



The Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Harper Houff (1928-2014) was UCV's interim minister 1991 to 1993 after Phillip Hewett's 35-year ministry.

"Everybody loved Bill Houff," says a note on our history wall.

Growing up in very modest circumstances on a Shenandoah Valley farm during the Great Depression, Bill could remember his boyhood allowance of one penny a month and the coming of electricity to his family's farm as a memorable event. He heard about a competition for a four-year chemistry scholarship and won.

He earned a PhD in Chemistry 1955, and then graduated from Starr King School for the Ministry in 1964.

Rev. Houff wrote a book entitled *Infinity in Your Hand: A Guide for the Spiritually Curious*.

Rev. Houff was deeply committed to social justice, he was in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March and later marched in San Francisco to protest the Vietnam War and the use of Napalm on the people of Vietnam.

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