



# THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFR-VA)

P.O. Box 1266  
White Stone, VA 22578

**November 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

### November 1

#### **Shirley Kinney:** Halloween

It's full of ghosts and witches and jack-o'-lanterns. Scary? Maybe. But, also a celebration deeply rooted in our Christian (and pagan) past. Shirley will explore the religious and colorful past of this day that was once considered holy and important. You'll be immersed in the colors and the sights and even the smells of Halloween.

Shirley Kinney, a retired elementary school teacher and law firm administrator, is a multi-talented artist. She is active in the UU fellowship, having served as President, Program Chair, and currently as the Secretary of the Board of Stewards. Among her many contributions, Shirley leads us in song on the piano most Sundays, organizes our Phood and Philosophy events, and guides us through our 'Imagine That!' program.

#### **UU For Kids Education Program**

"What are we?" The kids will engage in some activities that will help them describe Unitarian Universalism to a friend or family member.

### November 8

#### **Sara Mackey:** Naming Names

In our personal lives and in the life of the church, one challenge that we sometimes don't recognize is the need and the ability to observe what is real and to call it by its true name. Why is this difficult, and why does it matter? Join us and Sara Mackey to imagine what it looks like to name what's real.

Sara has been a friend of UUFR-VA since her seminary days, when the fellowship was meeting in the White Stone Women's Club. She lives in Richmond and currently works at Union Presbyterian Seminary, where she earned her Master of Divinity. 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.

### November 15

#### **Rev. Jennifer Ryu:** The Dry Season

To all people of faith there come periods of time when we feel spiritually depleted, wrung out, and empty. These dry seasons may be the result of difficult events in our own lives, the lives of others, or despair over world events. Sometimes, a sense of emptiness sets

in for no apparent reason. This morning Rev. Ryu shares her reflections on living faithfully through the dry seasons.

This year, Rev. Ryu concluded a nine-year ministry with the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists (WUU). Born in South Korea, Jennifer grew up in Ohio, and then moved to Baltimore, where she discovered Unitarian Universalism. After many years, she answered the call to ministry, entering seminary in 2002 at the Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA. Jennifer is taking this year off to travel, rest, and discern. She serves our faith as Vice President of the UU Minister's Association.

**\*\* UU For Kids Activity  
with Caroline Shifflett \*\***

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## November 22

### **Rev. Alane Cameron Miles: So Many Reasons to Live**

Every day, in seeing every possible aspect of death, dying, grief, and loss, Rev. Alane Cameron Miles could become deeply sad. Instead, she feels very occasionally blue, but mostly thrilled with the abundant beauty of the world. In addition to her 9 to 5 position as a hospice chaplain, she leads support groups for grieving people – including one for those who lost someone to suicide. Come hear why she believes every morning is beautiful.

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. She works for Hospice of Virginia, is a Chaplain and Bereavement Counselor for New Century Hospice, and is also the host of Death Club Radio on Richmond Independent Radio, WRIR 97.3 ([www.wrir.org](http://www.wrir.org)), Thursdays, at 12:30 P.M.

## November 29

### **Thea Marshall: Necessary Women**

Back in the 1600's a very brave, but clueless, man asked, "Are women necessary?" This in spite of his clear knowledge that he would not eat much, have children, and would walk about in shabby filthy clothes. Thea will attempt to explore the question asked so many centuries ago, and in some circles, continues (yes) to be asked.

Thea has lived in the Northern Neck since 1987. Before moving here with her late husband, Alex Abel, and granddaughter, Eva, Thea was based in Washington, DC, and lived in McLean, VA. Her communications firm produced award-winning public affairs radio, TV, and films for a wide variety of clients. She is an actor, a journalist, a published author, a broadcaster, an NPR commentator, and a contributing writer for various magazines. She is most proud of 1) her granddaughter, Dr. Eva Abel; 2) helping to start the Free Health Clinic; and 3) her involvement in the battle for civil rights beginning in the '60's.

*Please join us for the 5th Sunday Potluck immediately following the service.*

### **Memorial Service**

Dr. Pirkko Maija-Leena Graves of White Stone, deceased on September 3, 2015, will be memorialized at a celebration of her life at **2:30 P.M. on November 7, 2015**, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock, 366 James Wharf Road, in White Stone.

Friends of Pirkko are cordially invited to attend.

## *President's Corner*

by Dave Dustin

### **Life Between Plans**

As with the recent threat of Hurricane Joaquin, we as a fellowship are experiencing the effects of high and low tides on our emotions. Recent events speak volumes about the life of our fellowship and how gracefully we accept both the joys and the concerns as we blend both the happy and sad times.

On **November 7<sup>th</sup>** we will host the Memorial Service for Pirkko Graves. Pirkko's involvement in many local interests is sure to result in our facility being full of people. We invite you to share the sadness of our loss, but also to share our pride and joy in respect for the life of service that Pirkko lived.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> UUFR-VA was the host of a comedy team from Richmond. The performance was a huge success. Diana Jamison, the organizer, reported that about 70 people attended, and kudos go to all those who helped make this most enjoyable evening possible!

Our niche, **The Kids First Foundation (KFF) Nutrition Program**, has started again, and our volunteers have already been in the classrooms of the two early childhood classes. So far, they've served apples and pumpkin pie, with a real little pumpkin for each child to take home! I'd like to thank Lois Williams, Chris and Bill Gimpel, Paula Greenwood, and Terrie Dustin for their participation.

We held a "Welcome Dinner" for the parents and their families on September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Lancaster Primary School (LPS.) The Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church was our sponsor and supplied authentic North Carolina BBQ and all the trimmings, complete with hush puppies. There was such a remarkable response that UUFR-VA also supplemented the buffet with homemade chili, deviled eggs, and desserts. This dinner

garnered the most interest yet, with 37 adults and 38 children in attendance!

On short notice, we got involved with the local Meals-on-Wheels Program to cover the single month of October. We stepped in for another church group that was experiencing volunteer health problems. I really want to thank Paula Greenwood, Don Lowrey, Lois Williams, Nancy Stupi, and Terrie Dustin for helping deliver these meals.

With the fanfare reviews of our last year's (smoked turkey) **Thanksgiving Dinner**, the UUFR-VA is to be the sponsor for this year's encore. The dinner will be hosted at the LPS on **Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M.** KFF will provide a full meal, so it is imperative that everyone helps in one way or another. Please call or email me if you can physically be at the school that evening or if you would be able to make vegetables, salads, or desserts to send. Every effort will be a great help and greatly appreciated. My sincere thanks.

*-Dave*

### **Phood and Philosophy**

Phood and Philosophy, our monthly get-together for shared food and philosophical musings, will be hosted by Marge Rowden and Eve Jordan on **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 P.M.,** at Eve's home.

The evening's topic will be: **Compassion.** We look forward to seeing as many people as can fit into Eve's home. Please RSVP. Plan to bring a dish and a bottle of wine to share.



*October 2015 Fellowship Retreat at Stratford Hall*  
 (L to R) Front Row: Kira Kelsey, Anne Kelsey, Shirley Kinney, Pam Collins; Middle Row: Sharon Coulter, Lynn Langley, Elaine Weekley, Celane Roden, Chris Gimpel, Tom Kinney; Back Row: Dave Dustin, Bob Weekley, Hank Roden, Bill Gimpel

## 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:

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

**December:** No meeting

**January 25:** *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

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

## More Books!

by Shirley Kinney

We will be having a huge book sale beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> in our UUFR-VA foyer.

Everything from novels to travel to scientific stuff. Actually, what a great time to do all your Christmas shopping! Load up your bags and, in doing so, help support our Kids First Foundation. All money will be donated to that great program. Expect a crowded foyer because there are *lots* of books for you to buy.

## UUFR-VA Activities at a Glance

November 2015	
Nov 7	Pirkko Graves Memorial Service
Nov 8	Board Meeting
Nov 15	Book Sale Begins
Nov 20	Ladies Luncheon at Lancaster Tavern RSVP to Eve.
Nov 22	Sing Out
Nov 23	River Readers
Nov 29	Potluck Sunday
December 2015	
Dec 13	Annual Meeting
Dec 18	Ladies Luncheon at 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

### Board of Stewards

Dave Dustin, President  
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 Lynn Langley, Treasurer  
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#### Web Site

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#### Newsletter

Deadline for articles: 20<sup>th</sup> of the month  
 Bob Prescott, Editor (editor@uufrappahannock.org)