



# The CommUUnicator

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## Service Auction Paintings

By Steve Kasdan

The first time I saw the Shenandoah Valley was in 1976. I had just come off the Skyline drive at Waynesboro on a trip that was intended to be across country. I headed South on Route 340, at that time a two-lane road (as much of it still is today). There were hardly any business establishments and no stop lights. All one could see was beautiful farmland and the Blue Ridge Mountains. It was Sunday morning and a local radio station was playing traditional Bluegrass Gospel music. (Did I mention, I was an aspiring banjo player?) It felt good!

Fast forward to around 2010... We (Rae and I) were by that time long-time Waynesboro residents. I had already been working for a good many years (getting close to retirement, I'd say) at my job in Stuarts Draft. My daily commute was primarily on the very stretch of road that greeted me on that fateful day in 1976.



So when it was announced at the UUFW, where Rae and I spent most Sunday mornings,

that our church was about to join the "Adopt a Highway" program and take on the task of cleaning up a certain stretch of Route 340, (yes that very one), along with adjoining Kindig Road, I happily enlisted with other UUs who understood that there were some "children" out there that needed cleaning up after.

Sure, it would be nice if the county or the state would pay people to perform this odious task, but you know, it's really not all that tedious

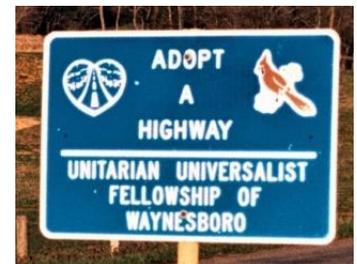


when doing it with friends on a crisp fall or spring morning. I'd go as far as to say that it's kind of

fun, and a good workout to boot. One can stop and take a breath, look around and appreciate the surrounding beauty, take a picture or chat with the property owner who just thanked you. I never once felt like a "sucker or a loser" doing this job. Oh, and let's not forget, when the work is over, one can enjoy a pleasant communal snack at the home of Doug and Sylvia Woodworth.

The pictured paintings were inspired by this beautiful area and will be offered for sale in the upcoming UUFW Service Auction.

*The Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up is this Saturday. Check your weekly reminders email for time and location.*



## Member News

Former UUFW member [Peggy Dowling](#) of Weyer's Cave passed away on October 15.