

# THE CHALICE

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

June 2012

## 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 3**

**Lance Barton:** “We Are the Hungry”

9:30 Meditation: **Pam Collins**

Lance Barton, Director of the Northern Neck Food Bank, suggests that the good intentions of those who decide to serve their community often end up being the very reason they fail at it. The most common mistake we make is that at some point we decide we know the people we are serving, making it almost impossible to learn what their real needs are.

**June 17**

**Rev. Jim Sanderson:** “Father’s Day”

9:30 Meditation: **Diana Jamison**

As we celebrate Father's Day, Rev. Sanderson looks at the role Dear Old Dad plays in helping us to become full human beings. Along the way we will look at the way fatherhood has been depicted in some religious traditions as well.

*The Monthly Potluck Luncheon will follow the service.*

**June 10**

**Sara Mackey:** “What Is Church For?”

9:30 Meditation: **Bob Weekley**

In mainline denominations, “What Is Church For?” might seem like a peculiar question; for UUs, however, it may need some careful, intentional conversation. Come join us as Sara Mackey proposes a few directions that conversation might take.

**June 24**

**David Duhon:** “A Musical Service”

9:30 Meditation: **Anna Pomaska**

Margaret Lawyer, on viola, and David Duhon, on cello, will be playing baroque music and examining the interplay between music and church in that period.

# President's Corner

## A Glimpse of the Future

Each spring, your Board of Stewards has gathered off-site to devote uninterrupted time for focus on the Fellowship's bigger picture. We have typically assessed progress, developed our vision, and set goals. This year the Board met on May 6-8 at Southern Shores, NC, in the lovely vacation home of a member.

We had two main mandates this year. First, it was time to review and update our *2007 Five-Year Plan*. Secondly, but not separately, we addressed the assignments from the 2011 Vision and Planning effort that culminated in November with the *Common Ground Workshop* – the day-long congregational workshop sponsored by the Vision and Planning Committee.

At the retreat we began our work with a provocative session of SWOT – that's an exercise of asking each participant to focus on the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats to the health of our Fellowship. Then we launched ourselves on a time-machine to imagine our Fellowship as it could be in ten years – 2022. What would we be, what could we be, in ten years and what steps should we consider taking now to get there? We foresee a rich and exciting future.

Using the congregational input at the 2011 Common Ground Workshop, we considered all of the members' suggestions, and we focused our work on the biggest questions:

- Religious Education (UU for Kids – and Adults). How do we build programs to attract the younger families that are the future of UUFR-VA? How do we accommodate kids' programs, given the lack of space?
- Community Service Niche. How do we find our special community service/social justice niche in the community – an effort where we can leverage other community resources to make a real difference?
- Building Expansion. When should we be considering expansion of our facilities to

provide programs for kids and others? And at what point do we need to expand our sanctuary to accommodate our increasing membership and attendance?

- Paid Staff. At what point do we require a part-time minister to serve our Fellowship and represent us in the community? At what point would we need some part-time administrative assistance to help with the myriad details of operating a healthy organization? Rev. Kathy Duhon gave us some valuable insights into how we could benefit from a trained minister.

Want to know more? Mark your calendar. On June 17, at the Third Sunday Potluck Luncheon after the service, Marge Rowden will present the Board's initial report on the retreat and provide the opportunity for you to ask the Board your questions.

## Bob Weekley



The Board Retreat at Southern Shores, NC, snacking while working. Will there be any left for Bill? L-R: Kathy Duhon, Marge Rowden, Bill Gimple.



The Board Retreat built a time machine so they could envision the Fellowship in 2022. L-R: Tom Kinney, Barbara Haynes, Shirley Kinney, Bill Gimple, Lynn Langley, Marge Rowden, Kathy Duhon, Bob Weekley

## **Phood and Philosophy**

**Ann Kelsey** will host this month's Phood and Philosophy, our monthly potluck and discussion, in her home on **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, at **5:30 P.M.**

The topic will be: **"After Life? Is Revelations Relevant?"**

**Please contact Ann** for planning purposes. Bring a dish and beverage to share for a lovely evening with lively conversation in a beautiful area.

## **UUFR-VA Electronic Forum**

by **Hank Stupi**

The UUFR-VA has an electronic forum for members and friends to share ideas, opinions, and concerns that directly pertain to the Fellowship or its mission. The free flow of ideas that are supportive and/or constructive is encouraged. What can we do better?

We've had some great conversations in the last several months. Topics have included God, Spiritual Maturity, Aging, UU as a Religious Movement, Is UU Christian, The Moral Roots of Liberals and Conservatives, Karen Armstrong's Charter for Compassion, Visitors from Lower United Methodist Church, Church Humor, The Cross, Losing Faith, What Constitutes a Meaningful Life, and A Unitarian Buddhist. If you would like to take part in the online discussions, or even just read what others have to say, please contact me.

## **Wanna Help? Got No Time?**

by **Shirley Kinney**

Looking for a way to help our congregation without a big time commitment each week and where you can work from home? Have we got the job for you!

The Program Committee is looking for someone who will prepare and print the weekly Sunday bulletins. This is a job that requires, at most, an

hour a week. Using the format already set up, you would prepare the Order of Service and the Announcements section of the bulletin. The Music Coordinator sends you the music information well in advance.

You would receive the remainder of the Order of Service information from whoever is conducting that week's service. The announcements are sent to you by members of the congregation, as well as any information you see in the monthly newsletter that you feel should be included in the bulletin. We now have a wonderful new copier at the building where you can print the bulletins.

The bulletins are an important communication link for our congregation, as well as a means of letting visitors know what an active and vital group we are.

If you would like to contribute your talents to make this happen, please contact me.

## **Free to a Good Home**

A dining table and six matching chairs are being offered (free) to any person or charitable organization. The table is oak, oval, 72 x 42 inches, and in excellent condition. It would also serve as an excellent conference table. The set can be seen at UUFR-VA. Contact **Bob Weekley**.

An evening with...

## Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart

**WHEN: June 30, 2012**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

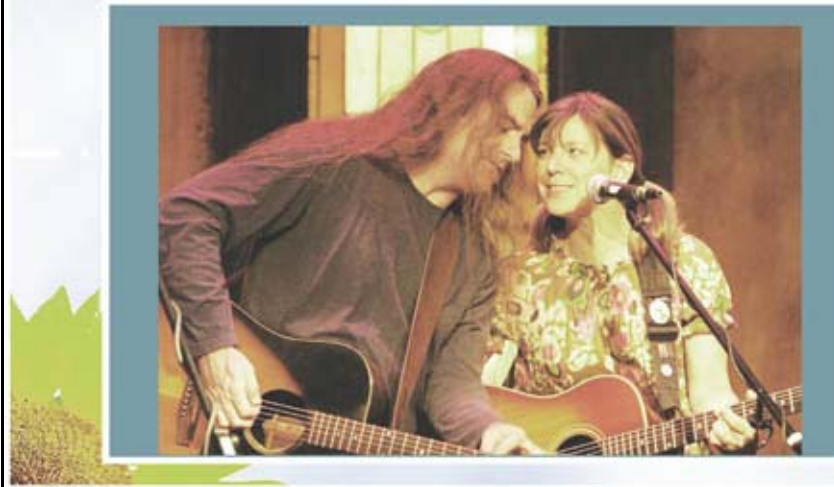
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Visit Stacey and Mark's Website:  
<http://www.staceyandmark.com>

Few husband-wife musical duos provide audiences with the complete entertainment package that Stacey Earle & Mark Stuart dish out in a live performance. Armed with clever acoustic guitar interplay, autobiographical songwriting, lovely harmonies, and humorous storytelling this couple captivates your attention from the first moment they are onstage. Based out of Tennessee, Earle and Stuart draw from blues, pop, country, rock, and more in their heartfelt music. The years of touring the folk/Americana circuit (playing 170 concerts a year) have given them a knack for reaching out to the audience in an intimate "come in to my living room" fashion.



**Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart** will perform at the UUFR-VA on **Saturday, June 30**. The evening performance will begin at **7:00 PM**. Donations will be accepted in appreciation of Mark and Stacey's efforts and talents. They will also be providing music and stories at our Sunday service the following day (different songs based around one or two of our UU principles).

Also, be sure to check Stacey and Mark's website at <http://www.staceyandmark.com>. Click the "VIDEOS" link at the bottom of the left column to get a taste of what this lovely couple is like. If you click on their "Tour Dates" link, you'll find the UUFR-VA program has already been listed. Let's really make this a team effort and promote this event to not only introduce this couple's wonderful music to our community, but also to introduce our Fellowship to our community as well.

## Party Time!

by Shirley Kinney

UUFR-VA is planning an amazing, an awesome, an absolutely fabulous Cabaret evening next spring. There will be music and song and food and wonderful magic will happen. But: We need your help.

Do you have a small round table you could loan us for that evening? The size is somewhat critical. The round top should be no less than 20 inches or no more than 24 inches across. It should be approximately 24-27 inches tall. It doesn't matter what it looks like because it will be covered with a tablecloth. Perhaps you have a small table on your porch, or an old round table in your shed, or maybe an inexpensive table that's covered with a tablecloth to the floor that sits in the corner of your bedroom. Please check and let me know so we can plan this wondrous event.

## 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 25:** *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

**July 23:** *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

**August 26:** *In the Garden of Beasts* by Erik Larson

**September 24:** *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean

If you have a recommendation for a noteworthy book, please contact **Elaine Weekley**.

## Circle of Life

**Cliff Schelling** will facilitate a Circle of Life session entitled: "The Second Half of Life," on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M. in our UU home.

*"Sometimes children lose touch with their needs altogether and spend a life of chameleon-like adaptation to the demands of those around them. Thus, so many of us live as strangers to ourselves. The message of one's essential powerlessness is over-learned and one feels little permission to express oneself forthrightly. Here again, permission will not be given; the adult must seize it. What once passed for amiability, for a cooperative spirit, for 'niceness,' becomes, in the second half of life, an unacceptable liability. This accommodating reflex, so necessary an adaptation for the child, requires the daily sacrifice of integrity as an adult - then it is not so 'nice.' When we come to recognize that we are a truth, a truth meant to be lived, a truth the denial of which harms not only ourselves, but others as well, then we are much more inclined to speak directly and candidly."*

-- James Hollis

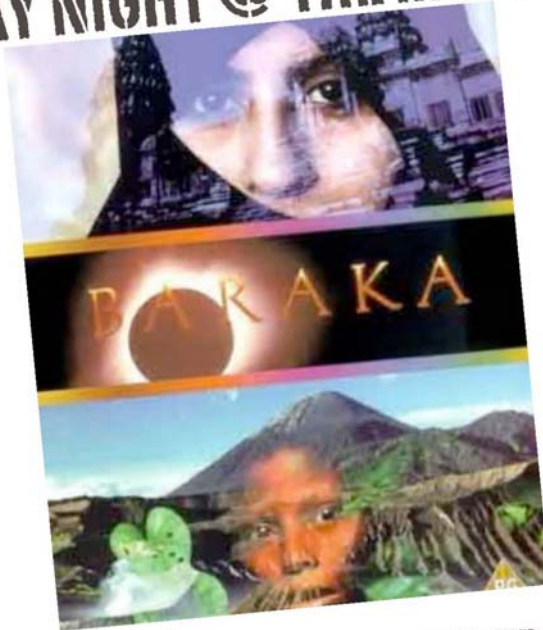
What must you have in your life? Are you being nice or are you being real? Where do you give your power away?

## Yoga Retreat Breakfast a UU Success!



The Breakfast Team: Chef Bob Weekley, Rosa Prescott, Elaine Weekley, Marge Rowden, Janet Hemming, Judi Caples, and Fran Schelling.

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