

# Candidates for Election at June 4, 2017 Annual Meeting

For the Board of Trustees, for term ending 6/30/2020



James "Buck" Schall

I grew up in the part of Appalachia north of the Mason-Dixon line amongst the hills, mountains, streams, and small farms of central Pennsylvania. Buncombe County looks like where I grew up, but several places around the country do. I chose to live here (with my wife and twin boys who are in elementary school) because of Asheville.

I have worked as a social worker in community mental health for 20 years and have now also become a real estate agent for residential and commercial property to try to improve the community by increasing homeownership and increasing affordable housing.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Asheville is an essential part of the community and a vital source of connection, inspiration, compassion, and justice. I am honored to be a member of this congregation and would be honored to serve on the Board of Trustees.



Nora Carpenter

A member of UUCA since 2014, I am a co-founder and co-coordinator of Family Fun Nights, the coordinator of Family Covenant groups, and the facilitator of a covenant group. I also serve on the ministerial review committee and occasionally helps with Time for All Ages. My husband, Josh Carpenter, and I have two boisterous young sons, Garek and Zander. My entire family loves the community we've developed at UUCA! For my day job, I write fiction novels for young adults. You are welcome to follow me on Twitter @noracwrites or friend me on Facebook.



Mariah Wright

I have been a member of UUCA for almost 10 years. My husband, Daniel, and I have two sons. Kaden is 13 and Elijah is 11. We live in Swannanoa. I work in insurance. I enjoy reading, hiking, cooking, and working on social justice issues, especially those involving homelessness and criminal justice reform.

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Judy Harper

I moved from Baton Rouge LA to Burnsville five years ago after the totally unexpected brief illness and death of my husband of 33 years.

I became a member of UUCA in November 2013. I am currently co-teaching the Neighboring Faiths class to our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade RE students. I have also been helping with the Beginning Point and Connecting Point classes for a couple of years now. This is the second year that I have been involved with the Annual Budget Drive; this year I served on the Events Committee.

I am thoroughly committed to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Asheville. I feel very honored to be asked to serve on the board and look forward to serving in that capacity at the pleasure of the congregation.

For the Leadership Development Committee, for term ending 6/30/2020



James Cassara

I've been an active member of our congregation since joining in 2009. Like many of us I knew by my second or third visit that UUCA was the community of worship I'd been looking for. As a member I have served as a Worship Associate, a greeter, and have participated in several Covenant Groups.

I am a semi-retired arts educator, having taught in the public schools of North Carolina for 35 years. I currently substitute at Claxton Elementary, where I taught 28 years, and recently joined Mars Hill University as an adjunct instructor.

The role of which I am most proud is that of father to my son Paul, and (especially!) grandfather to my ten-year old granddaughter, Camden.