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## Planned Giving Benefactors

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## About Planned Giving

The *Samuel and Caroline Gilman Society* was established in 1999 to honor members and friends after their death who made gifts to the Church in their wills or estates.

The *Gilman Legacy Builders* is an honor society recognizing future benefactors, allowing public recognition or anonymity for a gift, according to individual preference. Donors were not systematically recognized prior to the establishment of these two groups.

To make a gift of any kind to the Unitarian Church in Charleston (UC- CHS) is an act of generosity and faith. A gift drawn from the fruits of a lifetime, is a commitment to the future. Please contact the church office if you wish to further inquire about giving to our church at:

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## About the Gilmans

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In 1819, Rev. Dr. Samuel Gilman arrived as the second Unitarian minister, having presented his first guest sermon in 1818. At age 21, he was a faculty member at Harvard, and at 28 was an "avowed Unitarian" (a phrase you can see on the Gateway Walk wall on King St.) he was "unanimously elected pastor" in April 2019. He returned to Boston to marry Caroline Howard and the couple moved to Charleston where he was ordained on December 8, 1819. For twenty years he personally conducted Sunday school, introduced female voices into the choir, and encouraged the formation of the Ladies Sewing Society, the present Women's Alliance.

By 1852, Gilman was able to say that the congregation "averaged about 400 souls". In 1858, Samuel Gilman died while visiting his daughter in Massachusetts. He was 67 years old. Rev. Gilman died in in 1858 while visiting his daughter in Kingston, Massachusetts. His portrait hangs in the sanctuary Gilman remained with the church for almost 40 years, and he and his wife Caroline were responsible for freeing the church of debt and establishing it as a solid institution.

Caroline Gilman was once the best-known woman author in the South having started Rosebud magazine in 1829. Some people would refer to Samuel Gilman as "the husband of Caroline Gilman." She designed the Churchyard in 1831 using the principles of the English landscape park, modeling it after Mount Auburn Cemetery in Massachusetts, a semi-wild, semi-cultivated space for enjoyment by the living although combined with a graveyard. In 1862, she moved as a refugee to Greenville, S. C., where she remained for the duration of the Civil War. She returned to Charleston after the war and completed a record book in 1870 for Unitarian Church to replace one lost in Columbia.

Caroline Gilman lived to be 94 and died in 1888 while visiting her only surviving daughter in Washington, D.C. and has largely been forgotten. One reason she may have disregarded could be her conversion to a support of slavery favoring a white ruling class, a surprising development given she was raised in the north. She and Samuel had 4-5 "house slaves" which may have contributed to this position.

The Gilman's had seven children, but only four, all girls, survived beyond infancy. The Gilman's and several of their children are buried under the large monument in the Churchyard.

More information about the Gilman's is available in the thesis of Janice Joan Thompson, "Caroline Howard Gilman-Her Mind and Her Art," submitted in 1975 in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Thompson wrote that the lives of Caroline and Samuel Gilman, illustrate "the underlying tensions in the country that would ultimately lead to the tragedy of the Civil War are made clear. The nullification controversy (1816-1836) is mentioned often as well as the dispute over slavery. It is clear that the economy of the South was founded on slavery, and in parts of South Carolina slaves outnumbered whites five to one. The abolition of slavery would, and as we now know, did, destroy the Southern economy. Events that led up to the Civil War had apparently been

festering for over 40 years before the outbreak of hostilities.

The Gilmans owned house slaves. Samuel Gilman supported the Union, but by August, 1856 had changed his mind, [though he wrote ardent defender of slavery John C. Calhoun's funeral ode].

Caroline, on the other hand, vehemently defended the practice of slavery in public and in private. Samuel defended slavery privately, but never supported the institution in public. In 1853, probably because of Gilman's ambivalence about slavery, the church recruited Charles Manson Taggart, one of the most extreme pro-slavery Unitarian ministers, as an assistant to Gilman. (Taggart died the following year but lived long enough to get a plaque in the front of the sanctuary.)

The Gilman's two daughters, Anna Margaret Bowen and Eliza Gilman Dodge, who had moved to the North with their husbands and supported the Union. The two daughters who had remained in the South, Louisa Porcher and Carolina Glover, supported the Confederacy. Throughout the war, Caroline worried and hoped for a reconciliation of the family.

## Names and Histories

*Information broken down by century, oldest to newest, then in alphabetical order of the benefactor. Most information is drawn from Gateway articles, primarily written by church member Kay Haun, as well as other sources with dates the information was published when possible.*

### 21th Century

#### **Fullarton, Betty**

Born 1912; Died June 7, 2005

*The Gateway* March 2014

#### *The Legacy of Betty Fullarton*

A marble plaque mounted in the sanctuary foyer celebrates Betty Fullarton, a loved member who, not such a long time ago, played an important part in Unitarian church life.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1912, Betty earned an associates' degree, worked, and cared for her parents until 1980. She remained unmarried, because that's what many women did in those years if family needs required their dedicated service. When she moved to Charleston, where her sister Jean Fullarton Hodges had settled as the wife of a Citadel professor, Betty was already past retirement age, but full of energy and a desire to help others.

Here, she became a member of numerous service groups and of our Unitarian Church. Betty was white-haired, tall, slim, and gentle, with a ready smile and a charming quiet diffidence. She wore hats to church when other women had quit that custom, but they suited Betty with her gracious manners and ladylike demeanor. She lived modestly and independently in a small home in Riverland Terrace.

Following the deaths of brother-in-law Wiley Hodges, then sister Jean, and finally her nephew Andrew Hodges, Betty was left without immediate family. So when she was diagnosed with cancer, her many friends in our church gave love and support throughout her illness.

Betty died of cancer in June 2005. She was 93. Her sizeable legacy gift to our sanctuary and churchyard breathed new life into the Unitarian home on Archdale Street. Betty gave from the fruits of her lifetime to support our Unitarian presence. We remember Betty Fullarton, generous and kind friend to all of us.

Submitted by Planned Giving Committee, By Kay Haun  
PLANNED GIVING COMMITTEE: Bill Walsh and Stuart Terry, Chairs; Myrtle Staples  
Bennett, Hillary Hutchinson, John Milkereit, Steve Wilson, and Kay Haun

## **Hayes, Richard and Connie**

January 2024

Neither were diseased at the time of this writing. However, they should be recognized for their generosity in funding the Special Endowment for Buildings and Grounds. They chose to move a planned estate donation to an outright gift while still living at a time when three buildings need roof repairs: The Sanctuary, The Annex, and Gage Hall.

Richard was a Colonel in the United States Airforce, where he served 12 years, then worked as a contract and compliance supervisor for various companies. He retired to Charleston when his wife, Connie, took over her father's chemical business at High Purity Standards. Connie with a degree in analytical chemistry from Purdue University acted as CEO at HPS for 15 years, then after retirement continued to serve as a technical advisor. They have raised two children, Megan and Scott.

## **Hearth, Donald P. "Don" (A)**

*The Gateway* January 2017

Born August 13, 1928; Died September 15, 2013

*Planned Giving Don Hearth, Legacy Benefactor*

In recent months, Kay Haun, for the Planned Giving Committee, has been acquainting us by writing short bios of folks who left legacies to the church upon their deaths. The Church benefits greatly by these gifts, giving us stability and financial resources for projects we might not otherwise undertake. This month the committee features Don Hearth, who was one of those people. Perhaps you knew him.

Don joined the church in 2007 not long after his wife of 55 years passed. He mourned his loss here among us with flowers each year in her memory. This church became important to Don and he became important to us. Don was born in New England, earned an engineering degree at Northeastern University and later honorary degrees from George Washington University and Northeastern.

His career was devoted to aeronautical and space engineering almost entirely for the government during moon landing and space exploration times. Among various positions Don served as Director of Langley Research Center, and near the end of his work life he was Acting Deputy Administrator for NASA. Don called himself a 1950s Leave It to Beaver feminist so it was not surprising to learn he was the first chair of NASA's Equal Opportunity Program to help desegregate the program, a position he was proud to hold. He was part of the Team that planned the first mission to space with John Glenn. He also worked hard to desegregate NASA, planning and creating the spreadsheet used to figure out how to get to the moon and back, working with the three black women scientists (Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson) portrayed in the film *Hidden Figures*. He also led the group that designed the Space Shuttle.

While quiet about his many talents and experiences, after joining the church he quickly gained recognition for his skills, serving admirably in various ways. He was treasurer for 4 years, dedicating tremendous energy to this tedious endeavor and enthusiastically mentoring others. Terry Walsh honed the increasingly complicated treasurer skills under Don. She was struck by the many layers of Don: he made complexity simple; he was tough, but he had the softest heart of anyone she knew. He was fun, patient, loving, and so smart. He had a booming laugh, talked

about his family and showed photos of them. He liked to hike – hard hikes, even when he was over 80.

When Hillary Hutchinson became Vestry Chair, she says he wanted her to be informed and to understand all the reports and databases, the financing of the church restoration and accessibility work, as well as other financial commitments. She describes him as thorough, honest, forthright and opinionated (and she loved him - everyone did).

Hillary was Don's partner in the Compassionate Church Initiative to help meet the spirit of the Charter for Compassion, a document created by religious historian Karen Armstrong. Don's remark during this process was, "I'm finding I am not actually that compassionate." Typically, Don went on to explore the concept in more depth. He chaired Ad Hoc Vestry Committee for Compassion for the 2012-2013 church year, resulting in the passage of the Compassion Resolution at the Annual Congregational Meeting on May 19, 2013. Don died September 15, 2013, before he could enact his passion for social justice through compassion.

He and his wife, Joan (pronounced "Jo-Ann"), raised 4 children. His family included 10 grands and 2 great-grands. He described his family as his greatest legacy. He told me once he was planning more world travel with his children. When he died, he had just returned from walking the Great Wall of China.

Don was a remarkable person, personally and professionally. He added greatly to the life of the church. At his memorial Rev. Danny Reed described him as one of many who have signed our membership book: "Our roll of honor is long, but it holds no nobler figure." Among many passions, Don loved music. At the 2013 auction, he was the winning bidder to lead our choir during a worship service. [Rev.] Danny spoke of this at Don's memorial service: "On June 9, the last day Don occupied this treasured Sanctuary, he stood right there, and with elegance and presence, led our choir. How appropriate," he said, "on his last day among us, he was leading us. In honor and memory, he will lead us still." It was to the Music Endowment that Don left his legacy to our church.

Submitted by Judy Bruce Please note that in writing this bio, I relied/plagiarized unabashedly on the words of Rev. Danny Reed, Terry Walsh, and Hillary Hutchison.

## **Hearth, Don (B) Update**

**Delivered from pulpit October 2019**

Born August 13, 1928; Died September 15, 2013

Dr. Donald (Don) Hearth was a vibrant member of our church participating in many aspects of church life. He was very humble about his accomplishments in life, but was a Don was a visionary and a highly successful scientist leading the NASA Langley Research Center for 9 years in the 70's & 80's. I encourage you to learn more about Don and his many contributions to science and his efforts to improve work place equality. We sadly [lost Don to a brief illness in 2013](#).

Don had a passion for music and very much enjoyed listening to our concerts and choir. He decided to leave a significant gift to the church through Planned Giving. The gift established a



special designated pool of monies, managed by our Endowment Investment Board (EIB), to strengthen and broaden the musical programming. The funds annually provide enriched music events, such as:

- The *Candlelight Concert Series* allowing the church to hire musicians that draw a larger audience and provide engaging high quality performances. Jazz by The Charlton Singleton Project was the first performance funded by Don's gift.
- *Phantasmagorical* is becoming an annual tradition. This complex and costly production, as well as advertising for it beyond church walls, would not be possible without Don's bequest.

You too can support the Vision and Mission of our church 'enriching our lives and serving our world' by planning a legacy gift to the Unitarian Church in Charleston.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren Banner, Chair, Planned Giving

### **Horvay, Ben**

From letter of acknowledgement November 20, 1997

Born in Hungary 1920; Died January 12, 2015

### **Horvay, Jean**

Born 1922; Died December 13, 2014

The Horvays donated stock from General Electric for the purpose of completing the Garden of Remembrance with a focal point such as an urn or fountain, with any remaining funds to be used toward the maintenance of the garden.

The Horvays were highly active in establishing the Romanian Partner Church program at the Unitarian Church in Charleston with a Unitarian church in Küküllődombó, Romania. The Unitarian Church in Charleston Romanian Partner Church Program was discontinued in March 2018.

Submitted by Hillary Hutchinson

HORVAY Jean Trimble, 92, of Lexington, wife of Julius Benjamin Horvay, passed away Saturday, December 13, 2014, at Richmond Place. She was born in Camp Hill, PA, to the late Frederick and Ruth Marshall Trimble. She was a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps during WWII. (Obituary published by *Lexington Herald-Leader* on Dec. 15, 2014.)

HORVAY Julius Benjamin, 95, widower of Jean T. Horvay died Mon Jan 12, 2015 at Richmond Place. Born in Budapest, Hungary he was the son of the late Gyula and Rose Pollak Heller. He fled fascist Hungary in 1940 and enrolled at the University of Cincinnati. Upon graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army, served as a 1st Lieutenant in the Signal Corps in the South Pacific during WW II. After the war he embarked on a distinguished 37-year career as an electrical engineer with General Electric, earning 44 patents. His most notable design is the magnetic refrigerator door latch. In 1979, he was given the Steinmetz Award, the top recognition for

creative engineering at G.E. In addition, he taught courses in thermodynamics and refrigeration engineering as an Adjunct Assoc. Prof. at University of Louisville. In retirement, his consulting business took him and his late wife Jean to many developing countries. Family and friends will remember his optimism, energy and zest for life. (Obituary published by *Lexington Herald-Leader* on Jan. 18, 2015.)

**Hutchison, Ruby [Elizabeth Barmore] (A)**

*The Gateway* December 2016

Born 4 May 1928; Died May 10, 2009

**Hutchison, [John Thomas Hutchinson Jr.] “Lee”**

Born 1 Jul 1923 Died 30 Oct 1999

*Ruby and Lee Hutchison, Legacy Benefactors*

This month, the Planned Giving Committee again reminds Charleston UUs of a cherished legacy from our recent past membership. On the crenellated wall in the front of the sanctuary courtyard is the plaque commemorating those UUs who have left financial gifts for our future. Inscribed there are the names of Lee and Ruby Hutchison. Have you yet visited this space for remembrance, sat on the old wrought iron bench, read the inscription on the small boulder, and thought about the generous and loving old friends whose names are etched on the Gilman Legacy Society plaque? If so, you may have wondered about the Hutchisons.

Lee and Ruby came to Charleston in the 1940s from Indiana. Lee began a long career here at The Citadel as a professor of mathematics. When Dottie and Otto Klintworth found the Unitarian Church in 1950, they met members Ruby and Lee and became friends. Also in this congenial fellowship were Rosemary Hutto, Billie Hall [there is a stone bench with Billie Hall's name inscribed on it by the path leading to the sundial at the front of the churchyard], Wiley and Jean Hodges, and Joe and Stella Shisko. Rhys Williams was the young minister and the church was small. All of these names are some of our church's most revered and dedicated people, because they kept liberal religion alive during difficult political times in 1950's and 60's Charleston.

The Hutchisons were both small in stature but were avid travelers and active volunteers. They had no children. Both served the church in numerous capacities throughout their long membership, Ruby a stalwart in the Alliance as long as she was able. Lee was an accomplished photographer. Quietly reserved but friendly and always ready to help, Lee and Ruby each served in many capacities in church and community life. Lee retired from The Citadel and preceded Ruby in death by only a few years. Some of us remember tiny curly-haired Ruby sitting on the black bench in Gage Hall, smiling and shyly laughing with church friends. Ruby lived on to 101 years of age, dying in 2009 after residing in a residential care home in West Ashley for her final 5 years. The couple are buried side by side in our churchyard. Perhaps you will stop and visit with them there one day. [The Hutchisons, along with Ben and Jean Horvay, helped to finance the Garden of Remembrance with the tablets of names. There is a bench dedicated to Ruby Hutchison directly across from the area where ashes can be scattered.]

These fine people earned our respect, gratitude, and our remembrance. They gave fully to the liberal ideals and freedom of belief which our church has represented in Charleston for

more than 200 years. They also left us a financial legacy to continue this religious tradition long past their lifetimes.

We encourage all our members to follow in our forebears' steps by speaking with a Planned Giving Committee member about legacy planning to insure the continuing presence of the Unitarian Church in Charleston. Please call on Planned Giving to discuss the different possibilities now available for your own generous gift. And blessed be Ruby and Lee Hutchison.

Submitted by Kay Haun

## **Hutchison, Ruby (B)**

*The Gateway* October 2009

### *DID YOU KNOW? Ruby Hutchison*

Did you know that our church received a wonderful bequest from Ruby Hutchinson? Ruby willed \$24,000 to the church for the benefit of the churchyard. Over the last 20 years, our community has benefited from large and small bequests totaling over \$1,500,000. These gifts have been used to pursue wonderful goals like restoring the churchyard and jump-starting our capital fund drive to restore the exterior of The Landmark. There is a bench with the Hutchison name in the Memorial Garden, a lovely place to sit and contemplate the names on the engraved granite tablets.

Did you know that it is easy and very gratifying to arrange a legacy gift for the church or the church Endowment? Many in our church community have already made these arrangements in their will or trust just like Ruby did. Thank you, Ruby, and thanks to everyone for past and future gifts, great and small.

The Planned Giving Committee  
Stuart Terry, Chair

## **Hutto, Rosemary Nelson**

Published by *Charleston Post & Courier* Dec. 26, 2016

Born 1918; Died December 19, 2016

Rosemary Nelson Hutto Charleston - Rosemary Nelson Hutto, 98, of Charleston, South Carolina, widow of Thomas Asbury Hutto, died Monday, December 19, 2016. Rosemary was born December 31, 1917 in Charleston, South Carolina, daughter of the late Leroy Nelson and Rose May Humphry Nelson. She graduated from the College of Charleston in 1939 and served in the US Navy during WWII. Rosemary retired from Ashley Hall School, where she taught Latin for over 25 years. Speaking of education, she was quoted in *Ashley Hall: The Campus History Series* (2003) by Ileana Strauch, "All your need is a teacher, a student, and a book. She was an active member of the Women's Alliance at Unitarian Church of Charleston.

She graciously allowed some of her legacy gift to be used for much needed repairs to the Minister's office in Gage Hall.

## **Larisey, Maxine**

Born July 01, 1909; Died March 03, 2000

Buried in churchyard, Plot 27.

*The Gateway* November 2016

### *Remembering Maxine Larisey*

In the year 2000, long-term UU Charleston member Maxine Larisey passed away, and our church gratefully received a generous financial donation from her estate. Her name is engraved on the sanctuary courtyard plaque honoring members of the Samuel and Caroline Gilman Society, those who have “bequeathed from the fruits of their lifetimes” to insure the survival of this church. Dr. Larisey’s portrait hangs in Gage Hall (it was once hung above the fireplace mantel in Gage Hall’s “Larisey Room”) where we gather for our many functions.

Dr. Larisey’s bequest paid for the expert restoration of more than 50 stone monuments, among other important needs. Your Planned Giving Committee encourages the remembrance of those who helped build this secure Unitarian congregation, and Maxine’s is certainly a name we should all know.

She was Dr. Mary Maxine Larisey formally, and she was a pioneer for women here in Charleston. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1909, she earned her A.B., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in botany from Washington University in St. Louis, completing her studies in 1939. She taught botany at Washington University, then at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, and from 1940-47 at Judson College in Marion, Alabama, the nation’s fifth oldest college for women, chairing the Division of Science.

When Dr. Larisey arrived at the Medical College of South Carolina in 1947, she was its first female professor, joining the faculty as Professor of Biology and Pharmacology. She remained at MUSC teaching pharmacy students until her retirement in 1975. In 1976, the Medical University endowed a fellowship in her honor. At her death in March 2000, Dr. Larisey left a bequest to support construction of the MUSC Children’s Research Institute.

During and after her career at MUSC, she was actively involved with the American Association of University Women, and served as its SC President from 1955-57. She was an active member of our church, also, serving on the vestry and chairing the Archives Committee and the Alliance over the years. She wrote a brief history of the church which is still used by our Docents as they inform visitors. In 1952, a Post & Courier article described her work with the Charleston Museum, classifying and ordering its neglected herbarium. Her name can be found as an expert resource and contributor in numerous states’ botanical guides outside South Carolina, as well.

Maxine Larisey’s important work within this church and community is part of a legacy which nourishes us today. We cherish her memory and her service.

Are you planning to leave your own legacy to promote the continuing presence of the Unitarian Church in Charleston? Contact Hillary Hutchinson, Planned Giving Chairperson, to talk about the many possibilities that have recently evolved regarding such gifts.

Submitted by Kay Haun, Planned Giving Committee Member

**Luszki, Walter**

*The Gateway* May 2011

Born **October 5, 1914**; Died April 8, 2006

**Luszki, Margaret Butler Barron**

Died 1998

*A kind and generous gift for our church*

Just one month ago, Rev. Reed received the following letter:

Dear Rev. Reed:

My wife, Donna Christian, and I are very pleased to make a contribution of \$100,000 to the Unitarian Church in Charleston for the Social Justice Endowment in memory of my uncle and aunt, Walter and Margaret Luszki. Walter and Margaret were members of the congregation . . . from the mid-1960s until Margaret's death in 1998 and Walter's in 2006.

Walter was a career military officer as well as a psychologist. Margaret was also a psychologist. They both had life-long commitments to social justice. For example, Walt worked as a volunteer with residents at a home for persons with mental disabilities and with students at a public middle school, both in their Charleston neighborhood. He also sponsored a tennis program for disadvantaged youth in Charleston. They both had a deep commitment to expanding educational opportunities as a path for low-income and minority students to achieve fulfilling and productive lives.

We trust that our gift will enable the church to undertake activities that will advance the values of social justice that my uncle and aunt held so dearly.

With kind regards,  
Thomas R. Wolanin

Early next church year on September 18, the service will be focused on our many Social Justice endeavors and accomplishments. During that service, Mr. Wolanin and Mrs. Christian who do not reside in Charleston will be present to receive our sincere thank-you for the above gift.

In the meantime, those of you who have memories of Walt and Margaret are asked to share them with us as various participants prepare words of thanks and celebration for that day. I certainly remember Walt at the Gage Hall forums, bursting into a harmonica tune when the program ground to a halt for some reason. I remember his laugh and his big smile, as well. If you have any "Walt and Margaret" stories, do call me, Kay Haun, at 797 0178 or e-mail me at [haukay@comcast.net](mailto:haukay@comcast.net) to let me record them for possible use on Sept. 18. Thank you!

[Both were psychologists.]

**Metzger, Sue**

*The Gateway* May 2014

Born January 19, 1933; Died January 13, 2010

### *Remembering Those Who Remembered Us*

Your Planned Giving Committee exists to encourage us to remember the important mission of this church through legacies and bequests, therefore insuring a continuing Unitarian presence in the Charleston community. On Sunday, October 28, Bill Finn, our foremost church investment guru(!), will lead a forum outlining the benefits already received by the church from those who named the church in their wills. Sue Metzger was one who did just that.

Sue's life ended too quickly in January 2010, when she died during what is usually a rather straightforward surgical procedure. She was such a vital and constant presence among us that her death seemed to contradict reason. Her legacy gift was memorialized in *The Gateway* in December 2010.

Indiana was Sue's home state, but she had worked and lived here from 1973 as a Director of Student Programs at MUSC. Her big voice matched her great heart and her strong will. She held many offices within our congregation, and she and her companion of many years, Ellie Garvin, were trusted and consulted in almost every proposal and decision requiring congregational attention.

Although Sue never married, she was a consummate nurturer who loved to cook and "mother" others. Just ask her students or perhaps our Churchyard Committee. Ask Sue Prazak and the Alliance members. Plus, every Sunday afternoon for years, Sue and Ellie would set out to visit members and friends who might be ill or in nursing care, taking fun and food along with them. I miss her, and I'll bet many of you do, as well!

Sue's name is now engraved on our Gilman Society plaque which adorns the small courtyard in front of the sanctuary. Her belief in giving to her community reminds us of how much we owe to those who have gone before.

Please mark October 28's forum on your calendar, when you will be inspired by the stories of past giving by many members like Sue. In addition, members of the Planned Giving Committee will be available following the service, answering questions you may have about your own lasting gift.

Kay Haun, Planned Giving Committee

#### **Moredock, William R. "Will"**

Published by *Charleston Post & Courier* Sep. 11, 2019

Born March 5, 1950; Died September 6, 2019

William R. "Will" Moredock died Friday, September 6, 2019 after a short, but hard-fought illness. Will was born March 5, 1950 in Camden, SC to the late William M. Moredock and Lillie Fuller Moredock. He graduated from Fort Mill High School and University of Georgia, with a degree in Journalism. He later received a Master's Degree in Journalism from The University of South Carolina. He was a reporter for *The Columbia Record* and *The State* newspapers, and

*Creative Loafing* in Charlotte. He founded, published and edited *The Point*, a weekly newspaper in Columbia for a number of years. He later wrote a regular column on local politics for *The City Paper* in Charleston. He also taught classes in Opinion Writing at The College of Charleston. Will wrote and published several books and ran a publishing business. Will is survived by his loving wife, Maryam Naderi and his very spoiled cat, Demi. Will and Maryam met and married later in their lives. They were truly soul mates and felt fortunate to have found each other.

Will was passionate about protecting the environment and animals, as well as the study of South Carolina history. Will and Maryam took great pleasure from working in their yard, and sharing the benefits of recycling, composting and solar panels. He often spoke up for those less fortunate. He volunteered at the food bank. Will's passion, commitment and kindness will be greatly missed.

Will left large portions of his estate to the general endowment fund to help support the Unitarian Church in perpetuity.

### **Schultz, Robert “Bob”**

Born October 28, 1936; Died August 3, 2021

### **Schultz, Gail**

Born June 12, 1939; Died \_\_\_\_\_

Church records creating Schwab account 10-14-2021

Bob died on August 3, 2021, in Grass Valley, CA. He is survived by his wife, Gail, who was a former Vestry Chair of our Church. Robert, a retired engineer, was a member of our Building & Grounds Committee, and was very active in the restoration phase for the exterior of our Church Building. He graduated from Dearborn High School and The University of Michigan with an undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Nuclear Engineering. After early work on the Apollo space program, he transitioned to working for what eventually became the United States Department of Energy on research and development of alternate engine technologies for cars and trucks. Both he and his wife enjoyed sailing. Bob Schulz left money through an IRA for the improvements of the buildings and grounds at the Unitarian Church in Charleston. Before retiring to California, both Robert and Gail sang in the choir here. At one point, Bob headed the Music Committee, helping to hire one of the church's music directors. As of October 2022, his wife Gail Doherty Schulz is still living.

Submitted by Hillary Hutchinson

### **Schupper, Fabian Xerxes**

Born June 20, 1922; Died February 20, 2019

Delivered from pulpit November 1, 2020

Many of you were not fortunate to know Dr. Fabian Schupper as he was unable to attend services in the last years of his life. He was a vibrant member of our church participating in many aspects of church life and was able to participate in a party honoring church members known to be

leaving a legacy for the church at the age of 92. Fabian had a distinguished career as a Clinical Psychologist practicing, teaching, and researching in the US and Berlin. He had a love of travel and went to the far reaches of the globe, and had a particular fondness for the cherubim found on either side of the ark of the covenant in our stained glass windows. I encourage you to learn more about Fabian and his many contributions to both modern psychology and our church. We sadly lost Fabian in 2019 at the age of 96.

In addition to his other interests, Fabian had a passion for gardening and the natural world. He decided to leave a significant gift to the church through Planned Giving. The gift has established a special designated pool of monies, for the churchyard and its long-term management. The first use of some of these funds is the development of a master plan for the churchyard that is now nearing completion.

This is an excellent example of a thoughtful gift to the church which will have a lasting and profound impact for many years. While we do encourage general non-specific gifting when possible allowing the church stewards flexibility to apply resources where most needed at the time, we are also grateful for those who leave money for a designated purpose. You, too, can support the Vision and Mission of our church of ‘enriching our lives and serving our world’ by planning a legacy gift to the Unitarian Church in Charleston. No gift is too small and all gifts will serve our community and greater world. Please reach out to anyone on the PG committee; Hillary Hutchinson, Steve Wilson, Prudence Finn and myself to learn more about PG and how a pledge can be made.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren Banner, Chair, Planned Giving

### **Shoudy, Charles “Chig” Allen**

Born February 1, 1915; Died August 10, 1998 (?)

### **The Gateway February 2012**

### **Shoudy, Elaine**

Born August 22, 1917; Died February 1993

#### Remembering the Shoudys

In the courtyard in front of our sanctuary hangs a new marble plaque commemorating generous financial gifts from past members, “the fruits of a lifetime.” One of those names is that of Charles “Chig” Shoudy, who was active in our community back in the 50s and 60s. Dottie Klintworth was a neighbor of Chig and his family then, up in North Charleston near Park Circle.

Chig was an executive at Westvaco at that time, and he and his wife Elaine were very active in the Unitarian Church as well as in other circles of Charleston life. He was Director of Religious Education for us for 7 years, among other contributions. One of his daughters wanted to pursue ballet, but the city at that time had no company. A later leader of the ballet theater, Robert Ivey, was then just a young man. In any case, the Shoudys joined forces with other interested Charlestonians and founded what is now the Charleston Ballet Theater. In fact, Dottie tells me, Elaine Shoudy sewed all the costumes for the dancers in those first years!



The Shoudys built one of the first homes in the Crescent neighborhood on Folly Road and left North Charleston and ultimately, Chig received a promotion from Westvaco that took the family to Monroe, Louisiana. However, they maintained their connection to the church on visits to our city. When Jacqueline Collins was our active minister, Chig died and left a legacy to us which was used to repair the brick wall between the Gage Hall courtyard and the churchyard and to rebuild the wrought-iron gate there. A small bronze plaque recognizes his gift.

### **Smart, William Robertson “Bill”**

*The*

*Gateway* December 2016

Born July 13, 1920; Died March 2, 2012

### **Smart, Avis Perkins**

Born ?; Died September 18, 2012

## Remembering Bill and Avis Smart

Bill and Avis Smart were long-term friends and members of our congregation. The Smarts are the most recent members of our Gilman Society of generous legacy donors to this church. You may have observed their names now placed on the plaque in the Sanctuary front courtyard.

They were products of the Great Depression and World War II, and the experiences of both those events clearly shaped their lives as givers. Bill came from Scotland with his parents as a 5-year-old. He and Avis met in Schenectady, NY, where the Smarts had settled. He graduated from Princeton and she from the University of New Hampshire. Bill also served in the Air Force during WWII while Avis did her part at home, winning an award for selling the most war bonds at her workplace! In 1946, they married and began a long adventurous life of family, work and travel together.

Bill’s career in corporate management took them to Cleveland, Chicago, New York City, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Boston, and even Paris in the years before his retirement in 1983. Both Bill and Avis loved life, their friends, traveling, and their four children and families. Both shared their talents and their energy with educational, civic, and social organizations wherever they lived.

Happily, in retirement they settled in both New Hampshire and Charleston. Our Unitarian Church was their religious home, along with the UU Society of Laconia, NH. The Smarts loved to entertain and to be entertained, and were intelligent, charming hosts and guests. After 66 years of marriage, they both died in New Hampshire in 2012, just a few months apart in time, but are interred together in a family cemetery there.

We keep the Smarts in our hearts and are grateful to have shared them for a while with others of their broad range of friends and family. As did our other Gilman Society legacy donors, Bill and Avis left us a much stronger liberal religious presence here on Archdale Street because of their unstinting work in the life of the church and because of their many generous financial gifts throughout the years.

## **Stoertz, Florence Cargill**

Born June 11, 1933; Died October 3, 2006

*The Gateway* December 2017

### *Remembering Those Who Remembered Us*

Florence Cargill Stoertz was a well-respected, active member of our congregation in the 1970s, 80s, and 90s.

Flo served in a number of capacities with the church, including Vestry Chair. She married Bob Stoertz, another member, and often entertained groups at her home on Folly Beach. She worked as a chemist at Westvaco and had an objective, no-nonsense approach to her life and her work. A number of us older members still remember Flo well and appreciate her many gifts to our congregation.

Flo died in October of 2006 at just 73 years of age after several years of ill health. Her sizeable legacy was used to update much of our office/classroom/meeting space upstairs in Gage Hall at a time when that space was in dire straits! Her bequest was also used to pay off the mortgage on the Annex. We are grateful for Flo's generous concern for our liberal religious tradition, now blooming and flourishing on Archdale Street in Charleston.

Planned Giving Committee, By Kay Haun

## **20th Century**

### **Colburn, Sarah J.**

(no dates)

April 19, 1915 Received from William B. Seigracious, Executor, for care of the Colburn Lot #101 in perpetuity.  
\$300.00

### **Estill, Eugenia**

(no dates)

\$100 + \$300 2 March 1938

Eugenia Estill was the author of *The Heiress of Crandon Hall*, under an assumed name, J. Meredith. She also wrote a biography, *James Oglethorpe in England and Georgia* (1926). The family seems to have made its money in railroads.

The Eugenia Estill Gate was likely dedicated sometime in the late 1930s (handwritten notes of Billie Hall, Unitarian Church member) "in appreciation of the services of Miss Eugenia Estill whose zeal and visions were held responsible for the erection of the walk from the Churchyard to King Street, the Congregation voted to name the gate on King Street, which is one of the gates along the Gateway Walk as The Eugenia Estill Gate." She was buried at the Unitarian Churchyard in the vault with her sister, Susan Ellen Estill.

Eugenia Estill's niece, Iphigenia Estill, was impoverished; living expenses of \$25.00/month for 16 years and funeral expenses for Iphigenia were paid in 1954 by the Unitarian Church with funds from Eugenia's original bequest.

Bequest:

Property at 71 Gibbes Street and some personal possessions as well as her property in Savannah were given to The Unitarian Church in Charleston and deposited into the Susan Ellen Estill Fund and the Eugenia Estill Fund March 5, 1938. As of August 7, 1954, the monies from capital investments received from Eugenia Estill held by the Church totaled \$39,034.00.

\$100 for churchyard walkway maintenance+ \$300 grave maintenance 2 March 1938

**Geary, Anna**

(no dates)

\$32,490.16

Plus \$750 (1957) and \$1514 (1958) in dividends

From the docent manual June 2018: "A parsonage is built at 94 Murray Blvd. with money donated by [Mrs.] Anna Geary in memory of her father, Augustus Jones. The house is sold several years later."

**Marks, Alice B.**

(1935-1999)

Kay Haun's Gateway article for March 2013 asked if anyone had information about Alice B. Marks, whose name is engraved on the Gilman Society plaque in front of the sanctuary. Liese Nichols of our congregation called Kay with her remembrances of this legacy giver from the not-too-distant past. Liese and Alice were close friends in the past. Perhaps others of you remember Alice as well.

Alice Barnett Conroy Marks came back to Charleston in the late 1960's. She was born in North Charleston in 1935 and married John F. Conroy, who served in the USMC. They lived overseas as a military family for a number of years and had two children. When they returned to Charleston in 1968, John became Police Chief of the City of Charleston. Chief Conroy's role in managing the violent 1969 civil rights strikes at MUSC was praised highly by Mayor Riley and was noted in a New York Times article which announced Conroy's death by suicide in 1981. A plaque still hangs in our Charleston police headquarters saluting his service to the city.

Liese remembers Alice Conroy Marks well as a consummate liberal activist, an energetic, warmhearted, strong, socially conscious woman who also loved gardening and cooking. Alice worked with many groups in the city to help the poor and the victims of intolerance, through soup kitchens, services to senior citizens, and civil rights and gay activism. After the death of her husband John, she married Robert W. Marks, also of Charleston, a widower, philosopher, editor, and a successful novelist using the pen name John Colleton.

Alice Marks succumbed to cancer in 1999, still living here in Charleston, and although apparently not a member of our Unitarian Church, she left a legacy gift to our endowment in her will.

### **Orth, Albert**

(b.17 March 1872, d. 19 March 1960)  
Family plot in churchyard, Plots 45-48.

\$1050.53 7 August 1962 Fund set up for \_\_\_\_\_?

Died at 89; born in Germany, he arrived in Charleston in 1904 to run German language newspaper, Deutsche Zeitung. He later owned the Southern Printing Co. He and his wife were accused of being German sympathizers in both World War I and II; they lost US citizenship in 1943. They regained citizenship after a court battle in 1944.

#### Bequest:

\$5,000 August 1962 was bequested to set up a fund for purchase or beautification of Bottle Alley (now Jacob's Alley), provided the Church raise matching funds; without matching funds the bequest lapsed. Letter dated June 19, 1962 signed by Florence Cargill indicates \$5,000 was raised. Distribution: \$6,200 to complete purchase of Bottle Alley; \$3,000 to improve/repair sexton's house on the alley; \$800 to beautify the lots with azaleas, roses, camellias and like plants.

### **Porcher, Ella R.F. aka Mrs. William Porcher**

(no dates)  
William Prioleau, Executor  
\$10,000 in 1952

### **Strehs, Monacher Mill**

(no dates)  
\$140,000 31 May 1961

### **Thompson, Rosa**

(no dates)  
\$6,000 to The Unitarian Church in Charleston (on \$10,000 legacy)  
From her will, April 1, 1916, executors Thomas S. Sinkler & George H. Moffett

## **19th Century**

### **Air, Amaranthiea S.**

(no dates)  
From her will dated April 30, 1859:  
There is very little information available about Amaranthiea other than her last will and testament indicating she requested burial in the "cemetery of the Unitarian Church." It is unclear

whether she died in Charleston or elsewhere, and where her grave might be. She gave stock from the Planters and Mechanics Bank of Charleston as well as shares from the Bank of Charleston for the establishment of a permanent fund to be managed by the minister at [his] discretion. Some of this wealth can be attributed to holding slaves who were clearly unpaid laborers. In her will, Amaranthia also provided funds for various relatives, and bequeathed “two slaves Mindah and her daughter Mindinah, with their future issue” to her friend Mary C. Murray. As always with gifts of this time period, the wealth to fund such gifts feel problematic and difficult in our time, and the history uncomfortable to accept.

## **Gage, Alva**

b. 18 Mar 1820 d.12 Sep 1896 (aged 76)

Gave the remainder of estate after payment of taxes and debts:

Alva Gage’s *handwritten will is dated 24 November 1896*, and was transcribed to type November 1, 1915. The final probate file signed by executors William G. Peck and R.W. Hopkins is dated 9 November 1897, and notes Alva Gage specified that all he remains of the estate be held in trust and the net income “arising therefrom” is to be given to his widow Joanna Foster Gage during the term of her natural life, and that “upon her death by proper instrument in writing under [the executors] hand or seal to assign, transfer and set over and convey the said rest and residue to the Vestry and Wardens for the time being of the UNITARIAN CHURCH and their successors in office elected and appointed according to the rules and by-laws of said church, to be held by them upon certain trusts more particularly set forth in said will. The will itself specified that “as long as the corporation known as the Unitarian Church in the City of Charleston” holds the land on which the church now stands and the adjacent cemetery, after the death of his widow, the remains of his estate at that time should go to the church. If the church was dissolved at that time the money would be directed to Tufts College. It is impossible to know at this time how much money was ultimately conveyed to the church, but the total lump amount, but it was probably substantial, as he also left his wife a direct bequest of \$10,000. In addition to this bequest, he provided 16 additional direct bequests totally roughly \$42,000.

From *Docent Manual (June 2018)*: Alva Gage was one of 15 children, though he had no children of his own. Alva Gage was a long-term church member who became wealthy selling ice packed in sawdust and brought on barges from the North to the South. He retained his wealth through the Civil War by investing overseas, and by not converting his wealth to Confederate dollars. For a number of years he was the financial savior of the church, paying the minister’s salary for a time. In 1892, he funded the construction of Gage Hall, and upon his death in 1896, left half of his estate to the church.

## **18th Century**

### **Peronneau, Alexander**

£500 British pounds 1774-79

Unclear whether this money should be considered as belonging to Unitarian Church; it appears to have been given to church to Second Independent or Congregational Church, “or by whatever name it goes by now.”

This bequest was given before “Society or Congregation of Protestant Dissenting Christians” in Charleston split in 1817 to form two churches, the Unitarian Church in Charleston, and one with no official name as of 1775 on Meeting Street, then variously referred to as Presbyterian, Congregational, or Independent. Hence the wording below.

From Record of Will, Volume 16, Book A, 1774-1779,  
Notes from Billie Hall, Member Unitarian Church in Charleston, in her handwriting, dated May 2, 2000, of portions she copied:

(pg. 130-140) Item I: Bequeathed to Trustees of Stock or Fund of the Society or Congregation of Protestant Dissenting Christians in Charleston, the sum of £500 (the sum of Five Hundred Pounds), current money of this Province.

(p. 344) In consideration of the Past Faithful Services of my three Negroes or Slaves, Generally Named Nurse, Joan and Pompey, I give and bequest unto each of them respectively, that is to say to the said Negroman, Nurse, her absolute Freedom and Manumission for all further or future Service, Slavery or Bondage, immediately after they and each of them shall have faithfully served my wife, Margaret Peronneau, the Term or Space of one year and an half Year, respectively, next after my decease... Unto said Negroes for their respectively maintenance and support during his, her and their natural lives...the interest of said Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£350)...

The name of church, The Unitarian Church in Charleston, appears for the first time in the South Carolina Statutes At Large, Acts Regarding Corporations, Section XXIX, passed by the Legislature 13 December 1817 “...and the limitation of the amount of estate and property, which may be held by said corporation, shall be one hundred thousand dollars, instead of fifty thousand dollars heretofore.