

# Buildings and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee supports the mission of UUCV by providing a safe, comfortable, and attractive space to house the many other ministries of the congregation. We also ensure good neighbor relations and encourage visitors by keeping the grounds and the exterior of the building well-maintained and attractive.

Our committee's role falls between the weekly cleaning duties performed by our custodian and major capital projects normally done by professionals. We make sure the grass is mowed, the snow is shoveled, the flower beds are tended, the lights and smoke detectors work, doors can be locked and the many, many other small tasks involved in the upkeep of an aging home. From time to time we tackle a more major project, such as painting a room. We also keep the Board of Trustees informed on major needs of our property and consult on capital projects.

In recent years, Building and Grounds has not functioned like most other committees. We do not have weekly or monthly meetings. Instead, the co-chairs plan work days and schedule volunteers to perform particular tasks. This spreads tasks among lots of people and gives volunteers an opportunity to meet and interact with different members and friends of the congregation. We provide an opportunity to use existing skills and to gain new ones.