



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFR-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
White Stone, VA 22578

April 2014

Fellowship Services

Fellowship services are held each **Sunday at 10:30 A.M.** at 366 James Wharf Road, White Stone, VA.
Meditation is held each Sunday from 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. in the sanctuary.
All are welcome. Coffee and conversation follow the service.

Sunday Programs

April 6

MJ Anderson: A Musical Journey
with Mary and the Janes

Join us in a musical journey with Mary and the Janes as they look at an artist's take on relationships — how songs are influenced by everyday connections and misconnections, and how our mutual stories connect us deeply to one another.

MJ, a UUFR-VA member, is a regional executive for the Peninsula Metropolitan YMCA.

UU For Kids Topic: Water

April 13

Margaret Sequeira: All You Need Is Love

“All You Need Is Love,” the song writers and the theologians tell us. So easy to say and yet what does it mean? How are we to love everyone? What about that person who just drives me crazy? Let's explore what it might mean to really “Love our neighbors as ourselves.”

Margaret serves as the Consulting Minister for the UU Congregation of the Outer Banks in

Kitty Hawk, NC. She is a candidate for Unitarian Universalist Ministry and has a Master of Theological Studies degree in Ethics and Social Theory.

April 20

Alane Cameron Miles: Renew, Not Redo

What if spiritual renewal works best if it doesn't work at all? Alane received a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary and has served the UU Community Church in Glen Allen, VA, and the First UU Church of Richmond, VA.

April 27

Tom Kinney: Stories About “Our” Kids

The Inspiration of Changing Lives with an 80 Year Impact — A Genocide in the Making

Founding member Tom has served UUFR-VA as President, Finance Chair, and Planning Chair.

President's Corner

by Dave Dustin

Consider the Daffodil

No one can deny that this winter has been bitter cold with more snow than normal for our area. Yet, as I was walking to my car during a particularly cold day in early March, I saw a daffodil blooming. It reminded me that spring was right around the corner — a fact that I had almost forgotten because of the rapid succession of our winter storms with the associated frigid temperatures.

However, the daffodils and osprey know the fundamental rhythms of nature and cannot be fooled by a tempestuous winter. They know that the snows are almost gone and the temperatures will rise and spring will arrive.

Thus, it logically follows that the Fellowship's Annual Spring Cleaning days are upon us, and the grounds will soon look beautiful again. By the time you read this, much work will already have taken place. All of the downed tree branches will have been removed, mulch spread, and the tall grasses trimmed and ready for their spring growth.

You may not have noticed, but three very large tree branches that were dangerously close to breaking off during a heavy snow or ice storm have already been removed. Some other high branches and standing dead trees have also been cut down and removed.

Pam and Lolly have, no doubt, freshened up the large Butterfly Garden that borders the woods and have the bird feeder filled along with a nice helping of suet hanging from a tree branch. During meditation I love to simply gaze out the window and watch the birds and butterflies partake of the banquet of goodies provided to them by members of our Fellowship. I personally find it very relaxing and spiritually uplifting to simply look out the window and ponder our place in our community of family and friends and in this world and our universe.

Our Fellowship's building is beautiful and an inspirational structure. Its architecture is that of a Screw Pile Lighthouse and is meant to represent our Fellowship being a beacon of enlightenment for our extended community. Bob and Sue Adriance played a major role in selecting the appropriate plantings that are found around our Fellowship. The "sea grass" planted in front of our Fellowship is intended to represent the waves of water that surrounds a lighthouse.

The daffodils know that spring is coming even before we can detect it in our local weather. We should take heart if we see the daffodils emerge from the ground even if it feels like it is still the dead of winter. So, I encourage you, when it's still very cold and it seems like winter will never loosen its grip, to consider the daffodil and take heart ... spring is near.

-*Dave*

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:

April 28: *City of Veils* by Zoe Ferraris

May 26: *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout

June 23: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

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

Sing a Celebratory Song

The April Sing Out will begin at **7:00 P.M.** on **April 27th**. Join Diana Jamison and your UUFR-VA fellow singers in celebrating the first anniversary of our Sing Out program.

Phood and Philosophy

Phood and Philosophy, our monthly get-together for shared food and philosophical musings, will be held on **Saturday, April 19th**, at **5:30 P.M.**, at Riversong, the home of **Judi Caples**.

The topic: If you could receive one small package at this very moment, who would it be from and what would be in it?

Everyone is welcome. Please bring a dish, your favorite beverage, and your ideas to share. And please RSVP by Friday night, so Judi will know how many to expect.

Northumberland Library Tour

Shirley Kinney, Diana Jamison, and Charles VanDenburgh are three of 19 Artists who will be opening their studios for the 2014 Northumberland Library-sponsored **Art's Alive - Artist Studio Tour**. Shirley will be showing her work at her home. Diana and Charles will be showing their work in Charles' studio. Look for this year's [brochure](#) that features Shirley's quirky dolls as you shop locally.



ZenTangle is a method of creating beautiful images using repetitive patterns. There is no correct way to complete a piece, so that means you can't make a mistake. ZenTangle is a series of deliberate pen and ink strokes made on a small piece of art paper, measuring about four inches square, often with unexpected results. You will be amazed how creative you can be.

Our UUFR-VA art group, *Imagine That!*, will be learning how to create Tangles, and we invite you to come and get your own creative juices flowing. We'll meet at **Shirley Kinney's** studio at 9:30 A.M. on Thursday, **April 17th**. Bring your lunch. We'll keep tangling until we stop, probably around 2:30 P.M. Please let Shirley know you'll be there, since she'll have to order supplies for everyone in advance.

Faith-in-Action Niche Program

by **Kristi VanAudenhove**

On **April 13th**, there will be an open meeting for members who are interested in the future of the Faith-in-Action Niche Program. We will hear reports on the data that has been gathered, the evidence-based interventions that have been researched, and answers to the questions we posed last fall:

- What actions might UUFR-VA take to reduce hunger and improve nutrition for pregnant moms and young children?

- How can UUFR-VA best support a sustainable action to expand school readiness?

We will then make a decision together to define the Niche and set goals for the remainder of the year! Your voice is welcome, whether you have participated in the past or even if this will be the only meeting you attend.

Please bring a dish to share, and we'll enjoy lunch together as well.

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, October 12, to
Tuesday, October 14, 2014

All Congregation Fall Retreat

Stratford Hall
About one hour from Whitestone

We have reserved the Cheek House with 15 rooms (eight with kings and seven with twins) at a rate of \$133 per night per room. The Cheek house also has a small kitchen, large living room, and a beautiful deck overlooking the woods below. The Stratford Hall Manor House is a short walk as is the dining room/restaurant. Accommodations include a free continental breakfast, a tour of the Manor House, and free access to the nature trails down to the cliffs on the Potomac River. Limited scholarship funds may be available. See **Bill Gimpel** for specifics.

Additional information will be published in future issues of the Chalice. Please go to stratfordhall.org to explore and learn more about the "Home of the Lees of Virginia" and the birthplace of Robert E. Lee.



Who's Who in UU: Marj Bradwick

Tucked away in Urbanna is a side street named Molly, with charming homes and lovely trees. Here lives one of the founding members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock, Marj Bradwick. She came to the Northern Neck with her husband, Gordon, about 20 years ago, after living in Syracuse, NY, for many years. The family attended the Unitarian Fellowship where she taught Sunday school. It was at the UU where she met Dr. Robert Newman, who had a major impact on her life. He had a program designed to hire 28 women who would teach in inner city schools in Syracuse. This program was a wonderful experience for her. Not only did Marj receive a Master's Degree, she became an instructional specialist as well. She loved the time spent in the school system and felt it was an invaluable experience.

After the children were out of the house, Mark in college and the girls grown and gone, she and her husband knew it was time to leave snow and ice behind. Urbanna became home. After their relocation, Marj's second daughter, Roberta, known as Robie, and her husband Don, were driving around the area when they

spotted Eckard's Restaurant in Topping. Robie had been there as a youngster with her parents and was curious about the place. While peering through the windows, the owner stopped to chat, and said the building was for sale ... the rest is our gain. Robie and Don now own Eckard's, where he is chef, Robie is hostess, and Marj has a free meal any time she does not want to cook! As she says, things fall into place. Her other daughter, Faye, is an attorney in Indiana, PA, and a law and accounting professor at State College. Her son is retired from the Air Force, living in Texas, father to her two grandsons – her only grandchildren. Both boys are graduates of a military academy: one from West Point and the other from the Air Force Academy. No girls in sight for this grandma, who is a collector of doll houses. She made furniture for her doll house, stitched little curtains ... but there is no little girl to enjoy it!

Marj spends part of her time walking dogs at the local animal shelter, and has fond memories of Kaiser, adopted by the Bradwicks from the shelter in Syracuse. He was a big dog, a briard mix, acquired while Marj was volunteering at the shelter. She and her husband also had a schnauzer named Bismark, who went to the office with Gordon every day, and was much beloved by the secretary and bookkeeper in the office. That was a very special dog. About a year after Kaiser was folded into the household, Bismark became blind. Kaiser took on the

responsibility of being the seeing-eye dog for Bismark, which was especially helpful when the snow was deep on the ground in Syracuse. Kaiser would plow a path and Bismark would do his duty. It was a wonderful arrangement. Today Marj lives with two cats, Mini, who successfully adopted Marj by showing up on the doorstep, and Roo, adopted from the animal shelter. There is no dog in sight. Life has been very good, and, as Marj says, things have a way of working out. It is as though some things are meant to be.

“An Evening With...” Series presents:

My Journey As An Artist

Art, Song, and Prose

presented to you

by local artist and board member

Diana Jamison

7:00 P.M., Thursday, April 10th

Bay Center for Spiritual Development
31 Noblett Lane, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

\$10 Suggested Donation

Beware of Artist

She Mixes Well

With

All Classes of Society

And Therefore Is

The Most Dangerous

-quote adopted from 1950's poster

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