



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
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September 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

September 6

Rev. Dr. Janine Howard: Day of Confession, Repentance, Prayer, and Commitment to End Racism

Today is the day that the African Methodist Episcopal Church has asked every church, temple, synagogue, mosque, and place of worship to focus on race and ask every pastor, rabbi, imam, and others to remind us that out of one blood all were created to dwell together in unity. That message will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Janine Howard, District Superintendent of the Danville District of the United Methodist Church (UMC).

Janine's previous appointment was as pastor of Lower UMC in Middlesex County. She previously served at Warsaw, New Hope, and the Calvary-Greenbush Charge in Accomack County. Janine was ordained in 2000 and received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., in 2007.

UU For Kids: What is the meaning of "race?"

September 13

Rev. James B. Godwin: The Religious Beliefs and Practices of Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson was always reluctant to reveal his religious beliefs to the public, but at times he would speak to and reflect upon the public dimension of religion. This promises to be a fascinating look into his beliefs and practices.

Rev Godwin is a retired pastor in the United Methodist Church. He has a BA degree in History from the University of Virginia and a Master of Divinity from the Divinity School of Duke University, and he did postgraduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is a member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of the Northern Neck, president of the Rappahannock Amateur Radio Association, and a volunteer at the Northumberland Public Library. Rev. Godwin was previously a member of the Northern Neck Sailing Association.

September 20

Dave Dustin: Understanding the Roots of UU Beliefs

Unitarians have come a long way from their humble beginnings in 1568. Our founders persisted in the face of tremendous opposition that, at times, led to their deaths. This historical exploration will include a review of a famous sermon delivered by William Ellery Channing on May 5, 1819, (the Baltimore Sermon) that lays out the logic behind some of UU's most fundamental beliefs.

Dave holds a BS degree in Computer Science from Maryland University and retired from Johns Hopkins University/Applied Physics Laboratory in 2012 after 38 years of service. During the years of 2000 to 2006, he worked as a cyber-security consultant to the Federal Aviation Administration. He is currently serving as the president of UUFR-VA and as a vice president for the newly established Kids First Foundation. He also volunteers at the White Stone Baptist Church's Food Pantry.

UU for Kids: Fall Arts and Crafts

The UUFR-VA Picnic will follow the service

September 27

Lois Williams: Plunder in Our Back Yard

Sixty-nine slaves escaped from the Corotoman Plantation to a British barge in Carter's Creek on April 22, 1814. Although roadside historical markers say "pillage" and "plunder," the slaves were not kidnapped. Instead, they escaped to freedom, as told in Alan Taylor's book that won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 2014, *The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia 1772-1832*.

Lois Williams, a member of the fellowship, has been reading about Tidewater history since she and Peter moved two years ago from Potomac, Maryland, to Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury (RW-C,) in Irvington.

President's Corner

by **Dave Dustin**

Summer Is Over, But There's Still Plenty To Do

By the grace of the universe, we survived summer in fine fashion.

This summer wasn't really that hot and, so far, no tropical storms have reached our shores. Is El Nino the reason? Maybe; maybe not.

While the summer wasn't so hot, our congregation was seething with activity. Plans are being made to actively begin campaigning for support of an early childhood class in Northumberland County, planning is getting underway to hold an evening of comedy later this fall, and we welcomed new members into our congregation. All this, while still doing all the normal activities which marched forward continuously and steadily under the guidance of our very capable committee chairs and their members.

We also have our fall picnic coming up on September 20th at Brown Mobley's house, which is located on Long Lane Farm Road on the north side of White Stone. We normally hold our fall picnic at the Failmezger's home, but they will be out of town – so Brown graciously offered the use of her beautiful place. Thank you, Brown!

We will be having our Fellowship Retreat on October 11th, 12th, and 13th at the same place as last year: Stratford Hall. Last year was a great success with, I believe, a record number of attendees. At this time, we have 17 people signed up, and we're hoping to get our attendance into the 20s.

We had a great time there last year! Stratford Hall has wonderful accommodations with most of the rooms in the same building as the Great Room where we all gather for our big discussions. There's a large deck which is surrounded by trees where Bob Weekley conducts the morning meditation sessions. With Bob's music playing softly in the background and the typical sounds of the woods, it's an absolutely beautiful setting for starting your day with some peaceful, "quiet" time of guided meditation.

It's great to have all the "regulars" attending this retreat, and it's a perfect way to get to know members of the congregation if you are a new member or someone who visits with us when you come to the river on the weekends.

So, please sign up to attend the Fellowship Retreat in October, and treat yourself to a little special get-away!

-Dave

UUFR-VA Picnic

Our Annual UUFR-VA Picnic will be held after the service on September 20th at Brown Mobley's house, which is located at 277 Long Lane Farm Road., just outside of White Stone. Brown's house is the second house on the left.

Brown has tables and chairs, but if you have a favorite chair, please bring it along. People who attend should bring their favorite dish to share and also whatever they would like to drink.

Paths of Remembrance Update

by Bob Weekley

New memorial plaques have been installed in the Paths of Remembrance memorial area that so many walk through as they come to UUFR-VA. The marble plaques that were originally installed were becoming discolored from exposure to weather, and some had become loosened by cold and heat. Several

attempts to restore them to their original beauty were unsuccessful.

The fellowship has purchased new bronze plaques of the same size and engraving as the previous marble ones. These new plaques are not only "epoxied" to the large granite stone, but they have screws on the back that have drilled into the rock.

John Latell, local blacksmith, sculptor, and artist of Wicomico Forge, completed the new plaque installation. He meticulously smoothed the plaque locations on the underlying granite and slightly inset those to achieve a more uniform and harmonious look.

Four new plaques were installed, bringing the fellowship up-to-date in honoring our members who have passed away: Ralph Brainard, Judy McLean, Dickson McKenna, and Ina Fuller.

Please stop by the memorial stone and take a moment to reflect and pay your respects to those we honor there, and take note of the beautiful new plaques lovingly installed.



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:

September 28: *Florence Gordon* by Brian Morton

October 28: *Middlemarch* by George Eliot "Big Book" only. It is a big book! Dinner and discussion at ICYCC at 6:00 P.M.

November 23: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce

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

Raffle Tickets for LHS

Please support the Physics and Chemistry teacher of Lancaster High School in raising \$5,000.

We have 60 raffle tickets for five different Broadway shows in Richmond (Altria Theater.) The raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$20. The drawing will be held on October 22 at 6:00 P.M. The winner will receive orchestra seating for the Broadway show **and** \$100.

The 5 shows are:

Newsies

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

The Lion King

Motown, The Musical

Ragtime, The Musical

Please see **Dave Dustin**, before or after services, to purchase your raffle tickets. Good Luck!

UUFR-VA Activities at a Glance

September 2015	
Sep 13	Board Meeting
Sep 18	Ladies Luncheon at Willaby's - RSVP to Eve.
Sep 20	Picnic at Brown Mobley's House
Sep 27	Sing Out Cancelled for September
Sep 28	River Readers
October 2015	
Oct 3	Phood and Philosophy at the Kinneys'
Oct 11-13	Fall Retreat
Oct 16	Ladies Luncheon at Anna's Pizza - RSVP to Eve.
Oct 17	Richmond ComedySports at UUFR 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Oct 25	Sing Out
Oct 28	River Readers
November 2015	
Nov 8	Board Meeting
Nov 20	Ladies Luncheon at Lancaster Tavern - RSVP to Eve.
Nov 22	Sing Out
Nov 23	River Readers
Nov 29	Pot Luck Sunday
December 2015	
Dec 13	Annual Meeting
Dec 18	Kilmarnock Inn- RSVP to Eve.
Dec 20	Christmas Party at the Kinneys'

Please let the Calendar Girls know of any up-and-coming UUFR-VA events

Peny Gallogly
Diana Jamison
Vicki Kinsel

Retreat News!

by Shirley, Thea, Pirkko, and Bill

Our annual Fellowship Retreat is coming soon: October 11 to 13 at beautiful Stratford Hall, which is about an hour's drive from UUFR-VA. The committee has been hard at work, putting together an interesting and engaging program for you. I think you'll vote it the best ever retreat! We'll have varied activities, lots of discussion, some creative moments, some dramatic moments, wonderful companionship, and a peaceful setting.

The cost is \$150.58 per room per night, which includes tax. If two people share a room, you can split the cost. If you find you'd love to attend, but can't find the funds to do it, then contact Dave Dustin, our esteemed President, who can tell you about our scholarship fund to help you out. Be sure to book early if you want two separate beds in a room. You will need to make your own reservations. (Call Lesley at 804-493-1966 to reserve your room. Use a credit card to hold your reservation, but no money will be charged to the card until the day of the retreat.) There will be a sign-up poster in the UUFR-VA foyer, so add your name to the list as well.

Don't miss this great experience that will give you wonderful memories for years.

Sing Out Blues?

Sad to say, there'll be no Sing Out in September. Look for its return on October 25th.

Got Books?

Our ongoing sale of books on Amazon.com is continuing to bring in funds for UUFR-VA. Thanks to you for supplying books and

books and even more books. Keep them coming! We can't sell them if we don't have them.

Our recent book sale in UUFR-VA's foyer brought in another \$50. So, our total sales from this and Amazon proceeds over the years amounts to over \$7500! Pretty amazing, huh? But it can grow even more, if you will donate books you no longer feel like reading, or if you are just tired of dusting them. Make room for more.

Bring your books to **Shirley Kinney**, or stack them in UUFR-VA's back room with Shirley's name on them (and let her know they are there). She will list them on Amazon for sale. Any books that we can't sell on Amazon are brought to UUFR-VA for our annual book sale. Any books that we can't sell to you are donated to the Northumberland Library's adorable book store in Heathsville (which you should most definitely visit often).

Library Addition

by Shirley Kinney

A new book has been donated to UUFR-VA's library: *A Moth to the Flame*, by Connie Zweig, telling the story of Sufi sage and poet Rumi. This is the first novel about the life of Rumi, who lived from 1207-1275. In it, we discover the key moments that shaped his genius. Although this story happened a long time ago, during another period of war between Islam and the West, this tale of an individual life fully lived is the tale of every life. We watch as Rumi's faith is tested and witness his meeting with the beloved, which overturned his world and eventually led to his union with God. For centuries, Rumi has remained alive in the hearts of millions around the world. As told in this novel, his story inspires us all.

Be sure to check out this book!

Ministerial Study

In 2011, the UUFR-VA congregation held a series of discussions, first as an online forum and then as a series of meetings of members and friends to envision the future of our fellowship. The outcome of these discussions was a long-term plan that included expanding our building to better accommodate the children and younger families we need to attract, and establishing a path toward professional ministerial support, at least on a part-time basis. In response to congregational input, the Board of Stewards has started looking into the question of hiring a part-time minister. The Board has begun to formulate the basic questions, such as, what would be the expectations of a minister, and what would be the financial impact of a minister. We have gathered information from other small UU fellowships and churches in our region to learn about their experience in acquiring a minister. A ministerial study committee has been formed to guide this process.

This is a long-term process that will include input from the membership and careful study by the Board. Meanwhile, ideas and suggestions from the membership are always welcome as we gather information. If you have thoughts to share, send them by email or speak to any members of the committee.

Janet Hemming
Lynn Langley
Bob Weekley

Servetus and UU's Serve

The fellowship's Community Outreach Endowment now has a name! The donors, plus those who have specified this endowment as a bequest, plus your elected Trustees, proposed "Servetus Community Outreach Endowment." Our Board of Stewards unanimously approved the name. Under the guidance of your Trustees, the income from this endowment will supply

grants in perpetuity to community-focused programs of our fellowship and to other local nonprofits. This fund is similar to the Campbell Memorial Presbyterian's "Agape" (love) fund and Grace Episcopal's Community Outreach fund, both of which contributed substantially to our Faith in Action Kids First program.

Michael Servetus (1509-1553) was a Spanish-born philosopher, cartographer, and Renaissance humanist. He was a polymath versed in many sciences: mathematics, astronomy, meteorology, geography, human anatomy, medicine, and pharmacology, as well as jurisprudence, poetry, and the scholarly study of the Bible in its original languages. Servetus was physician to the high court in France in addition to serving French villagers in more remote areas. He was the first to recognize and publish that oxygenation of blood occurred in the lungs. He participated in the Protestant Reformation, and later developed a non-trinitarian Christology. Condemned by Catholics and Protestants alike, he was tricked into going to Geneva where, under the instigation of John Calvin, he was arrested and burnt at the stake as a heretic. According to scholar Marian Hillar: "Historically speaking, Servetus died so that freedom of conscience could become a civil right in modern society." The Servetus Fund tempts the play on words for **UU's** dedicated to **serve** others while recognizing this historic Unitarian.

Some who have bequests to the fellowship in place have redirected these bequests to the Servetus Fund. Others have made a major donation already. If you are of a mind to provide funds now or in the future to increase the fellowship's ability to make an impact for the better within our four-county community, please consider the Servetus Fund.

The fellowship's endowments are managed by your elected Trustees, who are currently MJ Andersen, Barbara Haynes, and Tom Kinney.

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The Cabaret Committee



ComedySportz

An Improvisational Group Coming to UUFR
October 17, 2015 - 7 to 9 PM
Tickets On Sale Now
\$10 per seat.

Purchase tickets from Eva, Diana, MJ, Shirley or Cliff. Invite friends.

The Richmond ComedySports Team are an improvisational group that performs "clean comedy." They will be sending a group of five comedians to UUFR-VA for an evening of fun. Funding for the show is being provided, in part, through proceeds earned by the Cabaret. The rest of the funds are being raised through ticket sales. Check out their web site at comedysportzrichmond.com



Under The Canopy
Two Women's Journey

Diana Jamison
Celia McGuire

2015 Art Exhibit

Hosted
by
MC ERNY GALLERY AT WHQR

Warwick Building
254 North Front Street #300
Wilmington, NC

Fourth Friday Opening
Reception
September 25 - 6 to 9 pm

Gallery Hours
Monday thru Friday
10 am to 4 pm

Fourth Friday Closing Reception
October 23 - 6 to 9 pm

Show Ends November 13

There may be a road trip in your future as you are invited to attend the opening of **Under The Canopy, Two Women's Journey**, the art exhibit of Diana Jamison and Celia McGuire. Their work will be on display in the MC Erny Gallery at WHQR in Wilmington NC, from September 25th through November 13th, 2015. The gallery will host a Fourth Friday Reception for the artists from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. on opening night.

Barbara and Len Grossman will host a party on Saturday night at their lovely home at Wrightsville Beach. All friends and out-of-town travelers are invited to this second evening of celebration. Please let Diana know of your travel plans, so that you can receive the particulars about the party.

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Newsletter

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