



The CommUUnicator

**Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Waynesboro**

New Member Spotlight

Rev. Paul and the UUFW Membership Team held a “New to UU” class for prospective members on November 18. At the end of the class, all five attendees signed the book. Two more former members signed the book the same week, for a total of seven new members! The newsletter will be featuring our new members in this and upcoming issues with a brief bio and photo. Let’s all make a point of getting to know our new members and help them get involved in the life of our Fellowship.



**Beth
Fairley**

Beth was born in Maine to a large Catholic family and admits that she never did understand or accept that brand of religion. She spent most of her adult life in Maryland where she and her ex-husband raised two girls, one of whom lives in Colorado and the other in Silver Spring, MD. She has two grandchildren

who love to come to “Grammie Camp” in the summer.

To be closer to her daughter and a sister, Beth moved to Virginia in 2020 from Wilmington, North Carolina, where she had lived for a number of years following her divorce. Until her retirement, she worked for small business service companies as office manager. She lives in Waynesboro with her dog and cat and enjoys raising vegetables in her garden and painting landscapes in oil.

Beth says that she is delighted to have found this friendly Fellowship. “It feels right for me.”



Melissa Hays

**(With Addie
and
Charleigh)**

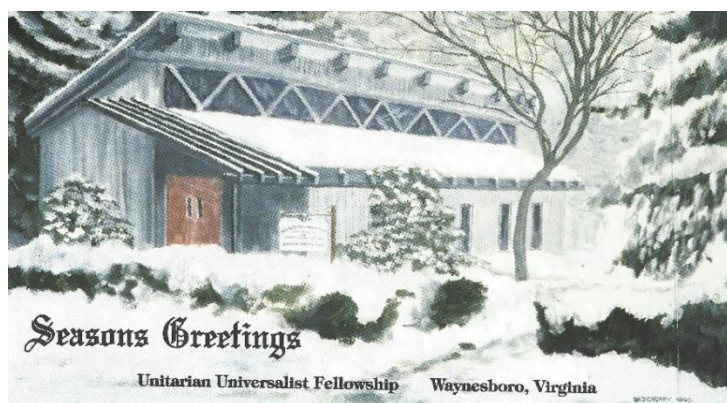
Melissa also grew up in the Catholic church but came to realize that she needed a more open and inclusive religious experience. She is originally from the Philadelphia area and attended Temple University, where she met her husband, Jimmy Kenngott. Upon starting a

family, they decided to take a leap of faith and move to a less urban environment. After discovering the beauty of our area, they moved first to Staunton, then bought a house in Waynesboro three years ago.

Melissa describes herself as primarily a home-schooling mother, but she also works part-time as a dog trainer. She hopes to one day have a home-based business offering animal boarding and training. Jimmy is a chef at Three Notch'd Brewery in Nellysford.

Melissa and Jimmy have three children: Adelaide (Addie) 9, Clementine (Clem) 7, and Charlotte (Charleigh) 5. The girls have formed a strong bond with our RE program and look forward to Sundays.

Melissa is a person who values in-person connections. She loves listening to people's stories and talking with others about many topics, especially animals, childhood education and how we can make a difference in the world. She appreciates the sense of community she has found within the Fellowship.



Once upon a time, the UUFW sent holiday cards graced with one of Bill Berry's paintings. This is how we looked before the addition to our Fellowship Hall.



Our Afghan family treated the Home Team and their English tutors to a magnificent feast in traditional Afghan style. They all had so much fun!



Close to 80 members, visitors and friends were in attendance for last Sunday's service, followed by an outstanding holiday potluck and Christmas carol sing. Thank you Hospitality Team led by Barbara Wright and our valiant song leader, Erin Milnes.

