



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
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June 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

June 7

Tom Kinney: 'Risk' is More Than a Board Game and 'Survivor' is More Than a Reality Show

Our lives are fraught with risks – some we choose and some we avoid. And of those risks, not all survive. What you hear here may make you a survivor, and a much happier and contented one at that.

Founding member Tom Kinney has served UUFV-VA as President, Finance Chair, and Vision and Planning Chair.

UU For Kids Education Program:
"Simply Having Fun"

June 14

Donna Sequeira: The Y'all in UUism

Did you know that there were Southern Unitarians and Universalists before the 20th Century? It can sometimes seem that the story of UUism exists everywhere but the South. Join us as Donna Sequeira explores the Southern influence on UUism with us ... past, present and future. Y'all come!

Donna Sequeira, M.Div. ministers to those outside (and inside) religious communities through spiritual direction, teaching and celebrating life transitions. She is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry and is

the former Social Justice Coordinator for the Southeast District. Donna lives in Kitty Hawk, NC with her spouse, Margaret, and their daughter, Mollie.

June 21

Peny Gallogly: There's Something About Gratitude

Gratitude is a thread that runs through and ties together the many events in Peny's life. Sometimes the gratitude is immediate; sometimes it must be looked for. She will use quotes she has found meaningful, to explore things for which she is grateful in her own life. And, because she has more experience interacting with students than expostulating before a group, she hopes to engage us in sharing the things in our lives for which we are grateful. Please bring your thoughts to share.

Peny spent 32 years creating technical documents, and has been teaching people how to train their dogs for 23 years, as well as training and competing with her own dogs. Peny volunteers regularly for the Northern Neck Kennel Club and the Animal Welfare League.

June 28

Samantha VanSaun and Tanya

Street: The Growing Community-Based Anti-Trafficking Movement in the U.S.

Combating sex trafficking in the United States starts at the community level. Anti-trafficking efforts that utilize a network of local police, non-profit organizations and community leaders have proven successful in recent years in providing a way out for those who are entrenched in some aspect of trafficking. Survivor-run, or at least informed, organizations are beginning to be recognized for their value in this movement.

Samantha Van Saun, M.Div., co-founder of Love & Justice International, Inc., will give a brief overview of trafficking in the U.S. and what is being done to combat it. Tanya Street, an aspiring radio and talk show host, will share her own story of being trafficked and how she helps trafficking victims today.

A Welcoming Invitation

by **Caroline Shifflett**

Please join us after the service on **Sunday, June 28th**, for a potluck lunch and gift card shower to help Eva and Adam prepare to welcome baby Eden.

President's Corner

by **Dave Dustin**

2015 Leadership Retreat

This year's Leadership Retreat was held at Brown Mobley's beach house in Southern Shores, N.C. These retreats start Sunday evening and end Tuesday, around noon.

I've now attended three Leadership Retreats and every year I'm impressed by the energy and dedication to the welfare of our fellowship that each participant brings. We typically start off Sunday evening with a communal dinner, after which we work on a

project designed to get our creative juices flowing and serve as a bit of an "ice-breaker" for the assembled group.

Monday morning, the real work begins. It is a full day of intense discussions about topics that are important to the future success of our fellowship. Lunch "hour" is usually a bit more than an hour, so participants get a chance to explore the local area or just relax. After lunch it's back to those intense discussions which last until dinner time. After dinner, discussions continue – but more on a small group mode and we finish up on our "creative project."

Tuesday morning is spent reviewing action items created the previous day which, of course, involves more discussions to make sure the action items reflect the spirit of the requested action.

Finally, we clean up the house and head off to destinations unknown ... usually home, but some take advantage of being so far south and continue on to other locales.

What can help make these retreats so productive is that spouses or partners are also in attendance and are welcomed into the discussions. Their opinions and ideas can sometimes help members of the Board of Stewards see issues from a different perspective.

Some things we discussed, that are of general interest, are that we are planning to go back to Stratford Hall for our 2015 Fall Fellowship Retreat (that will occur during the Columbus Day Holiday Weekend, October 11th -13th.) That location provided a facility that was close by (within a 90 minute drive), beautiful, quiet surroundings and an area large enough to house us all in one building. More information will be forthcoming.

We also decided to start a local Soup Kitchen for members of our fellowship who are experiencing a temporary or permanent situations that seriously limit their mobility.

Volunteers are still needed to make this new initiative a reality.

We discussed issues that are relevant to the nitty-gritty details of running an organization. I won't cover here, but I would remind everyone that Board Meetings are normally held on the second Sunday of each month immediately following the service and are open to the general membership. *All interested parties are most welcome and are encouraged to attend these monthly meetings.*

-Dave

Phood and Philosophy

Phood and Philosophy, our monthly get-together for shared food and philosophical musings, will be held on **Saturday, June 13th**, at **5:30 P.M.**, in the home of **Bob and Elaine Weekley**.

The Evening's Topic: One wish. If you could have one wish granted, what would it be? How did you choose it?"

Please bring a dish to share and your favorite beverage.

Sunday Gathering Music

by Hank and Nancy Stupi

Many people have expressed their appreciation for the gathering music that is played before the Sunday service begins. Starting this June, we'd like to expand this a bit to enable those interested to spend some quiet time with music before entering into service. Each Sunday, at 10:20 A.M., a musician will start playing. The doors to the sanctuary will be closed with the overhead lights off. We will post a little sign on the windows of the sanctuary doors welcoming people to enter for a period of gathering music and quiet time from 10:20 until the service begins at 10:30. If that interests you, we ask that you quietly filter in. Otherwise, please feel free to remain outside in the foyer to visit with each other. At 10:30, the doors

will open, the lights will come on, the gong will ring, and the service will begin. We hope this will enhance the Sunday service experience for many of you.



Thea Marshall Profile in *Pleasant Living*

by Bob Weekley

Don't miss the excellent cover story and profile of our own UFR-VA member, Thea Marshall, featured in *Pleasant Living* magazine, May/June 2015 issue. You can learn more about her fascinating life, her talent, and her outlook. Also, this issue contains one of her own profiles of historic Northern Neck people, Mary Ball Washington. *Pleasant Living* is available, free, at many local area businesses.



Ruth Micklem (r) accepts UFR-VA contribution for The Haven from Diana Jamison

“Sip and Create”

with

Diana Jamison

Rappahannock Art League

June 18th, 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

\$35.00 member/ \$40.00 non-member

Have no fear.

The only prerequisite is being able to tear paper. Diana will guide you in creating a 4X4 collage.

Inspiration images will be provided or you can bring your own. Bird, fish or flowers are good image choices.

Card stock, glue, glazing liquid and frames will be provided. There will be a \$5.00 materials fee payable to the instructor.

Bring your own libation and munchies to share.

Call contact Diane to register.

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 22: *Faith Fox* by Jane Gordam

July 27: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

August 24: *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan

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

Checkbook Voting

Our fellowship has a system for enhancing our building and grounds that works. Members bring ideas and recommendations to our Board of Stewards for consideration. The projects that win Board support are put on our “Projects List,” usually with an estimate of the funding needed. The members then “vote” with their checkbooks in amounts keeping with their financial circumstances to fund the projects. Sometimes the vote is a \$5.00 check and sometimes significantly more.

Projects funded and then completed through checkbook voting include the building interior trim, lectern, fellowship hall acoustics improvement, assist rails on walkways, gathering deck, art gallery display strips and lighting, and parking lot expansion – just to name a few.

Two projects are active now. The first project involves extending the front door pavers down the walkway to handicapped parking, easing wheelchair movement during wet times when the current stone dust surface softens. The second project is our building expansion to better accommodate the children’s programs, other gatherings not requiring the current Fellowship Hall, and the serious need for more storage space. The Building Addition Concept Committee led by Bill Gimpel is making progress. Watch for foyer displays that will share their vision.

If you wish these projects to move forward, please vote with a check in the Sunday morning offering, naming the project. Treasurer Lynn accumulates those votes and reports to the Board monthly. It is because of each of you that we are a financially healthy and strong church able to accomplish all that we do for each other and our community.

Thanks from your Finance Committee: *MJ Anderson, Tom Foster, Paula Greenwood, Barbara Haynes, Tom Kinney, Lynn Langley, and Marge Rowden.*

UUFR-VA Library Addition “Misquoting Jesus” Review by Tom Kinney

Author Dr. Bart Ehrman marshals the forces of the world’s Bible translation scholars to sort through the growing treasure of ancient documents that reveal the breadth of variations and intentional changes in the words describing the life and teachings of Jesus and his disciples during the first centuries after his death. The expanded historical knowledge is now fueling 21st century debates. Archaeologists now have 5700 ancient documents and references of the New Testament times versus the 100 catalogued in 1707. Up for grabs are the Trinity (who says?), the two separate gods interpretation (with support), or the strictly human, non-ascending Jesus (also with support).

Can the words of the Bible be infallible *and* factually contradictory *and* a mere transcriptional error *and* be added to *and* deleted from for political reasons, all a decade / century or two or three after the initial telling of the story? Just what is historically true?

The Judeo-Christian element is pervasive in our nation. And, the understanding of its history is changing dramatically. Knowing something about the forces involved keeps us connected and in community.

The UUFR-VA library contains many books and DVDs of interest. Check them out. If you know of a book you wish UUFR-VA had, please let librarian **Chris Gimpel** know to help keep our collection fresh and value

UUFR-VA Volunteers Prepare Breakfast for Yoga Retreat at Camp Kekoka



Volunteers from left to right: Terrie and Dave Dustin, with daughter Brooke, Peny Gallogly, Bob and Elaine Weekley, Duncan Bright, the “Kitchen General,” and Marge Rowden

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