



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
White Stone, VA 22578

March 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

March 1

Bob Weekley: Is God in Jeopardy?

Is there a danger in having too much knowledge? Is there still a place for God? Before the enlightenment, before the scientific revolution, understanding life was, for many at least, simpler. The explosion of knowledge about the earth, the universe, and about ourselves has cast doubt on the old stories that governed our thinking. Is this a blessing or a curse?

Bob is a retired career U.S. Army officer and international business executive. He is a past president and a longtime member of UUFV-VA.

UU for Kids Education Program: *Being Clever, Strong, and Brave*

March 8

Paula Greenwood: Ode to Shelby ... my dirt-eating, hair-shedding, pillow-humping, tick-giving dog!

Paula will discuss the headaches and joys of owning a four-legged canine and what she has taught her owner.

Paula received a History Degree from the University of Maine in Orono, and a Masters Degree in Library Science from Florida State

University. She served as Chief Librarian for AT&T in Richmond and as director of two public libraries in Middlesex County. Paula has worked as an office manager, started a small accounting business, and has years of experience selling antiques at the Urbanna Flea Market. She currently serves as Assistant Treasurer, chairs a Caring Circle, and helps with the Kids First activities.

March 15

Rev. Jim Moseley: The Future of the Church ... as we know it.

In recent decades, the once strong and outspoken voice of Main Line Protestantism has suffered a decline in numbers through loss of membership and in its voice as messenger of meaning and hope. Some wonder if modern day Christendom will survive. Some believe it is at the dawn of a new era of purpose and practice. Some don't care either way! What might the future look like?

Reverend Jim Moseley is the Executive Presbyter of New Castle Presbytery which serves 53 congregations and connected ministries located in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

UU for Kids: *Activity with Adam Ginsberg*

March 22

Diana Jamison: Where is the Meeting Point?

Diana and her cast of characters will tell the story of Pi, Piscine Molitor Patel, and his evolving pilgrimage of being born a Hindu, becoming a Christian, and then becoming a Muslim - all at the same time. "Impossible," say the three wise men. Perhaps there is a meeting point says the Pope. Get ready for a bit of humor and some lively discussion.

Diana is a member, sometimes singer, cabaret planner, and Star Fish project designer of UUFR-VA. She is a prize-winning artist and workshop instructor, and serves as Social Committee Chair at the Rappahannock Art League. Diana also serves on the board of the Bay Center for Spiritual Development. As an LCSW, Diana works as a psychotherapist in Kilmarnock, VA.

March 29

Norm Mosher: A History of the Philosophy of Happiness

Norm will explore where and when happiness emerged as a concept for living, when and why it was lost, when it was restored in our lives, and the threats to it now.

Norm is a retired Navy Captain who commanded ships in the Atlantic and the Pacific. After retirement from the Navy, he served as a Professional Staff member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Following that, he started his own company advising companies on shipbuilding and marine propulsion and institutions engaged in ocean scientific research. Norm has a BA from Boston University, an MA in International Relations, and an MA in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

President's Corner

by Dave Dustin

A Winter We Won't Soon Forget!

What a winter! Record low temperatures along with a blast of snow that wouldn't melt! The Rappahannock River almost froze completely over! An old family story tells of a Phair and Donaldson relative who drove his Model T across the frozen Antipoison Creek to go courting. I daresay they must have been young bucks at the time to be so bold.

We've been fascinated by the extremely low tides. The river bottom has been giving up secrets of storms long past. Items thought to be gone forever are showing themselves wrapped snugly in newly formed sand bars. Nature's way of reminding us of both her power and her patience.

Birds are finding themselves walking on ice flows and long extensions of sand bars trying to peck out frozen bits of food. So, feeding the birds has become our daily duty. Whole flocks of robins, red-winged blackbirds, finch, nuthatches, cardinals, and bluebirds swarm the yard in competition for whatever seeds and scraps we offer. The crows, mocking birds, and sea gulls have lost control of the yards and have joined the deer in a forced cooperation born out of survival. Yet again, Nature's way of resetting a balance and appreciation for mutual coexistence.

By the time you read this, I hope things will have gotten back to normal. Winter should be in our rearview mirror and spring fast approaching. Spring is the time to clean up the outside of our buildings and get the landscape all trimmed up and ready for the new growing season.

Hours of scanning seed catalogs has us planning what annuals to plant in the flower beds and what new exciting varieties of vegetables you might grow in your garden this year. Hope in anticipation of new things to come.

Our fellowship also has its seasons. Winter is the time we make plans for some important events that will happen in the upcoming year – Picnics, Potluck Luncheons, and the Annual Retreat, to mention a few. Cold weather and power outages have not deterred our members from holding planning meetings and attending the regular services.

I am always in awe of the tenacity of our fellowship. The caring and compassion shown to fellow members in the face of adversity is remarkable. It seems that Nature has given us humans an opportunity to reset our own balance and appreciation for cooperation and mutual coexistence. Let's just look forward to cooperating in a warmer atmosphere!

Best Regards,
-*Dave*

Phood and Philosophy

Phood and Philosophy, our monthly get-together for shared food and philosophical musings, will be on hiatus during the month of March – undoubtedly cleaning up from the storms. Look for the return of a springtime Phood and Philosophy in April.

“Long Strange Trip” Coming To An End

by Hank Stupi

The UU history film series continues Wednesday, March 4, at the church at 7:00 P.M. with *Part V – Evolution (1861 - 1961)* which follows both Unitarianism and Universalism through the late 19th and early 20th centuries as they evolve from Christian Bible-oriented religions to our present-day non-creedal movement. On Wednesday, March 11, at 7:00 P.M., *Part VI, Unitarian Universalism*, tells the story of the century-long “courtship” between Unitarianism and Universalism as a classic love story - “boy meets girl, boy loses girl, boy gets girl.” It

details how they “courted” each other, sought out other partners, and finally consummated the merger. It discusses how Humanism helped bring the two movements closer together, and the role that Liberal Religious Education had on laying the groundwork for the merger. It then follows Unitarian Universalism through the 50 years of its existence and ends with some personal comments on what its future might hold.

Books - Books – Books

by Terrie Dustin

Please keep in mind the many volunteer hours by our fellowship members as they support the community through the **Lancaster and Northumberland Libraries**. Remember that whether you **donate a book or buy a book** at Eve Jordan's (Northumberland's) “Ye Olde Booke Shop” in Heathsville (which is open Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays) or donate to the “Sale-n-Swap Table” at the Lancaster Community Library, you are supporting opportunities for everyone to learn and share.

Our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock helps children and their families through *The Kids First Foundation*, *The Food Bank*, and the many other library community events.

They'll Be Back!

by Judi Caples

What: Potluck Lunches
When: Fifth Sunday of Each Month
Why: They've been missed!
Where: You know!

Sponsor a Child

On April 16, 2015, over 70 Lancaster Primary School third-grade students will, once again, travel to Washington, D.C. This will be the fifteenth year students will be boarding chartered buses and spending a full day touring our nation's capital. For some students, this will be their first and only opportunity to visit our nation's capital. The students will visit the National Zoo and tour the monuments and memorials, the White House, the United States Capitol, and museums. The trip is provided by the Lancaster Education Foundation (LCVEF).

LCVEF is a 501C(3) organization whose mission is to enhance and advocate educational excellence and expand learning opportunities for students in the Lancaster County Public Schools. Your tax-deductible contribution of \$50 will open the eyes and mind of one child. Please send your donation to:

LCVEF
P.O. Box 928
Kilmarnock, VA 22482
Website: <http://www.LCVEF.com>

Faith In Action

Members are busy putting their *Faith Into Action* in our community in a number of ways, both individually and as a fellowship. These hands-on activities are immensely rewarding as we truly make an immediate and visible difference in the lives of others when we live our faith. Some of these activities are financially supported by other long-established churches that have built up endowments specifically for Community Outreach over the years.

Your elected Trustees, who are responsible for managing our endowments, have received a donation to establish a similar Community

Outreach Endowment here. Further, two bequests, as a part of the fellowship's Legacy Bequest Society, are in place to add to this endowment. The guidelines from the donors are consistent with UU priorities: health, education, and conservation within our community. The donations are invested in perpetuity, generating funds in support of both *Faith In Action* activities within the fellowship and those outside the fellowship.

If this opportunity interests you and you would like a copy of the guidelines, please check with any of our three Trustees. A check placed in the hands of Treasurer Lynn Langley, marked Community Outreach Endowment, will add to our capability.

Your Trustees: MJ Anderson, Barbara Haynes, and Tom Kinney.

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:

March 23: *The Map of Love* by Ahdaf Soueif

April 27: *The Leopard* by Giuseppe di Lampedusa

May 25: *Frog Music* by Emma Donoghue

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

Save the Date – April 25

by Bob Weekley

The 2015 Tidewater Cluster meeting will be at the UU Community Church in Glen Allen on Saturday, April 25th. Put it on your calendar. More details will be published soon.

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