



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFR-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
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June 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

June 1

Dave Dustin, Tom Kinney, and Mike Knez: UUFR-VA's Niche Early Preschool and Childhood Nutrition Action Plan

In November of 2012, the Fellowship decided the objective of our "Faith in Action" Niche. Twenty-four people who checked Community Service/Social Justice on their Fellowship Skills and Interest Questionnaire received specific invitations to participate in the series of Niche meetings beginning in 2012 and culminating in the plan of how to put our "Faith in Action." A vote of approval of the members attending this presentation will initiate that Niche action plan.

UU For Kids Topic: The Wonder of Water

June 8

Rev. Jim Sanderson: What I've Learned From My Pets

Rev. Sanderson will discuss lessons learned from having pets. His service will be accompanied by a blessing of the animals. Your pets and your photos of beloved pets,

living or deceased, are welcome. Rev. Sanderson is currently Vice President of the Policy Board of the UU Fellowship of the Peninsula and served as minister to the former Jenkins Fellowship in Petersburg. He is the Virginianna Room Librarian at Main Street Library in Newport News and chairs the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Virginia Library Association.

June 15

Shirley Kinney: We've Got a Dream! We've Got a Dream!

A dream's what ten UU's have been enjoying ever since Bob Weekley and Shirley Kinney handed out \$100 to each of them last November, with the instruction to give that \$100 away to someone to make a difference in that person's life. After worrying and planning and thinking and conniving, those ten people are ready to report back to the congregation on how they used their \$100 to make a difference. Of course, it'll take much longer than one Sunday service to make all those reports, so, on June 15th, we will begin the process. Diana Jamison, Sharon Coulter, and Paula Greenwood will tell us how just a small amount can change lives.

June 22

Terri Watson: Locking the Classroom Door - Lessons Learned in 40 Years

Terri will discuss what drew her to teaching, the things she has learned, and how she kept her passion alive and retained her sanity. While taking this journey with Terri, she'll amuse you as she peppers her talk with stories. Terri is a member of the UUFR-VA who is retiring from teaching, 25 years of which are in the field of earth science.

June 29

Bob Weekley: It Doesn't Take a Fortune to Make a Difference

What would *you* do if you suddenly received an unexpected \$100 in your pocket – with the condition that it be used to try and make a difference in someone's life? Think it's easy? In a recent service, Shirley Kinney and Bob Weekley handed out \$100 bills, with such a condition, to ten random people attending that service. What did they do? This has been an exercise in creative giving. Several have already given their reports. On June 29th, Bob will interview four others – Cliff Schelling, Marge Rowden, Caroline Shifflett, and Terrie Dustin. They will share their thoughts on how even a small amount can make a difference in people's lives.

Phood and Philosophy

Phood and Philosophy, our monthly get-together for shared food and philosophical musings, will be held on **Sunday, June 8th**, at **6:00 P.M.**, at the home of **Eva Abel and Adam Ginsberg**. Please note the date and time.

Like so many UU events, the evening will be Phood-centric. Members are asked to bring something to eat which reflects their heritage, their family, or their life experiences. The

discussion will focus on the special meaning that this food holds for our members.

Please email Eva so we can be sure to have enough chairs, etc. Plan to bring a beverage, along with your special dish, to share.

Niche Decision Meeting

by Tom Kinney

Participate in a critical decision for our Fellowship - plan to attend our June 1st Sunday morning service. The Fellowship has aspired to find a Faith in Action Niche within our community where we can (1) make a lasting major change for the better and (2) be known as the "Go To" folks for generations to come for all who want to help make that change. The membership, at the November 2012 meeting, chose our Niche to be reducing generational poverty through expanded quality preschool while assuring those children were not developmentally damaged through hunger or poor nutrition. The direction to the Niche team over the last 20 months was to learn from the national and local experts and then figure out the best way to make that happen.

Dave Dustin, Mike Knez, and I will present the proposed Niche action plans. After the discussion, members will be asked for a vote of support or whether more study is required before taking action. We hope to see you all there this Sunday, June 1st.

President's Corner

by Dave Dustin

“Lazy (or not) Days of Summer”

Summer is just around the corner. We've had a nice cool spring, and I'm hoping that summer turns out to be more of the same.

Summer schedules entice many of our members to strike off to parts unknown to relax and recharge their batteries. Others of us stay local to enjoy our gardens, fishing, and boating or hit the bay and rivers for some quiet sunrises or sunsets out on the water.

Despite the change in seasons, many members of our Fellowship keep working hard every month, all year long, to keep the committees humming along. In fact, this summer will prove to be a very active one for many of us.

The Niche Committee has, by now, reported on all of its initial research and made a recommendation to the Fellowship for its support to move on to the next stage of this activity. Our Niche effort will be our Fellowship's first large-scale effort to help the youngest people in our extended community.

Committee members continue on and are the unsung heroes of our Fellowship. These people work cheerfully and tirelessly to keep our Fellowship operating like a well-oiled machine. Be it Membership, Caring Circles, Hospitality, Finance, or Building and Grounds, there is a shoe to fit everyone on board.

The Program Committee, chaired by Shirley Kinney (with help from Hank Stupi), does a stellar job of lining up interesting and thought-provoking speakers each Sunday, along with wonderful music. I'm constantly amazed at the variety of speakers and topics that can be heard on any given Sunday. It's a pleasure to see members of the Fellowship volunteer to talk to us during a Sunday service. It takes a lot of courage for some of

us to stand up in front of the Fellowship and talk for 20 minutes! But it is also such a compliment to the speaker when the floor is opened up for comments and questions about our speaker's topic or particular passion.

So, as we creep into the “Lazy Days of Summer,” I hope we can appreciate the fact that as we make new friends and greet the old, UUFR-VA is making a memory for each and every person we encounter. Each time we meet we share our families and friends, and when we meet new one-time visitors, we'll be sending them home with a fond memory of southern charm. Thank you in advance for all your hospitality.

Sincerely,

-*Dave*

“How Are The Children?”

Task Force

by Caroline Shifflett

Kristi VanAudenhove and I invite you to join us as we explore the ideas generated before and during our latest service. We explored many different ideas on how to better nurture the whole family in our many wonderful activities and services here at UUFR-VA.

Please consider joining us the first Sunday of the month, at 5:00 P.M. at UUFR-VA, for the next six months (June-November) to work together on these ideas. Some of the many great ideas shared include: an inter-generational potluck/game night, an intergenerational picnic, more of our congregation's adults joining in the Sunday programs with the kids, an intergenerational sharing time much like our Circle of Life. Please join us for any of the meetings that you are able.



Put Down Your Knitting

by Diana Jamison

Mark your calendar, hold the space, and reserve your table for the second annual Cabaret at the Butterfly Club.

Anything Goes!
November 1, 2014

Come, Burst Yer Buttons

by Tom Kinney

Graduation ceremonies for Lancaster High School (LHS) will be **Saturday, June 14th**. Recommended time of arrival is **9:30 A.M.** to get good seats in the LHS gymnasium for the 10:00 A.M. start.

Not only will the Fellowship's own Ronnie Cutler be graduating, he will also be delivering a key speech as this year's Valedictorian. He will begin work in his chosen field of longevity research at VCU this summer prior to entering the College of William and Mary in the fall. Come and support Ronnie while bursting your buttons with pride at our young UU member embarking on a lifetime of achievement.

Changing the World

by Shirley Kinney.

We have a new book in our UUFR-VA library in the building foyer. It's called *Forty Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World* by Howard Buffett. Legendary investor Warren Buffett posed this challenge to his son in 2006, when he announced he was leaving the bulk of his fortune to philanthropy: "If you had the resources to accomplish something great in the world, what would you do?"

Howard Buffett set out to help the most vulnerable people on earth — nearly a billion individuals who lack basic food security. And Howard has given himself a deadline: 40 years to put more than \$3 billion to work on this challenge.

Each of us has about 40 chances to accomplish our goals in life. Howard learned this lesson through his passion for farming: all farmers can expect to have about 40 growing seasons, giving them just 40 chances to improve on every harvest. This lesson applies to all of us, however, because we all have about 40 productive years to do the best job we can, whatever our passions may be.

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 23: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt

July 28: *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri

August 25: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes

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

The Time is Right to Glean

Northern Neck Food Bank

Volunteers of the Northern Neck Food Bank are gleaning (gathering produce that is left after the main crop has been gathered) produce from local farms in the Northern Neck. The gleaning will begin in Westmoreland County on Saturday, June 14th,

and will move into Northumberland and Lancaster Counties in July.

If you would like to schedule a group to glean, please contact the Northern Neck Food Bank at 804-580-1567 or carolyn@nnfb.org. They can provide you with more detailed information about crops and locations at that time.



The UU Yoga Breakfasters: Sue Adriance, Judi Caples, Bob Weekley, Elaine Weekley, and Janet Hemming.

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