



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
White Stone, VA 22578

May 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

May 3

Alane Cameron Miles: Death Club Radio Playlist

Alane, the host of Death Club Radio on Richmond Independent Radio, will respond to a question put to her at her last visit, "What songs would you choose to fill your airtime if you ever lost your voice?" Her song-list may surprise you - but will perhaps provide an opportunity to get inside inside her head as she explains the reasons for her choices.

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. Alane is also a Chaplain and Bereavement Counselor for New Century Hospice.

UU For Kids Education Program: "A Voice and a Vote"

May 10

Sara Mackey: Now and Then

For many of us in the fellowship, our lives now, at least in terms of physical and mental well-being, are pretty good. Can we imagine a future in which that may no longer be the case? What will we do then? Join us as we consider the challenging (and often unacknowledged) possibilities that we may

have to confront as we grow older, and help us name the good news in these possibilities. Sara lives in Richmond and currently works at Union Presbyterian Seminary, where she earned her M.Div. She has served Williamsburg UU as Director of Faith Development, and she has volunteered in many capacities over the years at UU Community Church in Glen Allen.

May 17

Dave Dustin: Four Views of Jesus

Although one of the most significant persons in human history, the world does not agree on who Jesus of Nazareth really was. Christians worship him as a Savior; Muslims revere him as a prophet; UUs respect him as a moral and just man who recognized the inherent worth and dignity of the poor and oppressed; the Jewish view is that he was an ordinary Jewish man and preacher. Dave will explore these diverse interpretations of Jesus and his place in history.

Dave retired from Johns Hopkins University/Applied Physics Laboratory in 2012 after 38 years of service. He serves as president of the UUFV-VA and as a vice president for the Kids First Foundation. He also volunteers at the White Stone Baptist Church's Food Pantry.

**** UU for Kids Activity ****

May 24

Bob Weekley: What About War?

Unitarian Universalists, whose principles dedicate them to “the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all,” and to “justice, equity, and compassion in human relations,” have long had a conflicted relationship with the practice of waging war. How do we, as a peace-loving people, resolve this tension with military service and the choice of war as national policy?

Bob is a retired career U.S. Army officer and international business executive. He is the past-president and a long-time member of UUFR-VA. He and his wife Elaine moved to Lancaster from Arlington in 1998.

May 31

Rev. Andrew Millard: Our Secret

Is every religion built around some deep and powerful insight? Is it only shared with true believers upon their initiation into the mystery? If so, what is that for Unitarian Universalism? And when do we get told about it? At great personal risk of getting into trouble for letting the cat out of the bag, Andrew will enlighten us with our great Unitarian Universalist secret!

Rev. Andrew Clive Millard has served as minister to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula since 2010. Born in England, he came to the United States to be a physicist and instead re-discovered religion. Andrew lives in Newport News with Allison and their daughter, Olivia, who will be three years old this summer.

President's Corner

by Dave and Terrie

Coming through one of the coldest winters we've experienced in quite some time, we are all looking around to take count of the various repercussions that have ensued. Branches broken from the weight of the ice and wind. Shrubs which were frozen to within an inch of their lives stand brown leafed sentries in a garden that also boasts color from daffodils, crocus and fragrant hyacinth. Peonies grow by leaps and bounds with promise of blooms by Memorial Day.

So what do you see? As mentioned in Kathy Duhon's "Daily Call", one of the first words that we all learned when starting to read was **look** ["**Look**, see Spot run."] What a wonderful word! A veritable invitation to **look** and see the wonders around us. We are invited to **look** closely to really see the wonders of nature as well as wonderful people and opportunities that are before our very eyes.

Often, we survey our surroundings in a general sense taking in information as it pertains to a task at hand. The ever pragmatic and analytical Unitarians that we are, we **look** at all of the options and weigh opinions until a consensus of the present view is found. Might we take time to **look** beyond the immediate? Might we indulge our mind's eye to see what lay beneath the obvious?

A fond memory that I have is of a UU Spring Clean-Up Day a few years ago when Sue Adriance was riding in the little trailer behind the mower hauling brush to the burn pile. She was full of smiles, trusting in Bob's care as her slight weight held the load securely in the wagon. Beyond the task at hand, what I was seeing was the joy and devotion of a couple in love! It beamed out that they were a couple that could tackle any odds with tenacity and find happiness in every day.

A more recent example could be of Lois Williams volunteering for the Kid's First Snack Program. A first glance would focus on the lesson of healthy food choices but beyond that, a careful look at the expressions on the children's faces show the unconditional love that is flowing between the children and the adults. Sincere appreciation from the first hellos to the last goodbyes beams from the room like sunshine.

An old saying: "Serendipity is looking for a needle in a haystack but finding the farmer's daughter." That advice could serve us well sometimes, too. **Look** with our hearts and not just our eyes and we will reap benefits beyond our expectations. Memories will be created and stored that will give us hope when the river is rough and peace when the sun rises on quiet waters. May every day be one of comfort and joy for you all.

The Dustins

Phood and Philosophy

Phood and Philosophy, our monthly get-together for shared food and philosophical musings, will be held on **Saturday, May 2nd**, at **5:30 P.M.**, at the home of **Norm and Jan Mosher**.

Please bring a dish to share, as well as a bottle of wine, or whatever you wish to drink.

It would help to know how many folks to expect, so please contact Jan.

Books, Books, Books

by Shirley Kinney

Yes, we're still selling books on Amazon. And, yes, we have lots of room to sell more. But that's where you come in ... we need your unwanted books. Too many books and not enough shelf space – is that your problem? We can help. Just bring your books to UUFR-VA and leave them with Shirley's name on the box or bag, or just stick them in Shirley's car some Sunday, and she will list them on Amazon. Or, if they won't sell for much on Amazon, the books will become part of our annual Book Sale in the foyer here at UUFR-VA. Where you will have the opportunity to purchase them again! (Aren't memories fickle things!)

We've been selling books on Amazon for many years and have so far contributed over \$7300 to the support of our fellowship and to the Kids First Foundation. But we can't do it without your help.

So, dust off those book shelves. Make some space for more books. Help our fellowship and Kids First.

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:

May 25: *The Leopard* by Giuseppe di Lampedus

June 22: *Faith Fox* by Jane Gordam

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

An Update from Lee Ann Washington

Oh, how I long to be with you! I so enjoyed the Christmas gatherings and I miss your vibrant energy of enthusiasm, love, and compassion.

I am in the throes of deciding whether I will transfer to Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond (which has accepted me) or continue with Christian Theological Seminary through their new hybrid (online and in-person) program. Either way, I will be returning to White Stone this summer and will be looking for full time employment.

I am happy to share with you that I have met the requirements to be considered an Aspirant in the Unitarian Universalist Association. That's the first step of several toward ordination as a UUA minister.

As a final project for a worship design class that I am taking, I have designed and will lead a contemplative service which will include acoustic guitar, a crystal singing bowl, the sound of a waterfall, a finger labyrinth, a *lectio divina* exercise, and prayer stations. My hope is that it will be an island of quiet contemplation and spiritual expression just before our last week of classes, finals, etc.

My thoughts are with you and my peace I send to you –

Many Blessings,
Lee Anne



Jason Mras will host the **LIVE ART Music Program** at the Altria Theater at 6 N. Laurel Street in Richmond on June 7th at 6:00 P.M.

The event is a collaborative effort between professional recording artists and **SPARC** students, half with disabilities, who come together for a night of visual and performance art. Approximately 215 students from SPARC will perform in this year's performance.

Tickets: \$30.00 - \$70.00 at sparconline.org or altriatheater.com [VIP tickets are \$250 - \$1000 at sparconline.org]

If any UUFR-VA members would like to go together and have seats together, we should order our tickets by Sunday, May 10th. Please contact Dave Dustin if you are interested.

A copy of the newspaper article will be posted at UUFR-VA for your reading as to the details.

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