



# THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)

P.O. Box 1266  
White Stone, VA 22578

June 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

### June 4

#### **Lee Anne Washington:** Flower Communion

Members and friends of the congregation are invited to bring a flower, either wild or domestic, and share its meaning during the Communion. The Flower Communion, an annual UU rite, was created by Norbert Capek (1870-1942), founder of the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia, who died in a Nazi concentration camp.

Lee Anne Washington, a graduate of the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia Law School, has been an attorney, author, and educator for more than 25 years. Lee Anne is currently in her second year of attending Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, in pursuit of a Masters in Divinity and ordination as a UU minister. She is the author of *The Human Life Equation, a Biblical Case for Choice*. Lee Anne lives in White Stone with her lovely teenage daughter, Lucy.

**UU Kids:** During summer vacation the UU Kids Program will be on a limited schedule, meeting only the first Sunday of the month. We will follow our usual first Sunday schedule – participating with the fellowship through *Joys and Concerns* (a great opportunity for your child to share the highlights of their

summer with the group!), and then the kids will leave for some activity. All ages are welcome. We will be playing games and enjoying the outdoors - “no lessons” for the summer!

### June 11

#### **Bob Weekley:** Can Thinkers Be Believers? Can Belief and Critical Thinking Coexist?

Bob will explore the meaning of belief, its value and its possible dangers. Does belief prevent spiritual growth? Belief is defined as the state of mind in which a person thinks something to be the case, with or without there being empirical evidence to prove with factual certainty that something is the case. Should we embrace our beliefs or be wary of them?

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

## June 18

### **Rev. Jennifer Ryu:** The Wholeness of Men

Our society has become more accepting of same sex marriage, and it is starting to open itself to transgender and gender-fluid people as well. In a time when we press for fair and equal treatment for everyone, does gender matter anymore? Can a little boy simply grow up to be the best human he can be without being concerned about what it means to be a man? Although we have made progress, gender continues to make a difference. Our society still upholds a narrow definition of masculinity that can damage men, women, and transgender people. On this Father's Day Sunday, we will reflect on the boys and men in our families, and in our communities, and how we can help to broaden the image of manhood.

Rev. Jennifer Ryu is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister who served the Williamsburg congregation for nine years. She is currently a hospital chaplain at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News.

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## June 25

### **Warren Haynie:** Death with Dignity (and Other Things You Should Do Before You're Done)

Warren will lead an informal discussion on Physician Assisted Suicide in Virginia and in those states that have passed legislation approving it. The discussion will cover a brief history of the Movement, with special attention to the Oregon statute which was the first in the USA to be codified. The service will provide some thoughts from a legal and personal perspective on the dying process, how it affects each of us, and what we can do about it (not wills and trusts, but the control that we have over our own death).

Warren was born, raised, and lives in Northumberland County where he has practiced law since 1971. You could say that he is an old country lawyer! He was exposed to higher education at VMI, Duke, Old Dominion, and UVA. (Some of it took, some of it didn't!) He is interested in the Death with Dignity Movement and the separation of church and state. Aside from legal organizations, he is a member of the American Humanist Association, Compassion & Choices and Final Exit.

## **Leadership Corner - Building Expansion Project**

by **Bill Gimpel**

It is now the beginning of June 2017. .Where has the time gone? I'm writing this article as background for new members and friends and an update for those wondering "What's happening with the building project?"

### **Activities:**

In 2011 the UUFR-VA congregation held a series of discussions to envision the future of the fellowship. The outcome of these discussions resulted in a long-term plan adopted by the Board of Stewards that included:

1. Expansion of our building to provide some additional storage and to better serve our children, younger families and present members, and the larger community.
2. Obtaining ministerial support.

Over the past few years, special committees have been very active in refining how ministerial support and increased building space could benefit our fellowship.

### **Outcomes:**

The Building Expansion Team has developed a concept that team members feel will meet the current and longer-term needs of the fellowship. The concept will have dedicated space for three classrooms, office space for a

potential minister, and office space for potential staff. The expanded space will be attractive to new members, a ministerial candidate, and future staff. In addition, the rooms can open up to provide adequate space for receptions, cabaret, dinners, and large programs. Preliminary building sketches and a “rough” model of the proposed addition that will attach to the existing building have been on display in the foyer.

**Cost Estimate:**

Our initial conservative cost estimate, which includes \$35,000 in an endowment for building maintenance, additional utilities, and housekeeping, was about \$280,000. We are still getting over bumps in the road in our attempt to finalize estimated construction costs and secure construction drawings (plans). We are receiving outside assistance from material suppliers and contractors to refine this estimate and expect to have data in the very near future.

**Budget:**

The very good news is that enthusiasm for the project within UUFR-VA has been quite high. To date our members have donated over \$148,000 dedicated to the Building Expansion Project. Therefore, if our cost estimates hold, up to an additional \$132,000 must be raised from donations from members and friends, grants, and gifts to cover all costs. Also, in keeping with the past fiscal policies of UUFR-VA, we want to complete construction with no mortgage or other debt ... other than gratitude to you!

**Schedule:**

Once we obtain building plans and have firm cost estimates for materials, we can solicit bids from contractors and once again approach the congregation with a construction schedule and real cost estimates, and answer questions.

Then, with the approval of the congregation and necessary financial commitment, we will award bids and begin to break ground.

## **All Hands Needed! Blessing of the Wheelbarrows\***

**When: Saturday, June 10, at 10:00 A.M.**

Workday, Fun, and Fellowship at UUFR-VA! Our main project is to replenish the stone-dust on our beautiful paths of remembrance. Bring wheelbarrows, shovels, and rakes if you can. Or, just bring yourself and work gloves. If you can work for one hour or four, we need you. Many hands will make this go faster.

\*The first “Blessing of the Wheelbarrows” event was to cover and spread mulch over the paths in the labyrinth. All had a great time!

## **Looking for the President’s Corner?**

**by Janet Hemming**

Have you been looking for the President’s Corner in your Chalice? At the Leadership Retreat in late April, the Board agreed that we need to improve the communication from the leadership team to the congregation. So, you will be seeing a “Leadership Corner” in each Chalice rather than a “President’s Corner.” Various members of the Board and project committee chairs will be providing updates on their areas of responsibility. We hope this helps you to stay informed on all of the work that is taking place at UUFR-VA. Please let me know if you like this approach or have any other suggestions to improve communication.

Remember, you are always welcome to attend Board meetings. The schedule is now listed in the UUFR-VA “Activities at a Glance” section.

## **Ready to get away from it all?**

**by Shirley Kinney**

Our annual UUFR-VA Congregational Retreat is scheduled for October 8 to 10 (that’s Sunday afternoon through Tuesday afternoon), at **Chanco on the James**, a beautiful retreat spot near Richmond. For site photos Google “Chanco on the James.”

There will be lots of time to just relax as well as participate in group activities where we will explore who we are. We have reserved canoes and kayaks for the more adventurous and an evening bonfire. We'll eat in their dining hall, so you won't even have to leave the wonderful campus.

There will be more information soon on pricing, so stay tuned. But, remember to mark your calendar now!

## **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.

### ***Lost Christianities – The Battles for Scripture and the Faiths We Never Knew***

by Bart D. Ehrman

A look at the early forms of Christianity, showing how they came to be suppressed, reformed, or forgotten. Each of the early Christian groups insisted that they upheld the teachings of Jesus and his apostles, and they all possessed writings that bore out their claims, books reputedly produced by Jesus' own followers. Modern archaeological work has recovered a number of key texts, which reveal religious diversity that says much about the ways in which history gets written by the winners. The author's discussion ranges from considerations of various "lost scriptures" to the disparate beliefs of such groups as the Jewish-Christian Ebionites, the anti-Jewish Marcionites, and various "Gnostic" sects.

Ehrman examines in depth the battles that raged between "proto-orthodox Christians" – those who eventually compiled the canonical books of the New Testament and standardized Christian belief – and the groups they denounced as heretics and ultimately overcame.

## **Our Global Faith Connections**

by Rev. Roger Bertschausen

Executive Director - Unitarian Universalist

Partner Church Council

I am very pleased to report that the three candidates for UUA President have responded to five questions about international U/U engagement posed by the UU International Joint Working Group (UUPCC, ICUU, and UUA International Office). [Click Here](#) to read their responses along with the joint statement on international engagement they signed last fall. I encourage everyone to take a look -- particularly those who will vote and/or participate in determining their congregation's absentee votes.

## **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 26:** *The Little Red Chairs* by Edna O'Brien

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

**August 22:** *The High Mountains of Portugal* by Yann Martel

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



## Calling All Volunteers - Gleaning Season Is Here!

Join us this Season!

We need volunteers for Tuesday, June 20; Thursday, June 22; and every Saturday in July (1, 8, 15, 22, 29). Gleaning hours are from 9:00 A.M. to Noon each day. Please arrive no later than 8:45 A.M. If it will be your first time gleaning, please arrive by 8:30 A.M.

Anybody can glean: teachers, business executives, parents, retirees, students, youth groups, church groups - you name it. And the more volunteers we have, the bigger impact we can all make. Together we can make a difference in the lives of families and children in need!

Sign-up to Glean by clicking the link below or check available dates on our Gleaning Calendar.

Additional dates and details to come!

Typically Gleaning takes place in Lancaster, Hague, and Westmoreland. Volunteers are needed. Contact Kathy Bergeron or Mark Kleinschmidt on 804-577-0246 or email [admin@nnfb.org](mailto:admin@nnfb.org).

## UUFR-VA Servetus Scholarship Winners 2017



First row -- Lancaster's Destiny Carter, Middlesex's Marry Kiku, Mathews Garcie West, Northumberland's David Henning; Second row - UUFR Trustees Barbara Haynes, Tom Kinney, Janet Hemming

## UUFR-VA Activities at a Glance

June 2017	
June 10	<b>Blessing of the Wheelbarrows – 10:00 A.M.</b>
June 16	<b>Ladies' Luncheon - 11:30 A.M.</b> at The Local in Irvington
June 26	<b>River Readers - 2:30 P.M.</b> at Lancaster Community Library
Oct 8	<b>UUFR-VA Congregational Retreat - Chanco on the James</b>

Peny Gallogly;    Diana Jamison;    Vicki Kinsel

### Board of Stewards

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#### Web Site

<http://www.uufrappahannock.org>  
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#### Newsletter

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