

Among Our Family and Friends

- As some of you may know, George Castano comes from a large family. He had many siblings, all of them senior to him. In June, a sister and godmother to George passed at age 99. George says Carolita Castano was a talented seamstress as well as kind, generous, and sophisticated, with a zest for life. George says she was the “carroza” (Grand Dame) of the family. He will miss her.
- In July Rhoda Sterling left Charleston to move to San Marcos, Texas, near Austin, to be near her daughter. Rhoda was active in many church activities while at the UCC. She was especially appreciated for her commitment to the Membership Committee, her Connecting Circle, and her service as a Pathways Mentor. Rhoda writes that time did not allow her to say a proper “goodbye” and so is sorry. We’ll miss Rhoda and wish her our very best.
- In July, Sandra Selitelli’s mom, Mary Kay Jones, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is now undergoing therapy. Sandra is an only child and her mom lives in Atlanta – too far to be with her as much as she would like. Sandra is balancing a lot of balls; this is a difficult time for her. Please keep her in your thoughts.
- Paul King has recently undergone surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts.
- Lauren Hagenmeyer, a new friend of the church, tells us of her anxiety about the genetic implications for her health because of her mother’s illness and death from Huntington’s Chorea (reference Arlo Guthrie). Understandably, this is a difficult issue to manage. Keep her in your thoughts. Lauren is interested in taking part in activities in the church. Watch for her.
- Sabir Shah, who arrived in Charleston in April, tragically lost his younger brother in Afghanistan in early August. Condolences may be sent to Sabir at 1735 Ashley Hall Road H-126, Charleston, SC 29407 or sabir.rezaie@gmail.com.
- Mustafa Hassani, Sabir’s housemate, now has a second job at the Publix on Sam Rittenberg in West Ashley. Both he and Sabir continue their work at Butcher and Bee restaurant downtown. Good for them.
- New members Elise and Tim Hussey welcomed their first child, Merrick, to their family on July 27th. Join me in congratulating the Husseys and welcoming them to our church family.
- Andrew & Kristin Winn also joined the church with the March Pathways class. And they also welcome a new child to their family! She is Lily Ruth, born July 9th and she is sister to two-year-old James. How nice it is to welcome these young families to our congregation.

- Recently Allison Sterrett-Krause was featured in the Life Academic section of the College of Charleston Magazine with a full spread and smiling photo. Allison's interest is in archaeological glass, especially from the Roman period (it's nearly always broken). She teaches the real-world research process to undergrads - from how to catalogue and describe objects, to the composition of old glass, the objects that were made of glass, and the uses of glass 2,000 years ago - even to the migration patterns of groups of people. Amazing what one can learn from a piece of old glass!
- On September 2nd, Anne and Cisco Lindsey will celebrate their 50th Anniversary. Many congratulations and best wishes to them both.
- Sadly, Ralph Haller is leaving us this month. He is moving to Costa Mesa in Southern California. Ralph has been an important member of our Caring Committee. Our very best to him as he makes this transition.

— *Submitted by Judy Bruce*