

The CommUUnicator

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No Kings Day

Members of UUFW joined hundreds of protesters in Staunton and Harrisonburg on No Kings Day, October 18. We were there to stand up for democracy and against tyranny.

This is a time when a new American police state is terrorizing immigrants and our communities; the rule of law, voting rights, and our basic freedoms are at risk; and billionaires are getting huge tax breaks while millions of Americans struggle to meet basic needs. We as individuals and as members of a community of faith joined with millions of citizens nationwide to protest the authoritarian

policies and corruption of the Trump administration.







Take a Walk

By Rae Kasdan

Tis the season to walk here in the Valley, and I would like to share a great place.

If you don't already know about it, Bells Lane is one of the jewels of Staunton. It is a 1.8 paved road that winds through a woods and up hills through farmland. Yes, farmland right in the city. Bells Lane, part of the Lewis Creek Watershed, has both an interesting history and zoning status. In the 1990's, through the foresight of the Moore family, 60 acres of grazing land was converted to a woods and wetland, attracting birds and wildlife. Both the woods and the surrounding farms are zoned as an "agricultural/forestal district," which is intended to protect this splendid area from future development. It is a popular place for walkers and bird watchers.

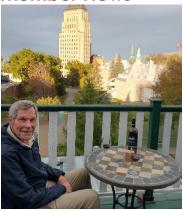


Bell's Lane is off Commerce Rd in Staunton. More information on the conservation status is available at the site.





Member News



Otis Huston celebrated his 80th birthday this month in Quebec City with his wife Suzy. Otis has served the UUFW in many capacities over the last 30 years. He has chaired the

Building and Grounds Committee and worked on several construction projects at the Chalice House. He chaired the Building Expansion Committee that nearly doubled our Fellowship Hall and served on the Search Committee that brought Paul Oakley to our congregation. He also served on the eight-member Home Team that helped to settle the Azimi family from Afghanistan and secure Permanent Asylum in record time. Currently, Otis is co-leader of the UUFW service to the Verona Food Pantry.



New members officially welcomed by the congregation last Sunday are, from left, Steve and Judi Keller, Lydia Petersson, Wendy Repass, Rosario Marroquín-Flores and Jordan Norton.



