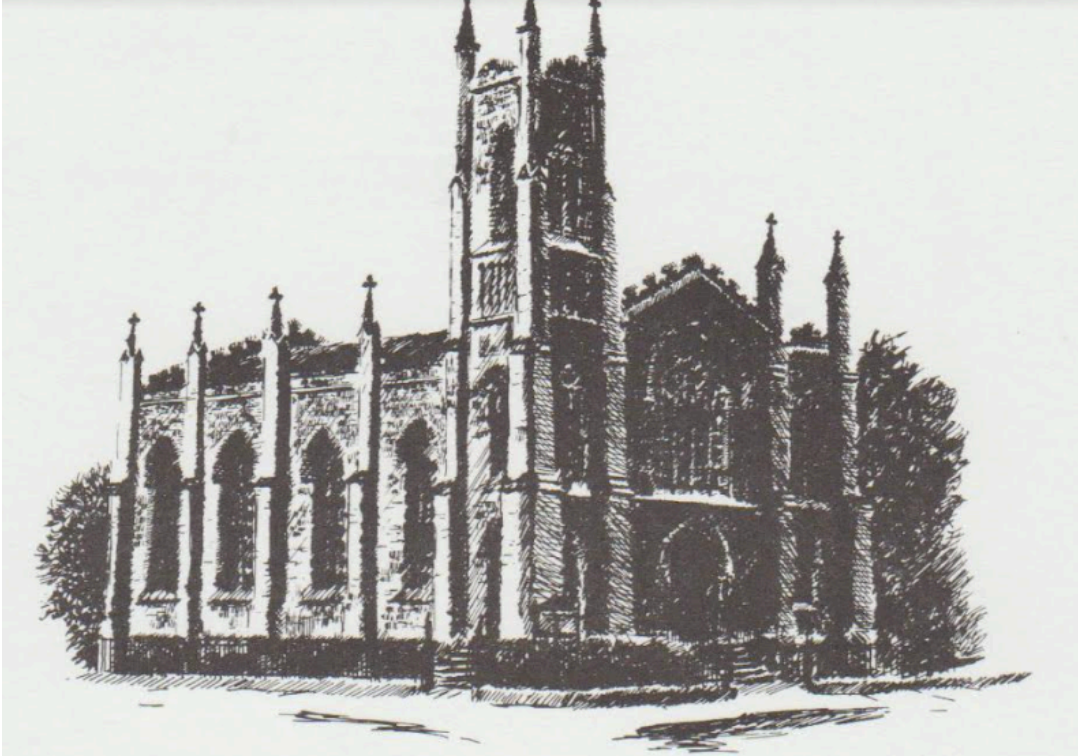
Our first step is to recruit Circle Supper hosts. The hosts typically provide the basics of a Circle Supper: a location and seating, tableware, basic refreshments, clean-up, and a main dish (optional). Although the location is typically the host’s home, we have also had Circle Suppers in the Fellowship Hall. Sometimes people have teamed up to share the work of hosting. Much is left to the host’s discretion since they are opening their homes to us (for example, the maximum number of guests, kids OK or not, alcohol OK or not, COVID masks or not). Menu planning is optional. People with particular dietary restrictions are typically asked to bring a dish they feel comfortable eating. We have found that true potlucks work well in our Circle Suppers. The theological diversity of our FUUSM community apparently extends to our food as well.

To start us off, the Tings will be hosting the first Circle Supper, on October 1. Note that this is the first Saturday and a good example of scheduling flexibility (there is a Service Auction campfire event previously scheduled on October 8). There will be another announcement with further details as the Circle Supper date gets closer.

The dates for the 6 months after that are: Nov. 12, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, and Apr. 8. Note that we are skipping December to prevent holiday burnout. The dates can be flexed to accommodate scheduling conflicts. So check your calendars and let me know if you can host on one of those dates.

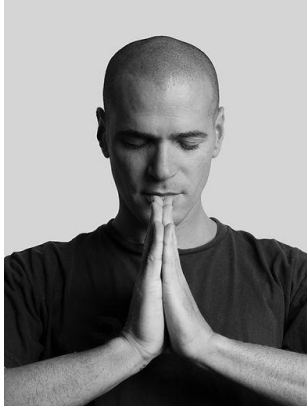
See you at a Circle Supper! –Darryl Ting

A FUUSM Mystery



Attention longtime FUUSM members and friends, as well as FUUSM archivists. Do you know who sketched this beautiful drawing of our beloved sanctuary? We'd like to credit the artist. If you do know, please inform FUUSM office assistant Dawn Hewitt. Thanks!

Update: Elin Jones says: "I believe the artist is Mona Crostin or Crosten or Croton. She cleaned at Mother O'Riley's and the church." Does anyone else remember Mona C? Does anyone know how she spells her name? Can you verify that she was the artist?



Coming Event: Guest Speaker and Book Talk September 25, 2022

Guest speaker, Timber Hawkeye will provide the reflection at our service. Additionally, he will lead us in a book talk, discussion, and Q&A about discovering the difference between feelings and emotions, and the countless benefits of mindfulness so we can live at peace in the world (both within and around us).

Timber Hawkeye is the bestselling author of *Buddhist Boot Camp* and *Faithfully Religionless*. He has just released a new book, called *The Opposite of Namaste*. His books and the *Buddhist Boot Camp* podcast offer a secular and nonsectarian approach to being at peace with the world (both within and around us), with the intention to awaken, enlighten, enrich and inspire.

The book talk and discussion will be from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Donations will be accepted and are greatly appreciated!

Timber was born Jewish, ordained Buddhist, uses a Hindu mantra, and his morning meditation is a Catholic prayer. His altar at home features a statue of Jesus, one of the Buddha, another of Saint Francis of Assisi, and they get along just fine. On paper, Timber Hawkeye is a bestselling author, a podcast producer, a publisher, and an international public speaker, but in person, he is just another friendly face in town.

Hawkeye's first book, *Buddhist Boot Camp*, is a collection of journal entries and letters from Hawaii. Even though each chapter is only a page long, it shares a secular and non-sectarian approach to being at peace with the world (both within and around us). His follow-up memoir, *Faithfully Religionless*, offers a glimpse into an extraordinary life filled with insight and motivation. It's about letting go of the need to know, the difference between feelings and emotions, the disparity between truths and facts, and the countless benefits of mindful living. As for Timber's newest book, *The Opposite of Namaste*, he states, "As always, the intention is to awaken, enlighten, enrich, and inspire ways for us to mindfully live at peace with the world (both within and around us), not because nobody pushes our buttons, but because we get to a place where we don't have any buttons that can be pushed."

More information about Timber Hawkeye, recent podcasts, and books for purchase may be found at buddhistbootcamp.com. For each autographed copy that is purchased,

another copy is donated to the Prison Library Project. Timber Hawkeye has created a FaceBook event for the afternoon discussion. Please feel free to share this information with friends and invite them to attend

FB Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/5147755991938212>

Kelcey Jacobs is willing to place an order for multiple copies of *Buddhist Bootcamp* and *Faithfully Religionless* through Amazon. A large order will defray the shipping cost. *Buddhist Bootcamp* is currently \$11.49 and *Faithfully Religionless* is \$14.99. Please email Kelcey at cvspedteacher@gmail.com by September 3rd.

Yard Sale Brings in \$1760

The FUUSM Yard Sale, on August 20 and 21, was a success bringing in about \$1760 and helping members to pass unneeded items to those who can use them. Here are some photos from Nancy Wolske.



Pollinator Update

We are expanding! On August 13, a dozen volunteers from FUUSM and the larger community began the process of smothering the turfgrass in a 285-foot swath along Fort Street, extending from an elderly burning bush across from Gilman United Methodist Church to the beginning of the Harmar River trail. Mark Krivchenia did battle with poison ivy and invasive woody plants, Dawn Hewitt disposed of some excessively enthusiastic vegetation, and the rest of the crew flattened and laid cardboard, then spread the dump truck load(s) of mulch provided by the city.

In September, with the cooperation of Marietta Morning Rotary and more volunteers, we will be digging out and installing a brick mowing edge. The bricks were salvaged from a building slated for demolition, thanks to the labor of yet another team of volunteers led by Geoff Schenkel, and are currently stored behind Gilman United Methodist Church. (What started as a Green Sanctuary project has found a village of supporters.)

Next spring, we will be putting out a call for "plants your grandparents grew" to create beds of heritage perennials to honor the work of the late Dean Hoffert of Fort Street, who for many years tended a cottage-style garden in part of what is now the pollinator habitat.

Sent by Rebecca Phillips



Vic Elam at work on a very large pile of mulch



Dawn Hewitt and Cody Henderhan at work on a different large mulch pile



The finished bed awaiting its edge and eventual planting.

Installing Concretia in our Patio

Concretia was installed in our courtyard during Homecoming 2022. The event was broadcast to the whole Mid-Ohio Valley by WTAP television, which interviewed Elin Jones, the artist who organized the project. “The start of Concretia was quite a surprise when one of the artists, Elin Jones, says it started as stepping stones. “It started[as] we were making stepping stones of concrete with pottery insets. And I said I really want to do something big, and I want to see what would happen if we had draped fabric,” Jones said.

Jones says she isn't quite sure what it symbolizes. Concretia just happened.

“It happened, she just happened. Art happens. Some people map things out. I don't. Ines Allen, Nancy Coleman, Judy Lewis and I enjoyed working together Sunday afternoons for a couple of summers.” Jones said.

Here are some photos, by Ralph Olander, of the installation. [Click here](#) for more photos



Join other FUUSM's at the Marietta Junior Reading Club

Like me, several of our FUUSM members belong to the Marietta Junior Reading Club, a literary-themed social club that meets monthly for wine, dinner, and a reading presentation. If you would like to explore whether you enjoy our hospitality and might want to join us, let me know so that I can invite you as a guest at an upcoming gathering.



The MJRC has been a Marietta institution since 1885. The literary topic of each monthly meeting is low-stress, as one previously scheduled member presents a talk on a recent book he or she has read. (Yes, a book report! -- made easier by the social environment and preceding drinks and dinner.) Our group comprises a mix of couples and singles, and meets at the Betsey Mills Club on the second Tuesday, October through May. Wine is provided by a host member, and the catered dinner at The Betsey is provided for a modest cost -- last year's cost was \$25 per person, tip included. If you would like to attend as a guest of me and my companion Akemi Matsumoto, your meal, and that of a spouse or companion, if any, is on me.

FUUSM members Jann Adams, Lori Fahn, and Virginia Mayle are also MJRC members and regularly attend our social gatherings. If, like me (at my age), you are intrigued by the prospect of membership in any organization with the word "Junior" in its name, reach out so I can invite you as a guest.

Submitted by Tom Cunningham

Quaker Meeting for Worship in the RE Building



You may have noticed that the Quakers, otherwise known as the Society of Friends, meet in the parlor of the Religious Education building on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The Mid Ohio Valley Friends meeting is unprogrammed, which means that members gather in silent worship and speak only when the spirit moves them. Our

meeting is mostly silent. The group is small, usually no more than a half dozen members in person and one or two on Zoom, and several of us are also members of FUUSM. We have refreshments and informal conversation after worship. The philosophy and values of the Quakers are compatible with those of the Unitarian Universalists, the difference is in the style of worship. Unfortunately, the group meets at 11 a.m., which conflicts with the UU service, but if you would like to try something different one Sunday, you are always welcome to join us.

Submitted by Ted Goertzel (thee, thou)

New Outdoor Canopies

During the plant sale earlier this summer, we realized that with our various fundraisers and other outdoor FUUSM events, we deserve to have some good, outdoor, fold-up canopies on hand instead of always having to borrow some. Consequently, the Building and Grounds Committee, with the blessing of the Board of Trustees, purchased three of them, which are now kept in the narrow closet in the church office. The door to that closet is often locked, so best to make arrangements to gain access before you need them.

Here are some good policies we should follow to ensure they are complete, clean and ready for any FUUSM group needing to use them:

- For use only at church functions!
- If you have never raised these canopies before, please get with someone who has to get checked out on them. Jim Grecni will be happy to show you as well.
- Please read the instructions on the outside of the cover pouch when raising or taking it down.
- The roof fabric needs to stay on the frame. **Do not pull it off** when taking canopy down.
- Be sure to anchor the four legs with the metal stakes in the pocket of the pouch, and always return them to that pouch.
- Never put it away wet.

By following these instructions and applying some gentle care when taking them up or down, our canopies should last us many years!

Thanks, Buildings and Grounds

Happy Birthday September

September Sue Montera (9/3) Alex Richendollar (9/3) Stephanie (Squish) Rector (9/4) Lucas Harrison (9/9) Melinda McDowell (9/9) Joe Baker (9/10) Tom Sharretts (9/13) Lucy Filipow (9/14) Tom Cunningham (9/17) Ralph Olander (9/19) Robin Bozian (9/22) Axelton Sheaves (9/22) Lukas McDowell (9/26) Andrew Clovis (9/29) Mike Lang (9/29) Chris Keller (9/30)