



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
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May 2017

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 7

Lower United Methodist Church (LUMC) Handbell Choir: Ring the Living Bell

The LUMC Handbell Choir, led by Vicki Hogge, will perform a number of musical pieces written specifically for handbells. Vicki and other choir members, including our own Nancy Stupi, will also talk about the history of handbells and their design. The choir members will demonstrate various ringing techniques and talk about the challenges and rewards of forming a handbell choir. Join us for a morning of beautiful music and fascinating musical information.

UU Kids: Now that the weather is nice and warm, it is time to get some vegetables into our 3 x 3 raised bed! The kids will be loosening the soil, planting some yummy veggies, and watering their garden. .

May 14

Scott Mabe: The Magic of Laughter

Scott will explore how laughter, when shared, binds people together and increases happiness and intimacy. He will outline the physical and social benefits of laughter and suggest ways of creating opportunities to experience the magic of laughter.

Scott and his wife, Beth, live in Middlesex County. He earned his graduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to his retirement, Scott was a family counselor for 25 years, and later taught sociology and psychology at Rappahannock Community College for 15 years.

May 21

Tom Kinney: Doc Martin and Staying Alive

The two connotations of “staying alive” contribute immensely to that happy and productive life for which we strive. Doc Martin, BBC’s brilliant but surly surgeon with a blood phobia turned GP, helps teach our friends, the Brits, and us too. You won’t need to travel to his Portwenn on the Cornish Coast to share your thoughts.

Tom Kinney, a founding member, has served UUFV-VA as President, Finance Chair, and Vision and Planning Chair. In a past life, Tom led programs at GM, including Corporate Vision and Planning for the future of GM’s small cars, Assistant Chief of Corvette, Chief Engineer of GM’s R-cars, and a bunch of international stuff. In 1976, Tom traded in his Presbyterian Board position (yup, Vision and Planning) for membership in First UU of Birmingham (MI). Tom and

Shirley, childhood sweethearts, retired to Ottoman in 1989.

UU Kids: This will be the final Sunday of our “lessons.” The teens will wrap up their exploration of a few of the world’s religions by reflecting on how diverse religious beliefs open our minds and strengthen our hearts. The children will finish up the *World of Wonder* curriculum with a session that focuses on the Wonder of their Senses. They will have fun playing with their senses of sight, hearing, smell, and taste.

May 28

Lois Williams: The Churches of Lancaster County

A Virginian (at RW-C) and a UUFR-VA member of three years, Lois Williams has had a life-long curiosity about religion, and she has been driving the roads of Lancaster County, searching out its 40 or so churches. Using local examples, Lois will talk about 350 years of building churches and today’s church buildings.

Book Sale

by Shirley Kinney

We have almost enough books for another book sale on **May 28th**. We’re only waiting for you to clean out your bookcase and bring in books to sell. Give your books to me or leave them in the foyer with my name on them. Also, bring in movies you want to get rid of, or music CD’s, or computer games. Anything that can’t be listed for sale on Amazon will be included in our UUFR-VA sale. All proceeds, as always, will go to Kids First activities.

UU Justice

The Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community (UUJEC) Spring Newsletter is now available. Click [here](#) to access your own copy.

New Books

by Shirley Kinney

A new book has been added to our UUFR-VA library in the foyer. As always, you are encouraged to check out our library books. Perhaps you’ve been dying to do a Sunday talk, but didn’t know what to talk about? One of these books would be a great jumping-off place.

Perhaps you’ve been wanting to increase your knowledge of the world’s religions? Perhaps you just want to satisfy that insatiable craving for knowledge you’ve always had? Here’s the place to satisfy all these needs.

Nelson’s Illustrated Encyclopedia of the Bible edited by John Drane.

This book is the one resource that will satisfy your curiosity about the Bible and the remarkable people and events in it. These people lived, worked, and worshiped in cultures that changed the world. The volume draws on scholarship in archaeology and theology and gives a close-up view of the amazing civilizations where people lived under the perceived protection or punishment of their gods, where the mundane and the miraculous overlap.

The seven divisions of the volume allow you to quickly find the answers to your questions:

1. Outline of Biblical history – Overview of the main turning points, with maps and timelines;
2. People and empires – Detailed information on the nations that flourished at the time of the Jews and early Christians to understand how they influenced the history and culture of the Bible;
3. The world of the Bible – A survey of life in Biblical times, including the natural world, the family, work, and society;

4. Religion and worship – Ancient beliefs and practices;
5. The life and teaching of Jesus;
6. The Bible – book by book – information on writers and historical settings;
7. Rapid factfinder.

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 22: *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin and *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Bachman

June 26: *The Little Red Chairs* by Edna O’Brien

July 24: *Queen of the Tambourine* by Jane Gardam

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

UUFR-VA Servetus Scholarships

Our visionary donors to our fellowship’s Servetus Community Outreach Endowment Fund have made it possible for us to expand our Faith-In-Action impact within our four-county community. Your elected Trustees are reviewing scholarship applications by pending graduates in severe financial need. A UUFR-VA Servetus scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded to a 2017 graduate from each of the four public high schools in our church community. Please watch this space for the announcement of recipients. The Trustees have also set aside funds to

provide four scholarships, each a minimum of \$2,000, in 2018 as well. They are reviewing other community outreach grant requests from within and outside the fellowship.

The Trustees have doubled the hold-back buffer against market volatility for this year only. Thus \$49,000, less the \$16,000 in scholarships noted, is available to commit, within donor-allowed guidelines, during the current Servetus Fund year. Please share your suggestions for programs and recipients with your Trustees: **Barbara Haynes, Janet Hemming, and Tom Kinney**

Library Addition

“White Trash,” subtitled “The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America,” by Nancy Isenberg was recently added to our library shelves. If interested in a read, contact our librarian, **Chris Gimpel**. For a perspective on the book, one UUFR-VA reader’s review follows:

Isenberg examines the roots and evolution of the human characteristic of class-based inequality and its prevalence in our America’s “all are created equal” society. The British stratification that arrived in Jamestown and spread within the early settlements of the 1600’s continues to the present. Quotations adding mythology to the promotion of a social and political class structure include Thoreau, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney, LBJ, and Unitarians Joseph Priestly and Benjamin Rush (signer of the Declaration of Independence) among many of the country’s leaders and pundits. The intensity of racial and non-racial class denigration, especially in the South, broadened due to “no room” for productive workers between the slaves and the land-owning elite. The author follows the rationalization from the earlier buzzword “breeding” through “income inequality” and “opportunity barriers” now more in vogue.

While Isenberg at times warps history in pursuit of her theme and her choice of words is intentionally inflammatory, she offers copious references to others who have written on the subject. A must-read for the social-justice focused to address the continuity

through the ages from the ancients on through Thomas Paine’s and John Locke’s “nature’s way” to our newly inspired once again call for action on this eternal issue of unwarranted disrespect for a supposed “lower class.”

UUFRR-VA Activities at a Glance

May 2017	
May 19	Ladies’ Luncheon - 11:30 A.M. The Corner, in Lively
May 22	River Readers - 2:30 P.M. Lancaster Community Library

Peny Gallogly; Diana Jamison; Vicki Kinsel

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