



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
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November 2018

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 4

Eddie Correia: Do We Have Free Will?

Do people make decisions independent of past events or external forces? We believe that is true, but to what extent are our decisions already predetermined?

Eddie Correia is a Washington, DC, attorney and an adjunct professor at American University's law school. Eddie was Chief Counsel of the Senate Antitrust Subcommittee 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*.

UU Kids: Holiday Crafting

We'll be making tree ornaments linked to many winter holiday traditions: nature ornaments celebrating the Solstice, ornaments of light for Hanukkah, symbols of hope and connection for Christmas, and decorations linked to the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The UU Kids will have the honor of decorating the UUFV-VA tree on December

2 with these handmade gifts to the fellowship! A reminder that on the first Sunday of the month we begin in the sanctuary with the adults at 10:30 A.M.

Please send a quick email if you plan to bring children on either UU Kids Sunday. Let me know names, ages, and any allergies or special needs. Thank you!

November 11

Sara Graham: Being Sara - Living life in Two Genders

Sara will explore the dynamics of gender identity in today's environment.

Sara Graham moved to Locust Hill from Richmond after a 16-year career in customer service at Capital One. She likes pursuing photography as a hobby and part-time profession. She has been attending UUFV-VA since November 2015.

November 18

Rev. Alane Cameron Ford: Goodness Gracious

It seems that our country has spent the past few years in nearly constant conflict over definitions of wrong, bad, and evil. Although understanding negative boundaries is necessary to living in a fair society, perhaps

more conversations need to be had about what is intrinsically good. Alane's service will begin the reflection needed for that conversation.

Rev. Alane Cameron Ford 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 James River Hospice and is the host of Death Club Radio on Richmond Independent Radio, WRIR 97.3 (www.wrir.org) Thursdays at 12:30 P.M. She is married to Phil Ford, and they have three children.

UU Kids: We Accept One Another and Keep on Learning Together

Our story this Sunday, *The Day the Turkey Walked*, will lead into some lively discussion about the differences and similarities in our family traditions for holidays. We'll talk about the concepts of gratitude and giving thanks and create a special prayer of Thanksgiving for the many blessings in our lives. *Note: if your child has a food allergy, please let me know in advance because we will be having a special snack!*

A reminder that on the third Sunday of the month you bring your child(ren) back to the children's space between 10:15 and 10:30 A.M. for a full hour of children's programming.

November 25

Rev. Dr. Janine Howard: Prospects for Peace

Reflecting on her recent trip to Israel/Palestinian territories, Janine plans to help encourage dialog about peacemaking and obstacles to the process.

The Rev. Dr. Janine Howard is the 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, DC, in 2007. Janine lives with her dog, Kobi, in Martinsville, VA. She recently completed a two-year cohort of The Missional Wisdom Foundation, an experience in forming and leading experimental forms of community. She is also a Virginia Certified Master Naturalist, serving as a Board member for the Southwest Piedmont Chapter.

Kids First Thanksgiving Dinner

by Lois Williams

Lancaster County's "Kids First" Thanksgiving Dinner for our 24 three-year-olds and their families will be held Wednesday, November 14, at 6:00 P.M., in the Lancaster Primary School cafeteria.

We'll serve a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner menu, with turkey, dressing, gravy, mashed potatoes, a vegetable, and pumpkin pie. Highlight of the evening will be "finger plays" that the three-year-olds have already learned, led by teachers Cynthia Bishop and Stephanie Naumott.

After the dinner, we make up plates of left-over food for attending families to take home. The dinner was part of Tom Kinney's vision for Kids First. It was pioneered by Terrie and Dave Dustin, and this will be its fifth year!

Halloween's Kids First lesson about Pumpkins by Chris and Bill Gimple included sending each student home with a "pie pumpkin." A week later, Hanneka Schaafsma and Lois Williams served Pumpkin Pie as an introduction to Thanksgiving's classic dessert!

Leadership Corner: Membership Committee

by Janet Hemming, Membership Chair

The Membership Committee has been busy this year. With Terrie and Dave Dustin's leadership, we provided breakfast for the Yoga Retreat in May. This summer, Sara Graham agreed to take pictures of members and friends for a photo album that you will be seeing shortly in the foyer. It has been our pleasure to have Susan Moseley join us for the past few committee meetings as she learns more about the committee's duties and about our members. A joint meeting was held with the Leadership Development Committee to address our mutual goal of identifying and supporting future leaders of UUFR-VA.

Celane Roden has the job of scheduling Phood and Philosophy. One was held in the spring, but unfortunately our September dinner was canceled due to Florence. After our November dinner, we will take a break for the holidays. Suzanne Shepherd has been working to restart the "Who's Who in UU" for The Chalice. (If you have an email from her that has been sitting in your inbox for a while – please respond!)

Of course we continue the work of the Caring Circles in supporting our Sunday morning services, reaching out to members we have not seen in a while, and supporting members in need. This work could not be done without our great Caring Circle Chairs - Barbara Haynes, Marge Rowden, and Hanneke Schaafsma. We also came together with others to support such special events as the Founder's Day Picnic and Tara's Memorial Service.

Candy Harris has joined the Committee to give us a new member's fresh perspective of UUFR-VA. Marge and Candy have the ongoing task of keeping our New Member and Visitor packets updated. Elaine Weekley handles all of our database work to ensure we have current information on all members and

friends, and she produces our UUFR-VA Directory.

So far this year, ten people have joined UUFR-VA. Some were old friends and some were people new to the community. There were also new members who live elsewhere but wanted to join us for the times that they are in the Northern Neck.

I provide a recap of membership and friends to the Board of Stewards each month. Our membership currently stands at 66 members and two dual members (those are individuals that have a primary church elsewhere but have also signed our membership book). With Susan on board and with new outreach efforts, I am looking forward to continued growth for UUFR-VA.

Thank You! Thank You!

by Susan Mosely and Janet Hemming

We would like to thank everyone who helped with Tara's Memorial Service.

This includes those who cleaned up after the storm, got the septic system working, brought food, brought flowers, greeted visitors, shuffled chairs for the overflow crowd, made extra copies of the Order of Service, kept the buffet replenished, washed dishes, and took away the trash. This truly was a team effort, and everyone pitched in to help. There were approximately 130 people at the service; far more than we expected.

The family was very grateful for the support that they received from UUFR-VA and for the support that we provided to Tara over the years.

Everyone Invited: UUFR-VA Work Morning

Saturday, November 17, 9:00 A.M. to noon.

It's time to get together and tidy up our beautiful grounds — the Pathways of Remembrance, Nature Trail, Labyrinth ...

To do: Pick up fallen branches, pull seedlings and weeds, spread the remainder of the stone dust on the paths, cut seedlings and briars, cut the tall grasses for winter, and whatever else you see that needs a loving hand.

Bring: Loppers, pruning shears, and rakes. A wheelbarrow is welcome. Remember work gloves and yard shoes.

Many hands will make this fast and fun!

Questions? Contact **Sharon Coulter or Bob Weekley**.

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 26: *Varina* by Charles Frazier

December: No meetng.

January 28: *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne.

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

Fall Phood and Philosophy Date Change

The Fall Phood and Philosophy evening has been changed from October 27 to **November 10**.

Hosts are Celane and Hank Roden on the other side of the River in Middlesex. The topic will be "Travel and the Spirit: What is it about travel (near and far) that gives rise to unexpected spiritual 'ah ha' moments (or longer)?" Please come with your own stories of experienced spiritual encounters while away, or if you have none, your thoughts on the subject. And, if you think it is all baloney, those thoughts will lead to an even livelier discussion!

Potluck. Hosts will provide a main dish of some ilk and welcome the delicious potluck additions for which UUFR-VAers are so famous. Please bring food for the table and your beverage of choice.

Please RSVP:

We do not have a huge house so we'll need a head count for space redesign. We will send directions in response. Just FYI: We are 15-20 minutes from White Stone, over the bridge. Honoring the dark season, we will begin at 5:30 P.M.

Future Phood and Philosophy dates are open. After a break for the holiday season we begin again in January. For the many who have indicated an interest in hosting, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the UUFR-VA foyer for your convenience. Or, email your interest and preferred month. You can also call Celane. If you want to host but do not have the space, you can always use our UUFR-VA building.

The Pastor's Platform

by Pastor Susan Moseley, D.Ed.Min.

Even the longest journey begins where you stand ...

Lao-Tzu, Chinese Philosopher (604 BCE-531 BCE)

The “call” to serve as minister to the UUFR-VA is a call that has prompted for me a new journey of self-awareness and fresh purpose. After a career as a church educator, I am learning very quickly that my former work to create “activities” for church members no longer nurtures me in the same way that pastoral ministry does.

This new work requires that I learn new practices, new structures, new history, and new church policies. In pursuit of this personal and professional growth, I am enrolled in several new processes. Under the supervision of the Rev. Jeanne Pupke, senior minister at First UU in Richmond, I am seeking ordination with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Although candidacy for ordination normally involves a two-year internship, my academic credentials and my background in educational ministry will fulfill some of the requirements and thus shorten the internship. And thankfully, I am able to pursue the internship with UUFR-VA.

One requirement of the ordination process is to complete a unit of C.P.E. or Clinical Pastoral Education. Every Thursday, I drive

to Richmond for classroom and peer group meetings. During the week, I am to arrange intentional visitation with church members and other individuals and groups in our community. These visits help me better define my role and work as a local church minister.

Next year, I will be required to complete several batteries of psychological and professional assessments. I will also attend the UU General Assembly in the summer of 2019 and take a course in UU Polity. I continue to read extensively in the history and theology of the UU faith, learning of its distinctions from the classical protestant tradition in which I was brought up. As an educator, I must confess that UU curricula and other learning modules are exceptionally good.

My intent is to become well educated and informed about the wide breadth of UU ministry, resources, and practices. I believe this education will better connect us all to the witness of our denomination. We continue to be that rare place of inclusivity and acceptance that so many in our turbulent world are seeking. Thank you for your remarkable support and good will. I promise to keep you informed of my progress along the way. May you also continue your journeys of discovery, and may all of our journeys lead us to a place of justice and peace.

With appreciation,
Susan

UUFR-VA Activities at a Glance

November 2018	
Nov 10	Phood and Philosophy – 5:30 P.M. – Roden Residence
Nov 14	KF Thanksgiving Dinner – 6:00 P.M. – Lancaster Primary School Cafeteria
Nov 16	Ladies' Luncheon – 11:30 A.M. – Cooks Kitchen, Kilmarnock
Nov 17	UUFR-VA Work Morning – 9:00 A.M.
Nov 26	River Readers – 2:30 P.M. – Lancaster Community Library

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