



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFRA-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
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January 2015

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

January 4

Lois Williams: Unitarian Beginnings
in America

Lois and her family have spent a week at the Star Island Family Conference Center (UU and UCC) for 40 summers. A history buff, she wrote *Religion at the Isles of Shoals: Anglicans, Puritans, Missionaries, UUs and UCCs*, tracing the life of the New Hampshire island village. Lois and Peter Williams moved to the RW-C continuing care community (and UUFRA-VA!) from Potomac, MD, a year ago.

UU For Kids: New Year's Celebration

January 11

John Whitley: The Fierce Urgency of NOW!

Recent examples of injustices remind us of what is so ever-present and from which evolve the realities of hopelessness, helplessness, and sudden death facing many who live and work amongst us. But we hold an "Either/Or" mentality from which we intentionally do not see or understand the realities of others. John will explore an interpretation of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s existential proclamation, "the fierce urgency of now," as essential to our moving from our

"Either/Or" existence into a new day of
"Both/And."

John is a Professional Learning Specialist with Consulting Services Group. He was previously affiliated with Virginia's PBS TeacherLine/WHRO-Public Media.

January 18

Margaret Sequeira: Happiness is a Truth

We hear a lot about happiness, and most people will say, if asked, that they want to be happy. What is happiness? What is this sometimes elusive state of happiness we all seem to be striving for? How can our faith community contribute to our happiness?

Margaret M. Sequeira, MTS, 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 Masters of Theological Studies in Ethics and Social Theory. She also blogs regularly at:

ScatteredRevelations.blogspot.com.

Third Sunday UU For Kids

January 28

Eddie Correia: The Future of God

If science can show that the origin of life on earth, evolution, and even the creation of the universe itself do not require a divine or “supernatural” explanation, what does that mean about the future of God? Eddie will discuss a number of possibilities.

Eddie is a Washington, D.C. attorney and a university professor. He has worked for the Senate Judiciary Committee and served in the Clinton Administration as Special Counsel to the President for Civil Rights in the White House. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. In addition, Eddie is the author of *The Uncertain Believer: Reconciling God And Science*, *Teaching Your Child About God In A Scientific World*, and two novels: *The George Washington Constellation* and *Elysia*.

President’s Corner

by Dave Dustin

The Interconnected Web of Life

I don’t know about you, but, by the end of the year, I’m exhausted. Mostly in a good way, but still - exhausted. It’s been a whirlwind of visiting and dining with friends and relatives. The result of which is also, unfortunately, associated with not a little bit of unwanted weight gain ... but it was worth it!

I’m always happy to ring in the New Year, because it brings with it all the excitement and anticipation of new adventures and new accomplishments. I give myself permission to wipe out the old unsuccessful habits and projects and start all over again with a clean slate; I give myself permission to begin fresh, and redefine, or at least refine, myself if need be. The New Year is always the year I’m finally going to get my files organized, stop procrastinating, and keep my calendar up to date. The funny thing is these are the goals

I’ve been setting for myself for many, many, years, and I have yet to, really, accomplish any of those things I just mentioned. I start out with a bang, and a couple of months later it all seems to end in a quiet, almost unnoticed, whimper. But, it is good to set goals even if we fail to achieve a 100% success rate.

It can also be a good time to re-energize your participation in our fellowship. We are doing so many great things that it’s difficult to keep track of them all! As we all know, we are a self-ministered fellowship. So, we don’t have a full-time minister who can devote 100% of his or her time helping us organize ourselves. That responsibility is entirely in our hands, and we do that successfully through our various committees. We currently have a great group of people who help organize a wide variety of activities for us. We have the River Readers, the Ladies Lunch Bunch, the Arts and Crafts people, Phood and Philosophy, Sing-Out, and Socrates Café. We also have our Kids First Foundation (KFF) activities that have given smiles to the many people from our fellowship who have participated – a win-win, for sure!

Our Program Chair makes sure we have interesting services to attend – all of which are accompanied by excellent musical selections appropriate for the theme. Each of these events is managed by someone or groups of people who cooperate, communicate, and contribute time and talents that are befitting their personalities. It takes a lot of work to organize each of these events, and the continued participation of members of our fellowship is critical to the success of each and every one.

Unitarian Universalists have a philosophy called the “the interconnected web of life.” I think that philosophy also applies at the fellowship level. We, as a congregation, cannot exist if we all don’t work together.

So, please, if you are invited to participate in any event or interest group, do consider the

opportunity to be part of our interconnected web.

Let me begin this New Year with a toast: Here's to your health, your wealth, and your continued presence in my life and our fellowship.

-*Dave*

Phood and Philosophy

Phood and Philosophy, our monthly dinner and discussion event, will return in February. Watch for details in next month's Chalice. If you've an interest in hosting a Phood and Philosophy evening, contact Shirley Kinney.

UUFP Challenge Grant

by Tom Kinney

The Unitarian Universalist Funding Program has notified our fellowship that the Fund for Unitarian Universalist Social Responsibility has recognized the outstanding value of our Niche/Kids First program by awarding a \$5,000 challenge grant to UUFR-VA. We are one of only 14 recipients in this cycle.

The receipt of this challenge grant was announced in the Sunday service on December 21. Some donations toward our \$5,000 match have already been received. To contribute to this matching grant, place a check in the Sunday offering with the note "Kids First" or "Challenge Grant." Your

contribution will be matched by UUFP to advance our Kids First program. The program's goal is to eliminate generational poverty in our community through high-quality early preschool for three-year-old at-risk children and address the threats to full physical and mental development due to nutritional deficits among these children, their younger siblings, and pregnant moms.

River Readers

On **January 26**, the book discussion group will meet at **noon**. Lois Williams has invited us for lunch at her cottage. We will be discussing *Claire of the Sea Light* by Edwidge Danticat. Please read the book, and let Lois know you will be joining us.

Ordinarily, the book discussion group meets on the **fourth Monday** of each month at **2:30 P.M.** at the Lancaster Community Library. If you have a recommendation for a noteworthy book to discuss, please contact Elaine Weekley.

Miss a Service?

Our UUFR-VA Sermon Archive is just a click away. Catch up on services you missed at: http://uufrappahannock.org/UU_SermonArchive2.asp.

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