



THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)

P.O. Box 1266
White Stone, VA 22578

February 2019

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

February 3

Kelli McNeal: Living Into the
E-Word

What are our principles calling us to do as Unitarian Universalists? What do we do when our instincts tell us to do one thing, but our principles call us to a different path? Together, we'll take a deep dive into one of our principles and ask the difficult questions about our principles and values.

Kelli McNeal is the ministerial intern and bookkeeper at First UU Church of Richmond, VA. She received a Master of Divinity degree from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond and a Master of Social Work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. She moved to Virginia in 2013 from her home state of Ohio, where she received her Bachelor degrees, in Accounting and Women's Studies, at Ohio State University. She currently lives in Richmond, VA, with her husband, Jay McNeal, and her cat, Lily.

UU Kids: Program TBA

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!

February 10

Eddie Correia: Spirituality, Part 2 –
Spirituality and Western Religions

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*.

February 17

Dr. Susan Moseley, Pastor: Roman-
cing the Shadow - Accepting the Dark
Side of the Psyche

What is the shadow? Why do we have a shadow side, and what purpose does it serve? Robert A. Johnson, acclaimed Jungian analyst, wrote: "To honor and accept one's own shadow is a profound spiritual

discipline. It is whole-making and thus holy and the most important experience of a lifetime.” We will discover what it means to honor our dark side.

Susan Moseley, D.Ed.Min., is Pastor for the UUFR-VA. She received her Doctor of Educational Ministries degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2012 and her certificate in spiritual direction from the Haden Institute in 2017. Susan is married to the Rev. Jim Moseley, Pastor for Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems, VA.

UU Kids: Watch the bulletin for an Update on UU Kids for February 17th!

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

February 24

**Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig:
Spiritual Activists**

In these times, what does it mean to be actively resisting oppression? How much is enough? What will really make a difference? How can we tend to our souls as we continue to stay engaged with the world?

Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig is the minister of the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, a congregation known for its activism and community engagement. Before coming to Williamsburg in 2016, she served congregations in Northern Virginia, California, and Illinois. She is also a trained spiritual director.

Leadership Corner: Program Committee

by Diana Jamison

I didn’t know that being elected to the leadership role of Program Coordinator would mean that I would be asked to write an article for The Chalice this February. I suspect that there are other things I don't know, but will come to know, as I join in the activities of the Board of Stewards. I trust that you, the congregation, will help and support me through this learning curve.

I welcome you to continue to be in good humor if I mess up. (If you were at the musical program, you will know what I mean.) As I peer through the Program Committee looking glass, I am grateful to see that Susan Moseley will recruit speakers, that Hank Stupi will coordinate the musical side of the service, that Bob Weekley will make sure our activities and programs are printed in the bulletin each Sunday, and that Belinda Gaskins will recruit service coordinators for our Sunday morning services. I give a special thanks to Shirley Kinney and Nancy Stupi, who are my very honorable predecessors and have laid the path for me to follow. Nancy will continue to serve on the Program Committee in the role of decorating the sanctuary with candles, flowers, and holiday cheer. When I asked Alexa to identify the title of one who would take on this role, she said, “homo sapien.” Perfect, I say.

Please welcome and support this team of homo sapiens who have agreed to work in concert to bring to the fellowship our Sunday morning services.

Building Bridges and Bridging Gaps “Against the Tide”

by Tom Kinney

Bridging gaps between peoples is aided by knowing their history. Expats are advised to learn a bit of the history of their host cultures. At minimum, it offers topics for conversation - a bridge. Four copies of the book *Fight On, My Soul* in our fellowship library, and reviewed here previously, are circulating through our membership. That story, of African-American Dr. Morgan Norris of Kilmarnock, reveals the roots of local sensitivities and events - like how local village boundaries became oddly shaped to exclude blacks. The book applauds Mt. Vernon Church members, our neighboring church, on how they helped build and strengthen the community of which we are now a part. The plantation and church land ownership research and presentation by our Lois Williams included both churches.

A new book added to our library to further teach us what our neighbors in the African-American portion of our community likely know that we don't is *Against the Tide*, by J.H. Sullivan. It introduces Hansford Bayton, a black farm youth from Tappahannock who grew up to become an entrepreneur who owned three ferry and excursion boats, travelling from White Stone to Urbanna, and serving points in between and beyond. His racially integrated party-boat excursions were ahead of the times locally. In the early 1900's, his ferry was based at the wharf which was adjacent to UFR-VA President Ruth's beach house. His wealth led to the purchase of the Lawson Farm Mansion. That mansion overlooking Lawson Bay is the one with the long tree-lined drive off Mosquito Point Road east of White Stone. His boats were mysteriously burned, and he lost all. Was he being “put in his place?” If so, it may have discouraged others with the ambition, commitment, and skills within our community. Please take your turn at reading

one of the copies of *Against the Tide* in our church library, a possible step forward in successful bridge building.

Serendipity: I discovered that I had spent time with the author's father years ago. The book reveals that J. H. Sullivan, a descendant of Bayton's, is Julie Sullivan, daughter of Leon Sullivan, an outstanding Philadelphia minister, activist, and entrepreneur. Mr. Sullivan became a member of General Motors Board of Directors. New car program management introduced Directors annually to cars of the future and reported program progress.

We are all indeed part of an interdependent web of all existence to an extent we have yet to fully discover.

Sponsor A Child

On March 22, 2019, almost 95 Lancaster Primary School third-grade students will, once again, travel to Washington, DC. This will be the eighteenth year students will be boarding chartered buses and spend a full day touring our nation's capital. For some students, this will be their first and only opportunity to visit our nation's capital. The students will visit the National Zoo; tour the monuments, memorials, and museums; and see the White House and the United States Capitol. The trip is provided by the Lancaster Education Foundation (LCVEF).

LCVEF is a 501C(3) organization whose mission is to enhance and advocate educational excellence and expand learning opportunities for students in the Lancaster County Public Schools. Your tax-deductible contribution of \$50 per child will open the eyes and minds of our children. Please consider donating to:

LCVEF
P.O. Box 928
Kilmarnock, VA 22482
Web site: www.lcvef06.org

Thank you for your generosity.

The Pastor's Platform

by Pastor Susan Moseley, D.Ed.Min.

Dear Friends,

On January 20th, I shared a Rumi poem for the Reading. I had several people come up to me after the service and ask for a copy of the poem, and one person suggested I submit it for the next *Chalice*. Here it is:

**Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and
rightdoing,
there is a field. I'll meet you there.**

**When the soul lies down in that grass,
the world is too full to talk about.**

**Ideas, language, even the phrase "each
other"
doesn't make any sense.**

Rumi was a 13th-century Persian jurist, Islamic scholar, theologian, and Sufi mystic, but he is best known for his spiritual, mystical poetry. Here is another Rumi poem that I love. It speaks to me about the sacredness of imperfection.

THE LAME GOAT

**You've seen a herd of goats
going down to the water.**

**The lame and dreamy goat
brings up the rear.**

**There are worried faces about that one,
but now they're laughing,**

**because look, as they return,
that goat is leading!**

**There are many different kinds of
knowing.**

**The lame goat's one is a branch
that traces back to the roots of presence.**

**Learn from the lame goat,
and lead the herd home.**

With appreciation for each of you and the fellowship that holds us together as friends and companions on the journey.

Susan

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:

February 25: *Girl Waits With Gun*, by Amy Stewart

March 25: *The Centaur in the Garden*, by Moacyr Scliar and Margaret A. Neves

April 22: *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

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

UUFR-VA's Charitable Giving

by Janet Hemming

Every year our fellowship donates 10% of its Board-approved Operating Budget to organizations in our four-county area who work for the common good. The organizations to which we contributed in 2018 were Interfaith, Northern Neck-Middlesex Free Health Clinic, Gloucester/Mathews Care Clinic, Healthy Harvest Food Bank, The Haven, Hands Across Mathews, and Hands Across Middlesex.

The Board is inviting our members to offer suggestions of additional groups to receive charitable contributions from UUFR-VA.

The UUFR-VA Charitable Giving Guidelines, as approved by the Board of Stewards in September 2016, are as follows:

1. The organizations to which we donate should follow our UU principles.
2. The organizations to which we donate should provide goods and/or services that are essential to the health and well-being of our citizens.

3. We should make sure that all four counties of our membership are represented.
4. Our funds should go to organizations that make the biggest impact in our four-county area.
5. UUFR-VA should attempt to remain somewhat consistent in our giving over the years.
6. We suggest there be a periodic vetting process to monitor the percentage of funds that go into administrative costs for each organization.

So, if you have any recommendations of other groups in our area that meet those criteria, please let Lynn Langley or Janet Hemming know. Remember, the organization should be local and make a significant impact on the health and well-being of our population. Obtaining and passing along any of the literature from that organization would be helpful.

Charitable Giving Committee
Marge Rowden, Lynn Langley, and Shirley Kinney

A Beautiful, Meaningful Ordination

by Bob Weekley

Lee Anne Washington's ordination as Unitarian Universalist minister was a beautiful and meaningful service. It was a collaboration between First UU, Richmond, Lee Anne's teaching church, and UUFR-VA, her sponsoring home church. The Richmond choir sang beautifully, as did our own Hank and Nancy Stupi, who sang, "Here I am Lord." Pastor Susan Moseley offered a beautiful pastoral prayer to the combined congregations. Rev. Jeanne Pupke, minister of First UU was the main speaker. Many UU ministers from the region participated in welcoming Lee Anne as the newest Reverend. Richmond UU Quilters presented Lee Anne with a beautiful ministerial stole. At the sit-down dinner that followed, Diana Jamison presented a beautiful stole on behalf of UUFR-VA that Diana had crafted. Lee Anne's daughter, Lucy, also participated in the ceremony.



(L to R) Lee Ann Washington, Rev. Sherman Logan, Executive Minister First UU Richmond; James Armstrong, First UU Richmond Board President; Diana Jamison, UUFR-VA, filling in for UUFR-VA President Ruth Micklem who was unable to attend. Diana Jamison presents stole to Lee Ann Washington.

UUFR-VA Activities at a Glance

February 2019	
Feb 15	Ladies' Luncheon – 11:30 A.M. – Great Fortune, Kilmarnock
Feb 17	UUFR-VA Board Meeting – Following the Service – UUFR-VA
Feb 25	River Readers – 2:30 P.M. – Lancaster Community Library
May 4	UUFR-VA Silent Auction

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