

Transcription of the Last Service at Lee Way

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Abstract

On June 11, 1995 we had our last service at 210 Lee Way, Bel Air, Maryland. The video was made into a DVD and was subsequently transcribed in the form you see here.



Outside the Fellowship

MEMBERS CHATTING: I thought you were taking a picture of the ... there was a walker and a video camera. That's it, that's right. Oh, yes.

All right, we got it all today. I even got a picture of that. It was nice, it was, while he was in the dresser, looking at that shot.

That's where it's at. No, no, no, that's, we're just going to look back on that and remember that. The trekkers are there.

In the Sanctuary

REV. ALICE WESLEY: You are very welcome in this place. We have several people with us who have never before been with us, and here you are

in our last day in this building. If you've never before been with us, would you raise your hand? There's one way back there, John.

Ask her to raise it higher, look who's with us today. We are very glad to have you, friends and family.

I wonder if there's anyone here besides Joe who knows the great significance of the number 9409B0150.

That is the prize to Marianne. That is the permit number for use and occupancy of 2515 Churchville Road, which came through on Friday afternoon.

I have a long list of announcements because of the nature of the day. Number one, if you remembered to bring your key that you have to this building, we need to give all the keys ex-

cept those needed during moving to New Life, the new owners. If you brought your key, would you come at the end of the service and put it on this little table and write your name there so that Ken Richer, who keeps track of keys, can see that you have turned yours in and check it off. All committee members and Board members who are here today, would you please, before you leave this building, take everything of yours out of your mailboxes because the mailboxes will not be in their usual place for quite a while.

You don't even know where the usual place is yet. So whatever is left in there will not be available to you for a while. Please take it with you.

Also, quite a few folks have left coats and jackets out in the coat area. I know you don't feel like you need to wear it today, but it would be helpful if you take it with you. And then I have back here two pictures and a TV tray that people brought for use on Sundays and never took home. It would be nice if you would take those with you.

I see that we have people coming in the back, so you know what I'm going to do? I'm going to ask that quite a few of the children come and sit down on the floor in the front and that will free up some seats so that we don't have to have chairs blocking the doorway, which is not a good thing to do. If you are sitting in the doorway, please come forward and take one of these seats in the front.

Please come forward, those of you who are in the back, and take seats in the front. There's plenty of quite a few seats up here. Marilyn? Is there any fan? Is this on? I don't know.

What about the other one up here? Okay. Turn on that air conditioner, please. The air conditioners belong to the new owners of this building. They said we could use the fan.

There are quite a few seats up front. Please come up front rather than sit in the doorway. Okay.

We have had quite a few checks turned in for new chairs. I didn't count the number, but I think it must be up around 25. We're hoping for 200. If

you brought your check today to buy a chair for yourself and a chair for someone else, please leave it in the office plate or on the credenza. There are some extra forms on the back of the credenza if you would like those.

Now let me tell you directions of what we're going to do after this very wonderful sermon.

Kids, when you go to your classes today, I want you to please come back when you hear us singing. There will be a very short sermon today, and when you hear us singing after the sermon, come back and join us in here because what we're going to do is give out something for everybody to carry to the new church, symbolic of our common life, and you need to get something to carry too.

Then we'll go outside and ask everybody, please wait right out in front of the kitchen while those who brought boxes for the moving crew bring them in, while the officers grab the stuff out of their mailboxes, while Bill and Robin take our pictures as we mill around in glorious confusion, and while I call the sheriff's office.

The sheriff is going to come to pick us up here and go with us down to Lee Way and Churchville Road and stop the traffic so that we can make the turn onto Churchville Road in a caravan. Others of us will hit red lights, but since it's a straight shoot and there are no more of left turns, the delays won't be anything like as bad as it would be out here.

We'll want to go in caravan out to the new church. When you get there, please wait out front again so that we can all go in together. There's a big concrete pad on the front. There's also a parking area for handicapped. We leave that vacant. There's plenty of room.

I'll be last, and I'll come with a key. We'll go into the meeting room. When you get into the meeting room, you'll see a long strip of white paper.

In the middle of the room, please form in a circle around the paper. And sometimes we'll all put there the things that we've taken, and then we'll

go on to the picnic.

I have one very big favor to ask of the kids today. I know that a lot of you have been out there at various times with your parents while they were working on the building, and you have had a good time playing in the building. But that's different. It's different when there are three or four kids and when there are maybe 35 or 40.

So I ask all the kids and ask parents please to see that the children do not play in the building today, that we go in and deposit our objects we've moved and then go over to the picnic and not go back into the building unless you need to go to the restroom.

Hmm. Do you reckon it covers all the points? I think so.

Just one more thing. You know, Kay and I usually stay after the service and after the coffee hour, and do lots of picking up and cleaning up for the new owners, the New Life community. Today we can't do that because we're all going to leave at once. So would you please take special care in your classrooms to leave everything really neat because the new owners are coming in for their own programming at 2 o'clock. So leave it neat for them.

Now, do you have other announcements? Rob?

ROB: I want to remind people that there won't be any way for you to, any place for you to leave a check for your pledge or other obligations that you may have. So we're going to do the banking by mail more or less. So please send your pledges that you intend to go directly to me or to the church at the church voluntary level.

ALICE: And also requisition for payment.

Oh, let's see. I had a list of announcements. See that? Look at the center page of the Order of Service. I put some things there that I thought you might like to take home with you. On the side that says welcome and announcement. See there we have our new telephone number, 734-7122, and our new address is printed there for you and a time when the office will be open.

So you might, at the end of the service, just fold that up and stick it in your pocket or your purse, and you'll have that information right down someplace at home. Another announcement. Marlene.

MARLENE: I have two quick announcements. Last Sunday I asked you to complete the survey for the Luzanan School. I received 35 of them back, but I ran out of surveys last week, so I've got more. Judy will be in the back of the room to give them out at the end. If you could complete them today. If you didn't do one last week, Judy will collect them. That would be great.

My second announcement concerns the food bank in July. Because of the holiday, we're doing it on July 6th and 7th, which is a Thursday and Friday. Mike, who is our usual leader, will be out of town, and so I'm in very much need of anyone who can help on those two days. Please either see me or I'll be even calling on some of you. Thank you.

ALICE: Marlene, you might just take that food today. If you want to distribute it, it's on the end of July. Kit?

KIT: I'll just remind everybody who has boxes to bring them in after the service. Our state was dispatched in our case office. What was the DRE's desk? The top of metal cabinets. We have to do this because of New Life meeting here. And also the cabinets in the 4 by 6 room, where the TV used to be. We made some space in there. Let's try to keep those boxes out of the way for the sake of our landlords who are using the building this afternoon. Thank you.

ALICE: Becky, one more.

BECKY: I'm just going to bring the sweat equity baskets in. I know we're not finished, but since we have our youth in occupancy, we're going to put the rest of these in. And there's still more work to do this summer, though. Don't be late.

ALICE: Thank you very much, Becky. I think that'll be one of the things we want to take with us.

One more, Glenn?

GLENN: Yeah, while we're speaking of sweat equity, please remember that many hands make nice work. We've got a lot of painting left to be done, and we're painting basically on Saturdays and Sundays all summer long. So don't feel just because you haven't signed up to paint that you're not allowed to paint.

And there's a lot of painting to be done, but we can get it done with a lot of helping hands. So every Saturday and Sunday, all summer long. Okay?

ALICE: Will the choir please call us to worship?

We gather in reverence before the wonder of life—
The wonder of this moment
The wonder of being together, so close yet so apart—
Each sitting in our own secret chamber.
Each listening, each trying to speak—
Yet none fully understanding, none fully understood.
We gather in reverence before all intangible things—
That eyes see not, nor ears can detect—
The hands can never touch,
that space cannot hold,
and time cannot measure.

Such is the gladness of sitting together, the good we play.

Come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
come, sing a song with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)
And I'll bring you hope
when hope is hard to find,
and I'll bring a song of love
and a rose in the wintertime.

Come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
come, dream a dream with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,
come, walk in rain with me,

Joyful worship. The choir laughing as they get ready to call us?

Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia. Sing and rejoice. Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia. Sing and rejoice. Sing and rejoice. Alleluia. Sing and rejoice. Alleluia. Sing and rejoice. Alleluia. Sing and rejoice.

May we read together number 439 in our hymn book. All the words take on a novel significance. They do for me in this reading.

that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

Come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
come, share a rose with me,
that I might know your mind.

(Chorus)

ALICE SPEAKING TO CUB SCOUT: I think maybe you might need to come around this way. You wore something very special today. Do you want to tell people why you wore that today? You want me to.

Well, this young man completed his *Love and Health Award* and there's his booklet that he did this all by himself. He came and interviewed me and thought long and hard about the questions.

What was it like doing that, was it fun? Well, I don't know, it was some fun. It was? It was sort of fun. His mom told me one question, what

do you like about your church? And Lucas put down “everything.”

Thank you for bringing your booklet just to show us. And here is his badge. I wish you could see how beautiful it is. It has a red flaming chalice on two blue backgrounds. There’s your badge, Lucas. And I also brought you a certificate for today.

It reads, want to read it with me? “On this day, Sunday, June 11, 1995, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship celebrated with James Lucas Stranger, his *God in Me Achievement*, and his *Love and Health* badge, earned in Bear Cub, Pack, 7773.”

Can we get a little bit of applause? [*Applause*]

I don’t think we have one of our high school graduates here today. Are there? Ryan!

Amanda is at the beach. And Joanne was hoping to be able to come, but I guess she didn’t make it.

Ryan, it would probably so embarrass you and certainly surprise you if you could know the very great extent of the hopes that these people in this room, who love you so much, been for you all your life. I want to speak of just one hope that we hope will be a carryover in your life.

I believe very much that our character is often that which is summoned from us by the people with whom we surround ourselves. We’ve been surrounding you for quite a while and hope to longer. We believe that your character is pretty fine and hope so much that because of your experience here with us and your growing up here that you will take care always to put yourself with a community that you hope will cause call the best from you and that you will want to be a part of that community, calling the best from us. Congratulations Ryan and would you please communicate our hopes and congratulations to Joanne and Amanda also?

Now Richard [Hovan], I don’t think you knew I was going to do this. Actually I said last Sunday how remarkable, something about how remarkable it was that since Richard began playing for

us and he wasn’t yet 13 when he started in January. He had missed only one Sunday by his to meet his needs and that was last Sunday because he was gone on his class trip. As it turns out he was home after all waiting for Joe to pick him up and because we thought he was on his trip, we didn’t. Joe didn’t go for him.

And Richard what I have for you in this envelope is just your very modest pay for May, which I hadn’t yet got to you, but with it goes lots and lots of thanks and appreciation and all, you’ve done a marvelous job. They’re going to show you how much they think you’ve done a good job.

[*Applause and standing ovation*]

DRE KAY SAUCIER: So many of those in religious education see an analogy between teaching and gardening. Surely this poem by James McGinnis applies to both the gardener and the teacher and we are gardeners with a flowering hope for to garden is not to give life but to tend life, to empower, to reap and flower the sacred seed in each.

Today we honor our teachers. Most gave 12 weeks to teach our young age preschool through high school. Some teens gave more than 12 weeks to assist in many classes.

We honor you, the teachers, with a plan to remind you of the blossoming minds you helped nurture in our religious education program.

And I kind of messed up because I figured that there wouldn’t be some here today and I didn’t want leftover plants and everybody is here! So there are a few that live close to me can get plants this week. I’ll go out and get some more.

Please stand as I call your name and remain standing through the hymn and the flower distribution. Laura Hofherr, Vera Bowen, Paula Scheel, Kit Brown, Judy Walkley, Rick Saucier, Carissa Milham, Robin Sommer, Ellen Stromdahl, Gina Van Dusen, Deanna Kabik, Marilyn Hovan, Renée Collins, Mark Stromdahl, Marlene Lieb, Lori Andes, Barb Zenker, John Andes, Bruce Dowley, Pam Burns, Mike Kabik.

And Barb Stroud and Sue Ellen Weidman were

available frequently to teach or lend a hand in the classroom.

And there were four teens who served as unpaid volunteers in the classes at least 12 weeks and they are Roxanne Saucier, Katrina Van Dusen, Joanne Bowers or *Jennifer* Bowers, sorry, and Stephen Saucier.

There are also others that I wish to thank who have done special projects: Glenn Brown is available all the time whenever I needed him, Pam Connor and Robin Stephan sent out the birthday cards, and four—more than four—people were substitute teachers: Judy Laylon, Georgiana Moore, Beth Reinsel, Becky Moss, and Rob Lieb.

Members of the RE committee have been so helpful, especially Judy Walkley, who is leaving the committee this year. Thanks to Gina, Vera, Sue Nelson, and Rick, you're all very special. Welcome to the new members of the committee, and you can still join.

ALICE: Now, Kay didn't know I was going to do this but all of you please remain standing for a while and Kay, you're standing with them.

We never found an opportunity in a service when everybody was here to talk about a letter that came from the Religious Education department staff at 25 Beacon Street this year. Actually, this letter is dated December 28th:

This letter is officially to acknowledge your congregation's entry into the UUA's registry of those congregations actively seeking excellence in religious education. A corresponding letter is being sent to your religious education educator, Kayleen Saucier, with recognition of her registry status as being a participant in the Renaissance Program which awards a letter of recognition for completing five modules. By supporting this level of training and commitment, you are building toward the excellence you seek. You are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and committed

leader. Our association depends on such leadership for the support and growth of our congregation's ministry to children and families. It is hoped that you will continue to see her as an asset and support the ongoing development of her leadership.

With your clapping hands would you please say amen to that letter [*applause*] in honor of service which we intended to sing to the teacher but we can't probably sing it very well if you don't sing with us since there are so many of you. So let us sing the song, thank you, the words to thank you that are printed in the Order of Service.

[*Children distribute flowers to the teachers during the song and then go to their classes.*]

The fact is we do have some members with hearing deficits and I don't care how sure you are that people can hear you without the mic, you're wrong. They can't. And that's why I want to ask you to do come right here and take the candle and then let me hold the mic so that you can be heard. Would you come and share with us what's going on in your life?

ROB LIEB: This is for Marlene: it's still her 39th birthday today.

GERRE: This is lit for a request on the day that you all move to your new home, I would like to come see you for the family memory.

Gerre, you know where the membership book is, it's back there in the back and we're going to take it with us and I was hoping there would be people who wanted to sign that book in the last day here, you can't hear Gerre.

KIT BROWN: Well this is a very big weekend for the church and a very big weekend for my family because my niece is getting married this weekend and so of course it brought us all together and we are very very happy to have with us right here this morning my husband, Kathy and her husband Hank from New Jersey, and so I'm working very hard at integrating family and church this weekend so far it's going very

smoothly.

DOREEN: I'm going to light one candle for two people, first one is sad, second one is happy and the first one is for my oldest sister Mary who was more a mother to me than anybody else in the world and last summer she had colon cancer surgery and next week they're going to take part of her liver and I don't know how that's going to go. Now the happy thing is today is Laura Hofherr's birthday and she's making a face, but 35 years ago today I had a beautiful baby daughter and she's a daughter of whom I am very, very proud so that's the happy thing.

ALICE: One more? Yes, Paula.

PAULA: How about this? I have so many things to say, a client of mine whose mother is a dear friend of mine died over memorial day and I was fortunate enough and sad enough to help Mary. She allowed me to help her with the funeral arrangements so just a memory, I hope we can all remember 19 year olds who are trying to achieve because there's so many of them out there who are doing so well and he died so young, he was doing extremely well. The second thing is that my secretary is going through a very hard time with her brother-in-law dying who has been very close to her favorite sister for years and this is a candle for him and Terry who died and on a happy note my father who had cancer is doing extremely well and there seems to be no extra cancer in his life.

[*Choir sings 'Tis a Gift to be Simple, 'Tis a Gift to be Free*]

ALICE: Well, we obviously need to add a name to this list. Printed on your Orders of Service are the names of those who have joined us since last September. Actually, we talk about so many years around here, I'm sure it gets confusing sometimes. There's the fiscal year, which runs from May 1 to April 30, and of course the calendar year, which is from January to December, and then we also talk about the church year, and by that we usually mean September through June, through that portion of the year when we have regular services.

So, it is my very great pleasure and Laurie's, who's our new Membership Chair, to ask that as I call your name, you please come forward and let us enjoy the picture. Tina Schueler, Colleen Palmer, Ed Roberts, Kim Roberts, David Boyle, Ken Stranger, Pat Stranger, Jay Patton, Janet Turner-Hampton, Leanne McIntyre, Nick Curtis, Deborah Haines, Stephen Haines, Jim Cerio, Jan Cerio. Bring your Orders of Service. Jim and Jan, Ruth Sanborn, Bud Schutzman, and Gerre Wolff.

It's okay to spread out a little bit. You don't have to be all jammed up. Okay, that's fine.

Does everybody have the reading that's printed in the order? Come over this way a little bit, and we can spread out. You have not joined a tightly organized church. We generally manage with about this level of confusion.

Does anybody need one of these? Okay. The readings are divided first for those who are still seated, and then for all of us.

All members having joined before 1994. All right, do we need one? Do we have one? There's one. Okay. Thank you. All right. All who have joined this Fellowship before September '94, please read:

We are glad you have freely joined us as members of our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. We need your courage and enthusiasm, your talents, questions, generosity, and service. We pledge to you our companionship in the search for truth, in the ways of integrity, in bold and free community. We provide as much of those who would be free. We shall have ask much of you. And we want you to have ask much of us, so that all of us may receive even more.

And will all members please stand and read together. I'll read:

We, for long years and often, will learn, teach, laugh, weep, strive, and sing together. May we be honest

in our doubts and faithful to our hopes. May we together find joy and strength and wisdom for living. May our children's lives and the world be shared with all people and all living things be better for the ways in which we honor the bonds of our passion and trust.

ALICE: You may be seated.

One very good way of designing the Green Church is as a community of specially treasured memories and hope. Hope comes from memories. If we know the stories of how good things happen; if we know the stories of how difficulties are ever overcome; if we know the stories of how people found a way when there didn't seem to be any way, then there is every goodness or hope that that kind of goodness may be found in the future. And the thing to do is to gird up your loins and head out into that future in hope.

We are going to be taking with us many, many memories. You know, Inez Buis, one of our longest-term members, is not often with us anymore now that she has moved to Charlestown [Senior Center]. But not long ago, when she was here with us, Inez took Joe aside and said, I wanted to know if there wasn't some way we could take a portion of this lovely bush right out here in the corner of the building. What's it called, Charles? [*Charles gives the scientific name.*] The news was, when Joe asked Charles about that, Oh, I believe the Unitarians were all cold intellectuals. I was not a cold intellectual, sir.

I'll take with me wherever I go, this congregation's experience of the "burning bush": One Sunday morning, a couple of our kids thought that they shouldn't be playing with the incense. The teacher had taught them a lesson on Buddhism. And so, thinking they might be caught, they threw the lit incense out the window. So that in the middle of the service, the congregation was summoned to behold the burning bush. And in typical fashion, they all went out and ooed and aahed until the fire trucks came to them. And then folks came on back in and finished the ser-

vice.

Do you have stories you would like to tell about something that happened right here, in this building, on this site? Paula?

PAULA: Well, ten years ago this month, I was married here. My husband Fred has never come. He's a member, but just doesn't go to church. He'd rather go to the lawn on Sunday mornings. But at that time, I was a member, but a real occasional member. And so, when we had the wedding, and then we had this huge party here, I don't think even one person, besides me, who was a member here, was here. Geoff was here long enough to marry us and leave for another wedding. And we just had this huge party here. And then we had to come back in the morning and clean up the mess. And for me, it was a motivator to get me to start coming more. And I did come more, because I'd always been a member downtown. So, that was what brought me home to what became my church. Thank you.

ALICE: Somebody else? Kit?

KIT BROWN: Well, I always remember it in the old school kids' dinner theater. And they put us to that, and the dinner they prepared for us, just the whole thing, and the fact that they had so much spirit and commitment to this church. But my outstanding memory of it: Roxanne as a tart.

ALICE: And Laurie?

LAURIE DOWLEY: What goes without saying, I have one. I had to share last Christmas Eve with all my very, very special larger family, the naming of our daughter, Claire.

ALICE: Someone else? Yes, Marilyn?

Marilyn Hovan: I guess Nick was in first grade or so, and I was teaching the class. And we were following the curricula, and we spent the night in the church that night. And I wasn't sure how it was going to go off, and we had some fathers and mothers come stay with us. And we watched "101 Dalmatians," and we had breakfast in the morning. And they had a great time. It was unbelievable. They just all had so much fun. The floor is hard!

ALICE: Marlene?

MARLENE LIEB: I remember the summer that we sat many a night on this floor, making our banner with the jeans, with scraps of paper everywhere, and the jeans running all over, putting it all on the floor. It was a great time.

And it all happened right here. And we'll have the banner forever. Well, I had great fun painting the rest of the signs.

Did you see what happened to it? It was really fun. It was so uncomfortable. Well, let's be sure to take those with us.

And Laurie?

LAURIE DOWLEY: And I also remember that this is where I get to make my debut in folk music. Thank you all for making my success.

ALICE: Glenn?

GLENN: Well, I remember with not much fondness the attic up here. And we had the roof leak, and we put in the speakers and the track lighting. Anybody want to help take the speakers out Thursday? It's hot up there, but we're going to need this. That's what I remember about this place.

ALICE: Marianne?

MARIANNE: Well, I just remember my first exposure actually being one of the potluck dinners and not even being one of the services. And just how struck I was by the people and just the warmth and the energy and everything. But my memory is more of being at my first exposure.

ALICE: Pat?

PAT: I remember the first day Bill and I walked in here. We were dressed up like we were going to some other church. But I remember that as soon as we walked into the place and heard the sermon and looked at everyone, before the sermon was over we had signed the membership book the first day we walked in here.

I remember what that sermon was. And there was a sermon about Jesus, and Bill was saying, we've got Channing's view of Jesus, which is well

over 100 years old, almost 200 years old. And Bill saying, that's what I believe. This must be where I belong.

ALICE: Rob?

ROB: One of my favorite memories is the early times when I started coming here I had to do a course with Charlie Reed. And it was just before service we had arrived, and he was standing right by the bushes back there.

He says, "Oh, you folks are new here." I said, "Yes." He says, "Let me show you the back lot." And he just loved the place here, and that's what he would do. He would show you things. That's very nice.

ALICE: Yes, Pam?

PAM: In conjunction with that, one thing that I truly miss is the view. You know, all four seasons I've enjoyed looking out the window here.

ALICE: Now, you won't. Dave?

DAVE: I remember the annual spaghetti supper we used to have here. Juliano's Popo's.

ALICE: Any others? Yes?

BOB REINSEL: And I have to say, I'll never forget my first experience of drinking beer in a sanctuary. How many churches can you do that in?

ALICE: We are going to this larger building expressly and explicitly because we want an expansion of all this. Meaning, all this freedom, all this art, for yet more people. If we remember that it has ever happened in our lives with others at other times, then we may know with the assurance of faith that it is possible in the future. And living in that hope, we will help to shape the future.

I want to sing now and call the kids back in. And as they come back in, we will all take something special to take out to them.

But first, Richard, can you give us a song?

[*Hymn 322: Thanks Be for These*]

[*Children return to the Sanctuary*]

In the Hallway and Outside

All of the brief days of delight. Dad, I'll play.

Well, two of us, let's take them with us. Jet, you have something else on you? Jill, you take one. Can you carry that? Yes! I'll pick this one.

Well, I'll give you something different. I think that'll fit me a little bit better. Okay, now, who knows what this is, where we write down everything we're going to do? Laura, would you take that? What about me? And now here's something that I bet some of you didn't even know we have.

This is our parish register. It stays in the minister's office, and written in this book are the names of all married in this congregation and all the children's names. Lauren, since Clare's the last one mentioned on the naming, would you carry that book, please? This is a real special thing in our region.

It's a beautiful show. The children use it to learn how to share and do it well. By talking one new time and really from the heart, they pass this around the Magic Circle, and whoever's holding the shell tells their story.

Would you carry that, Lauren? And then, right in this box, are all... That every child in this church school, in one way or another, knows, because they've all read these stories. The Church Across the Street, The Old Story of Salvation, The Little Golden Book About God, The Giving Tree, Giving the Fat Troy, Festival for Freedom, Fiesta, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa. All these great books, Arrow to the Sun, They Put on Masks, Clay Stings, New Testament Bible Stories, and the kind of special books we make on our own.

This one is called, I Love My Mother, written and illustrated by Ivy Jacob, Lars, Gretchen, Sarah, Peter, and Nicolai, Coppenright, 1994. Nicolai, would you carry that? Hurry up! Now, we want to be sure to remember this place. And we have some more pictures out there of the building, but they're bigger and tighter.

We'll let the packers come in. Jerry, if our newest

member takes the picture of the place where she was the latest. On the other hand, we're going to have new things in this building.

The Mosses bought this picture for us to hang in the new building. They were just out shopping and saw this and thought it was so beautiful and just right. And so we wanted to take this new painting.

But, oh, Rob's got to get the offering plate. What else? Ah, how could Unitarians ever function without the coffee cup? Huh? Okay, let's see. Speaking of how adults would function without coffee, the kids have got to have snacks.

Oh, you want to carry that one? Okay. You got one, Jerry? Okay. Okay, well, you carry that too.

And Marley, was Marley in this picture? Okay. As a symbol of all of the fun that we have in this church, I thought we'd take this ladle. Who's our new social activities co-chair? I am! Oh, well, Rick, you carry the ladle?

Okay, give it to somebody else or give it to Mom. Now, we are certainly going to want to give out brochures and other information about ourselves to more and more new members. You want to take those? Now, here are some that you probably need to look at along the way.

These are photograph albums of our life together. I'm going to see if I can give them to new members who haven't ever looked at any of these. Ruth? Um, there's two more.

Three more. And new members, here's some more photograph albums. Uh, well, I ran out of people to give that to.

Look here, Bruna. Thank you. And finally, this is it.

Find a larger challenge. That's all. Mary, you carry that.

Now, we need, Rob, we need you, after everybody's had a chance to pass by it, to be sure to put an offering plate. Then there's the membership book. Would Ruth, would you do the honor of carrying the membership book with us? And the guest register in the room.

I'll just draw on, Ruth, would you pick up the guest register? All right. Here we go. Would you please? Hey, Debra, the car's around here.

We're going to go to the car. I have to sort of follow the chalice, in case it comes out, this is really good, I had to find out what kind of he's going to carry it, so now I've got to keep on it. Hi, here's Scar.

Jeanette, honey, can you wait here? We're moving today. I know. This is the stand for the membership book.

The book is not on the stand. Somebody else has the book. We're in the stand to put the book on.

Yeah, but why are you sitting? We're waiting for everybody else. Why? Everybody left. Oh, really? Yeah.

They have a caravan. Hey. Hey, what do you want with those hens? I'm running away.

I'm not doing that. Don't go down with those hens. Alright.

Now let's go get something to carry over. Rob, have you taken everything? Yes, yes. Ah, there you go.

You've got quite a bag. What are you waiting for? I've got one. ■