

# THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFRA-VA)

P.O. Box 1266  
White Stone, VA 22578

July 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

July 2

**Susan Moseley:** We Don't Know It All – My Engagement with a Particular Mayan Community in Guatemala

In her talk, Susan will share stories from a week-long experience, highlighting her personal experiences of struggle and hope. She will also offer a few theological and sociological insights gained when white, wealthy, English-speaking youth meet brown, very poor, Mam-speaking youth and build a partnership together.

Susan Moseley is the church educator for Westminster Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, DE. She received her Doctor of Educational Ministries degree (D.Ed.Min.) from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2012 and her certificate in spiritual direction from the Haden Institute in 2017. Susan is married to the Reverend Jim Moseley, Executive Presbyterian for the Presbytery of New Castle.

**UU Kids:** During summer vacation the UU Kids Program will be on a limited schedule, meeting only on the first Sunday of the month, following our usual first-Sunday schedule. We will be playing games and enjoying the outdoors - “no lessons” for the summer!

July 9

**Eddie Correia:** The Higher Self and Wellness

How do we find the strength and determination to stay mentally and physically well as we age? Having a higher self, and taking the time to reflect on it, can help.

Eddie Correia has worked for the Senate Judiciary Committee and served in the Clinton Administration as Special Counsel to the President for Civil Rights in the White House. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. He is the author of *The Uncertain Believer: Reconciling God And Science, Teaching Your Child About God In A Scientific World*, and two novels, *The George Washington Constellation* and *Elysia*.

July 16

**Lynne Larson:** Your Dream Wisdom

Lynne Larson will offer a program on listening to dreams and how to tap into your inner wisdom through guided imagery. What do St. Francis of Assisi, Harriet Tubman, Salvador Dali, Paul McCartney, and Jack Nicklaus have in common? Their dreams changed their lives! Join us to learn about listening to your own dreams and opening up to your inner wisdom.

Lynne Larson, M.A., has been formally trained in spiritual direction, MBTI, and Integrated Imagery (regression/progression method). With over 40 years of dream study and listening to thousands of dreams, Lynne Larson teaches and conducts dream workshops and works with individuals privately. Her practice in centering prayer and interest in the mystics led her to offer programs on Julian of Norwich, Celtic Spirituality, and mindfulness stress reduction. In 2004, she established Retreats to offer seekers a time to set aside the demands of everyday life and come together for rest and spiritual renewal. She sees in ancient spiritual traditions a modern approach to heal the human condition through the constant reminder that God thirsts for us, loves us without blame, and is present in all. Lynne makes her home in Virginia Beach and is a member of Church of the Holy Apostles, an ecumenical Roman Catholic and Episcopal congregation established in 1977 by Catholic and Episcopal bishops, and has been a long-time member of the Association for Research and Enlightenment (Edgar Cayce Foundation).

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### July 23

#### **Ruth Micklem and Kristi VanAudenhove:** Standing on the Side of Love

Standing on the Side of Love is an interfaith public advocacy campaign initiated by the Unitarian Universalist Association in 2009 to promote respect for the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Standing on the Side of Love confronts issues of exclusion, oppression, and violence based on identity. With the goal of creating beloved community, the campaign pursues social change through advocacy, public witness, and speaking out in solidarity with those whose lives are publicly demeaned. The core issues of focus include, but are not limited to: LGBTQ equity,

immigrant justice, racial justice. and intersectional movement building.

Ruth and Kristi will talk about why this campaign is so important and invite fellowship members to Stand with and Love those members of our community who are most at risk for violence and oppression.

Ruth Micklem and Kristi VanAudenhove were married in the UUFR-VA sanctuary in July of 2014 on their 25th anniversary. Together they have shared in the joys and the challenges of raising four children – and now they are lucky enough to be part of the lives of those children, their partners, and five exceptional grandchildren. They have shared in the leadership of policy advocacy for social change to end sexual and domestic violence and to bring about a world in which people of all ages, genders, races, and sexual orientations have the opportunity to thrive. As founding members of UUFR-VA, they have been involved in many different ways over the years. Ruth currently serves as the President of the Board of Stewards and Kristi coordinates the UU Kids program.

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### July 30

#### **Nancy Stupi:** Soap Box Sunday – What Makes Your Heart Happy

This is your opportunity to share your inspiration, your passion, your joy, your insight. Participants will have up to four minutes to speak on a subject of their choosing. For ideas, you might choose to share a favorite reading or poem, a special pastime or memory. Perhaps there is that inspirational piece that your grandmother kept in her cookbook or bible. You might find it helpful to jot down a few notes in advance. The important thing is sharing what is in your heart.

Nancy Stupi is the UUFR-VA Program Committee Chair. She and her husband, Hank, moved to Middlesex County from Gaithersburg, MD, in 2006.

## ***Leadership Corner***

### **What is the Status of Hiring a Part-Time Minister?**

by **Bob Weekley**

Our congregation has been hearing about the project to hire a part-time minister since 2015. Are we making progress? Well, yes. But the board has been moving in a deliberate way to find and hire the right person for us.

Members will recall that a survey of members was conducted to determine what folks would most value in a minister. Our congregation would like to have a part-time minister lead the Sunday service at least once each month, perform rites of passage (memorials, marriages, coming of age, etc.), encourage spiritual development by providing pastoral counseling and adult religious education, and be the recognized pastoral face of UUFR-VA in the wider Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula communities.

The Ministerial Study Committee has prepared a job description and a solicitation package to get the word out in ministerial circles that we are looking for such a part-time minister. When we receive expressions of interest, we will explore the applicants' qualifications and desirability. If there is further interest, we will invite the candidate to visit, to meet with members, and to speak at a Sunday service. Should a candidate be well received, the UUFR-VA board would explore terms of a possible contract. Finally, if all of the terms and conditions are agreeable, the congregation would be asked to vote their approval of the candidate.

I have spoken with presidents of other congregations in our region about their first minister. According to their experience, it is clear that if we find the right person for us, it can make a big impact on energizing the fellowship and in attracting new members from the community. Combined with our ongoing project to expand our building to better accommodate children's activities, we

would hope to attract more of the younger families that we see in other UU churches in the region.

## **Help!**

Please do your part toward guiding our fellowship forward. Your Vision and Planning Committee is asking you to share your thoughts about our fellowship; what you like, what you don't like, and what could be better. Your guidance leads to a vision of UUFR-VA ten years from now and the next five-year plan that moves us in that direction. Benchmarks are established to track our progress, and that progress is reported to the congregation annually. The process begins with the survey you recently received in the mail. The plan will be presented in late spring of next year for comments by all.

One hundred per cent survey participation is our target. Have you either mailed your survey, put it in the "Survey" box in the foyer, or do you need a replacement copy? Thanks to Kristi VanAudenhove, you can also complete the survey online through *surveymonkey*. We have had spam problems sharing the online instructions. Please contact **Tom Kinney** if you need another paper copy or if you have not received the email "blast" regarding on-line access.

## **"Our" Kids and The Gap**

by **Tom Kinney**

Over 100 children have now completed the High Quality Early Preschool for At-Risk 3-Year-Olds that our fellowship has helped establish in the public schools of Lancaster and Middlesex Counties. The initial class will start third grade this fall. Our goal is to break the cycle of generational poverty by identifying the children most at risk and accelerating their development to help them to be fully school-ready. To rate our success, we track the children through their annual fall and spring test scores. And the news is all good!

As each group of children advances from this special 3preK to 4preK, Kindergarten, first grade, second grade, etc., the average of their test scores has equaled or exceeded the average of all the children in those particular grade levels. What that means is that the typical gap in performance between generational poverty children and their more fortunate peers has been closed by UUFR-VA's Kids First program. By putting our Faith In Action to address generational poverty, we certainly seem to be making a major difference. However, these children have a long way to go to adulthood. As we track their future progress, let's hope these early strong signs of success continue to reflect the optimism of the school systems and match the predictions of the National Institute of Early Education Research that have guided our program to "what works."

Northumberland and Mathews Counties are our expansion targets. Northumberland had to delay the start of their Kids First program while they free up classroom space to accept a KF class and switch their 4preK to full-days ready for KF grads. Mathews is initiating a community campaign to achieve their 4preK goals to be prepared for Kids First 3preK graduates in the following year. Mathews has classroom space available for Kids First.

## **Let's Have Some Fun!**

by Shirley Kinney

We've had several UUFR-VA retreats over the years. They just keep getting bigger and better every time. More and more UU's hear about the fun and decide to join in. Now it's time for you to try it. This year's retreat promises to be the most fun yet. In past retreats, we've been encouraged to delve inside ourselves and discuss some serious issues. This year is all about *fun* and discovering what an amazing person each of us is.

On October 8, 9, and 10, we'll get away to spend a few days just having a good time.

We'll leave immediately following Sunday service for the retreat and return home on the afternoon of October 10.

You'll be taken on an imaginary journey to a lovely peaceful unknown land where, with the help of your 'crew,' you will overcome some interesting fun situations.

There will be lots of free time to go exploring, kayak, read, or share time with UUFR-VA friends.

Even the retreat location is new to us this time. Chanco on the James is a retreat center situated on 125 acres of woods along the James River. It's a short ferry ride away from historic Jamestown and Colonial Williamsburg, so you might want to add an extra day to visit these places. If driving isn't something you like to do, we can provide carpooling to make the trip there even more fun.

The cost is quite reasonable, but if you need some help, UUFR-VA does have some funds for a scholarship to help out. The registration fee, which includes both lodging and meals is:

\$200 per person for a single occupancy room, \$125 per person for a double room, or \$50 per person if you bring a tent and plan to camp.

That fee also includes a meeting room, access to kayaks, and an evening bonfire.

Your only job now is to reserve a spot by signing the poster board in the foyer and sending your check to Lynn, made payable to UUFR-VA. You can also notify Shirley Kinney at (and still send your check to Lynn).



## Blessing of the Wheelbarrows

by Bob Weekley

Ten members of our fellowship brought wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, and willing hands to refurbish and clean up our beautiful memorial area – *Pathways of Remembrance*. We spread stone dust on the pathways, picked up limbs and branches, cut seedlings and evil vines, and had a good time of fellowship.

The photo shows Nancy Johnston, Kristi VanAudenhove, Ruth Micklem, Oliver McAninch, Suzanne Shepherd, Diana Jamison, Bob Weekley, Elaine Weekley, and Scott Mabe. Terry Smith volunteered as well, but missed the photo shoot.

Many thanks to all who helped. But, but, there is more to do. There is still more stone dust to be spread for anyone who wants to do some productive physical activity. It beats working out in a stuffy gym!

## 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.

### *Great Infidels*

by Thomas S. Vernon

The men and women who appear in this book were infidels in the sense that their religious views did not agree with the requirements of the orthodox religion dominating their respective societies. Nevertheless, they were persons who made positive or creative, as well as memorable contributions to life and civilization. Some of them were atheists, but most of them were not. Several of the "infidels" presented in this book were famous persons in their time and ours – Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Ludwig van Beethoven, Charles Darwin, and Thomas Edison, for example. Others are more obscure to the modern reader but are persons whose lives deserve to be studied today.

Sebastian Castellio, a truly forgotten hero, was a contemporary of John Calvin who doggedly and at great sacrifice fought the grisly excesses of Calvinism.

Giordano Bruno, a learned monk, made the ultimate sacrifice, as he was burned at the stake by the Inquisition.

Among the great women who are recalled as "infidels" are the well-known Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Margaret Sanger, and Jane Addams. Perhaps less well-known today are the equally great Mary Wollstonecraft, Margaret Fuller,

and George Eliot. Several important philosophers are counted among those whose lives march across the pages of this book – John Locke, Voltaire, David Hume, John Stuart Mill, William James, Friedrich Nietzsche.

With the exception of Lucretius, all of the “infidels” who appear in this book were born into a Christian environment; they became non-Christians by choice and not by accident of birth.

## 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:

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

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

**September 25:** *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

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

## UUFR-VA Activities at a Glance

July 2017	
July 16	<b>UUFR-VA Board Meeting</b>
July 21	<b>Ladies' Luncheon - 11:30 A.M.</b> at Southwind Pizza in Mathews
July 24	<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

Ruth Micklem, President  
Bill Gimpel, Vice President  
Lynn Langley, Treasurer  
Shirley Kinney, Secretary

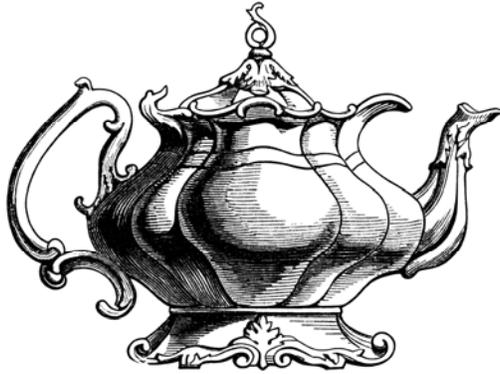
Dave Dustin, Past President  
Nancy Stupi, Program Chair  
Janet Hemming, Membership Chair

#### Web Site

<http://www.uufrappahannock.org>  
<http://www.uufr-va.org>  
Bob Prescott, Webmaster

#### Newsletter

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



*You're invited  
to an afternoon Tea Party  
Saturday, July 8, 2017  
2:00-4:00 pm  
at the UFR-VA Tea Room*

*\$5*

*Reservations necessary*

*Seating is limited to the first 24 reservations*

*In addition to a delightful afternoon tea, you will also be invited to admire and buy a beautiful hat embellished by our Imagine That! artists, or one of their imaginative pins.*

*Plus, as an added bonus, our own Marge Rowden will be offering her amazing jewelry and Diana Jamison will be offering her one-of-a-kind hats and clothing for sale.*

*Contact Shirley Kinney to make your reservation  
(proceeds will go to help support the Imagine That! art group)*