



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)
P.O. Box 1266
White Stone, VA 22578

June 2009

Fellowship Services

Fellowship services are held each **Sunday** at **10:30 A.M.** at 366 James Wharf Road, White Stone, VA.
All are welcome. Coffee and conversation follow the presentation.

Sunday Programs

June 7 – David Tetrault: “The Gospel of John: A Universalist Appreciation”

A writer called John was part of a spiritual community at the end of the first century. While he draws on textual material from Matthew, Mark, and Luke, John's living mystical experience forms the true background of his work.

John was a Universalist. The other writers weren't. There were Christian religious bodies that flourished for centuries before orthodoxy lowered the hammer. Might be a worthwhile pursuit!

RE Topic: Art, the Human Spirit, and Ecclesiastes

June 14 - Bob Duryea: “Peering Over Your Shoulder While You Forge Forward”

How have you benefited from your life experiences? What is your "wealth"? Do you want, so to speak, to take it to your grave or crystallize some things for others coming along behind you?

RE Topic: Moses the Fireman

June 21 - Caroline Shifflett : “Laughter Yoga: A Spiritual Pursuit”

Yoga means union. Experience how laughter helps to unite you with your higher self or spirit.

RE Topic: Turning the Wheel of the Year

A Potluck Lunch will follow the service.

June 28 – Rev. Louis V. Schwebius: “In Praise of Martha, Mary, and Gioia Nana”

What do two Biblical women and a turn-of-the-century Italian immigrant have in common? Come hear how each of their stories reaffirms our need for balance within ourselves and within our communities.

RE Topic: Spirit of Adventure

President's Corner

Spring has come brightly to the grounds of our "Home of Our Own." It is a delight to see the many plantings coming to life, the flowers blooming, birds clustering around the feeders, the memorial trees maturing, and the green coming up everywhere. No-mow grass has been planted simulating shoreline in front of our lighthouse. The labyrinth area and nature trails are being cleared, and the memorial walkway is being prepared. This all happens, of course, thanks to the loving attention of so many volunteers who have cleared trees and brush, planted, weeded, hauled, pruned, cleared drainage areas, and donated money. Like many of you, I find it a great pleasure to donate a few hours from time to time. Fellowship members and friends who want to pitch in are always welcome—first check with our landscape coordinators, Bob and Sue Adriance, so your work will contribute to the landscape plan. Bob Adriance has initiated a sign-up sheet for periodic weeding, and funds for more plants are needed.

If you have not attended the Fellowship lately, you will be so impressed by the installation of interior trim throughout, made possible by the generous gift of time and talent by Jim Gallon, painting by Shirley Kinney and crew, and by members' generous donations to fund the materials. The simple trim design follows that of the Stingray Point Lighthouse, an inspiration for our building.

Our chief architect, engineer, and project manager, Tom Kinney, has given us a wonderful building sited on a well-planned landscape. We are almost complete, as you can see. Now, we need to organize ourselves to take care of our "Home." To accomplish this we have active committees on interior furnishing and decoration, facility rental management, and landscaping.

But what we do need now is someone, or perhaps a "someone and an alternate," to take responsibility for coordinating the maintenance of our building, its systems, and its grounds—for example, someone to call the plumber when needed, or to organize a volunteer cleanup when needed. This is not a huge or time-consuming task. It is much like caring for your own home—initiating remedial action by our own people or an outside contractor when something goes

wrong. Tom Kinney will work with this volunteer building coordinator to explain the various systems and who the contractors are. He has created an extensive reference file on building systems. If you might be willing to step forward and help us on this important task, please speak to me or to Tom.

Our Fellowship recently finished the eight-week workshop titled "Ethics," a continuation of the "Build Your Own Theology" series begun previously. This workshop was well attended throughout the eight weeks and included our newer members and a person from another church as well as long-time UUFV-VA members. The workshop facilitators, Cliff Schelling, Rev. Hal White, and Barbara Haynes kept the group challenged with relevant case studies on the many facets of ethics and morality as approached from various perspectives—both religious and secular. I was struck by how an activity like this brings us closer together in a relationship of trust and sharing. Such gatherings, outside of the Sunday service, provide a wonderful opportunity to get to know and appreciate each other better. We owe our thanks to the facilitators for their time and thoughtful effort to make this a success.

On May 17, we commemorated our Charter Sunday, and we welcomed members who have joined since last year's Charter Sunday. Hank Stupi, Thea Marshall, and Donald Miller were presented with the traditional welcoming plants. New members Leela Norman and Diana Jamison were honored although they were not present.

Finally, I will be attending the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations ("GA") in late June. I have posted on our bulletin board near the coffee bar the flyers for the two principle candidates running for President of the UUA: Laurel Hallman and Peter Morales. Although our congregation has not opted to vote as a congregation on UUA matters, I will be voting, and I welcome any suggestions that our members may have about their preferences for UUA President.

Bob Weekley

Phood and Philosophy

Shirley and Tom Kinney will host this month's Phood and Philosophy in their home on **Saturday, June 6th, at 5:30 p.m.**

All members and friends of UUFR-VA are welcome for an evening of stimulating food for the body and mind. Please bring a dish or two to share, your favorite drink with some to share, and thoughts you'd like to contribute.

The evening's topic will be "**Gold and Guns.**"

There have been, for many decades, prognosticators that have seen a future of anarchy and predation resulting from the breakdown of disciplined society. Some have advised, "Gold and Guns," a defensive, almost siege, reaction. These futurists have gained some credibility because they resonate with the fears of many as we all see the world around us changing—change that in some ways challenges our own sense of comfort and security and, in other ways, that seems almost beyond our comprehension as to what might happen next.

Indeed, our country/society is changing, driven by many and varied social forces. Whereas "Gold and Guns" is an unlikely UU reaction to those changes, we are not free of various kinds of anxieties based upon undeniable trends. Those anxieties may be related to ethnicity, complexity, segmentation, technology, social priorities, and other factors. How they are changing, and will continue to change, our lives, is worthy of exploration.

Please call Shirley or Tom so we can be sure to have enough chairs, etc. Plan to bring a dish and a bottle of wine to share.

RE Notes

by **Jane Elkin**

With scheduling problems arising during the summer, the RE program is seeking assistance during July and August. We were thinking (hoping) maybe you grandparents might want to fill that seat when your grandchildren are visiting.

RE class activities would include chalice lighting and words, expressions of children's Joys and Sorrows, and the grandparent's take on UUism sprinkled into stories or lessons on God, World Religions, Judeo-Christian Heritage, and Peace and Justice. Some text guidance would be provided.

No teaching experience is required, and no preparation is needed. It would be another opportunity for you to enjoy one-on-one time with your grandchildren, along with the sharing of spiritual experiences.

Several suggested lesson plans are available, including:

- Sacred Places (Yolen), where the children find Mecca, Stonehenge, Easter Island, Four Corners, and other sacred places on our world map. Together, you'd read poems and text, show paintings, add commentary, and discuss what UUs consider sacred.
- Explore the stories from Moore's Hide and Seek With God.

For further information on the RE program, or to volunteer, send inquiries with requested dates via e-mail or phone to **Jane Elkin**.

Remember the Hungry

by **Pam Collins**

Please remember the hungry when you next go shopping. Bring nonperishable foods to our collection box, located in the lobby, on Sundays.

Landscaping News

by Sue Adriance

There will be a sign-up sheet on the table by the Landscape Collection Vase for volunteers to help maintain the planted areas during the summer months. All that's needed is a bit of weeding every two weeks to keep things under control.

This can be done any time of day that is convenient for the helpful volunteer. The work just requires a garden fork or whatever one would use at home. We plan to get some mulch down as finances allow, which will help to minimize the task. Please sign up for one or more dates. It's good exercise and will help keep UUFR-VA looking beautiful throughout the season.

River Readers

The book discussion group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 2:30 P.M. at the Lancaster Community Library. Everyone is welcome. Please read the book and join us. The upcoming selections are:

June 22: *Remembering Babylon* by David Malouf

July 27: *Dreams of My Russian Summers* by Andrei Makine

If you have a recommendation for a future read, please let us know. We're always on the prowl for winners which lend themselves to lively discussions. Call **Elaine Weekley** if you have any questions.

Virginia Countryside & UU History Mystery Tour

Enjoy a beautiful fall weekend in the historic Virginia and West Virginia countryside and learn about a piece of little known UU History in the process. Members

of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun (UUCL) will guide you through your tour of historic villages and towns in Loudoun County, Virginia. For more information and to register for the tour, visit www.uuloudoun.org/tour.

Chips, Chips, and more Chips

by Shirley Kinney

Have you walked the Nature Trail recently? If you do, you will discover the poison ivy along the trail is nearly gone, and the slice of big tree is upended and sealed. (Count the rings!) In the middle of the woods is a seventy-foot diameter circle that Andy Kelsey has dubbed a "cloister," cleared of all brush and briars, with one lone tree remaining in the center. This is the labyrinth site. The trail and labyrinth are ready for their bed of chips.

Now we need the chips, free wood chips, lots and lots of free wood chips, dumped in front of our building between the "chips" signs. Tree trimmers are always looking for a place nearby to dump their load. We need someone to let them know we need chips. That someone is you!

Plan to join in a fun day with our wheelbarrow caravan, delivering chips into the woods for walkways and the labyrinth base, and returning with the piles of firewood we plan donate to the needy for winter warmth.



New members (l to r) Hank Stupi, Donald Miller, and Thea Marshall are welcomed into the Fellowship by Bob Weekley.

Shirt and Hat Sale

by Shirley Kinney

Last November, Lynn Langley came up with a wonderful idea. We took her idea to the UUFR-VA Board of Stewards, and they agreed: Let's do it! The Community Service Committee got together and worked out the details. And now it's your turn.

Here's Lynn's great idea—one way to give UUFR-VA a visible identity in the community is if we wear a UUFR-VA shirt or hat whenever we do community projects or work with charitable organizations in the area. Simply wearing these shirts and hats will let everyone know that UUFR-VA is alive and well and offering a liberal religion to the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

The shirts will have a 2- to 3-inch chalice with lettering underneath on the front of the shirt (where the pocket generally is located). Tee shirts and sweatshirts will also have our complete name written out in small letters across the back. The front of the golf shirts will have the chalice and lettering in embroidery only and only on the front of the shirt. Hats are the low-profile style and will have the chalice and lettering over the bill.

Since not everyone looks dashing in the same color, we are offering a wide range of colors, choices which vary according to the style of shirt you order. Check the order form for color and size choices as well as pricing. Sample sizes and some color choices will be available in the UUFR-VA foyer for the next month.

You can get your tee shirt or golf shirt or sweatshirt or hat by completing the simple order form attached to this edition of The Chalice, and making out your check to UUFR-VA. The Committee will deliver your completed order to you. Lorie Lowrey, Lynn Langley, and I will accept your completed orders and checks.

Because a minimum number of shirts are required before we can submit the order, we will have to close the sale by June 30. If you miss this opportunity, you'll have to wait until another minimum order is reached. So, don't delay! If you need an additional order form, more will be available every Sunday in the UUFR-VA foyer until the end of June.

Board of Stewards

Bob Weekley, President
Barbara Haynes, Treasurer
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Newsletter

Deadline for articles: 20th of the month

Bob Prescott, Editor (editor@uufrappahannock.org)

UUFR-VA Shirts and Hats Order Form

Quantity	Color	Style	Size	Price
Please Add Sales Tax @ (5%)				
(Please make checks payable to UUFR-VA)			Total:	

Color Choices

Men's sizes Tee Shirt colors--

Carolina blue (medium blue)
 Leaf (muted blue green)
 Cedar (muted red)
 Sand
 Oceana (soft teal)

Women's sizes Tee Shirt colors--

Salmon
 Iris
 Dark Heather
 Pistachio
 Red

Golf Shirt colors --

Sand
 Serene Green (light sage)
 Indigo Blue
 Navy

Hat colors--

Sand
 Indigo
 Nautical Red

Pricing

Tee Shirt	\$12
XX sizes	\$13
XXX sizes	\$14
Sweatshirt	\$18
XX sizes	\$20
XXX sizes	\$21
Golf Shirt	\$18
Golf Shirts are available in Men's Sizes Only. Lettering will be embroidered on Front Only. There is No Pocket on shirt.	
XX sizes	\$20
XXX sizes	\$21
Hats (lo-profile styling)	\$15

Name: _____

Date: _____