



# THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFRA-VA)

P.O. Box 1266  
White Stone, VA 22578

March 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

### March 3

#### **Rev. Dr. Alan Rock:** Connections

As a chaplain, Alan will talk about the importance of support systems that uphold all of us as neighbors and community.

Rev. Dr. Alan W. Rock grew up in Burgess, VA. He has served in The United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church, USA. He has been a pastor, church planter, and Christian educator and currently serves as Chaplain at Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital.

#### **UU Kids: Kids Contribute to the Coffee Hour Snacks**

Continuing our series of activities where the UU Kids learn more about UUFRA-VA traditions and engage in the life of the Fellowship, the UU Kids will be learning about why we do an after-service social time and then will be preparing a special snack to share with everyone during the Coffee Hour.

*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!*

### March 10

#### **Bill Zybach:** Demystifying the Western Mystery School of Qabalah

Qabalah means to “receive/accept,” and Bill will share key tenets of what he has received as a member of the Western Mystery School tradition. It is not a religion, but rather a comprehensive and evolving world view. In this sense, it is more akin to Buddhism, Taoism, Hindi, and the Earth-Based practices than the Abrahamic traditions. It is not prescriptive, but designed as an inner journey that allows the aspirant to determine what is essential for their soul’s journey.

A new member to UUFRA-VA, and former member of UU of both Richmond and Washington, DC, Bill moved back to Mollusk full-time in October 2018 and works virtually for USBank. He formally joined our UUFRA-VA in 2018. Bill has been a member of the Western Mystery School traditions for eleven years and has a rich background in other Earth-Based ritual. He holds a master’s in public administration, with post-graduate work from the Gestalt Center of Cleveland. Bill works with international networks which are prototyping new ways of organizing so that they can adapt and flourish in the volatility and complexity of the modern world.

## March 17

**Dr. Susan Moseley, Pastor:** Lessons from the Book of Esther: Celebrating the Jewish Festival of Purim

In 2019, the Festival of Purim occurs on Wednesday, March 20th. In honor of our Jewish brothers and sisters, we will hear the exciting story of Esther and discover why Purim is such a playful, fun-loving celebration.

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: All People Should Have a Voice and a Vote about Things that Concern Them**

Our story this Sunday, *A Good Idea*, will get the kids thinking about the concept of elections and running for office. The kids will imagine running for office and consider ideas for a UU Kids Platform. We'll consider what it means to win and what it means to lose, and what it means to have a voice and a vote at UUFR-VA, in our community, and in the nation. *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.*

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## March 24

**Rev. Dr. Cathie Stivers:** Not Our Grandparents' Apocalypse

Rev. Dr. Cathie Stivers, author of *Reviving Our Indigenous Souls: How to Practice the Ancient to Bring in the New*, returns to our pulpit to explore the original meaning of "apocalypse" and what it means to us in 2019, as compared

to interpretations in the previous century. The word "apocalypse" is often associated with such words/phrases as "Dooms Day," "the end of the world," "Judgement Day," "Armageddon," and other (mostly) fear-based terms. But it literally means "disclosure, revelation, uncover." We'll explore a new way of understanding what "apocalypse" really means, based on its etymology as well as its broader context in the prophetic traditions outside of Christianity.

Rev. Dr. Cathie Stivers is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister, affiliated with the UU Community Church of Glen Allen. Cathie was a pediatric chaplain for over a decade at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU. She was also a scholar at Stephen Jenkinson's Orphan Wisdom School (2011-2014), and she has continued her studies and writings about indigenous ways of being in the world. Her book, *Reviving Our Indigenous Souls: How to Practice the Ancient to Bring in the New*, is available in softcover and electronic versions. You can order it from Balboa Press or from Amazon, or better yet - from your local independent bookstore!

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## March 31

**Eddie Correia:** Spirituality, Part 3 – 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*.

***Please join us for the 5th Sunday Potluck immediately following the service.***

## **Leadership Corner: Chalice Lighters**

by Bill Gimpel

The UUA launched the “Chalice Lighter” program in 1984. The program was designed to support growth of Unitarian Universalism by providing financial support from members and friends using the “go fund me” model. Individuals (Chalice Lighters) received a “call” three times a year and were encouraged to contribute \$10 or more to help support a UU Congregation with certain endeavors, such as building a building, hiring their first minister, establishing a Religious Education program, or establishing a social justice project. And, of course, this was all done by “snail mail.”

Today the program is administered by Regions (UUFRR-VA is in the Southern Region). The goals are much the same ... to financially support a neighboring congregation to initiate, enhance, or complete a desired project.

Volunteers within the Region make up the Chalice Lighter Team which sends out requests for proposals. The Team evaluates and selects Chalice Lighter call applications. Via email, Chalice Lighters are notified of a new call and a description of the project. Each call has a launch date and an end date. Should you decide to contribute to a call, your check is sent directly to the requesting congregation. The Chalice Lighter Team tracks and monitors each call's progress and receives reports.

UUFRR-VA received Chalice Lighter funding to assist with the construction of our present building. We think call applications are regarded more favorably the higher the participation of members. Currently, the UUFRR-VA has ten members who are Chalice Lighters. So, my request is that you all join this worthy program!

For additional information - or to sign up, go to [www.uua.org/southern/chalice-lighters](http://www.uua.org/southern/chalice-lighters). Complete the sign up form and provide your

email address. You will then be a Chalice Lighter. Thank You!

## **Opportunities to Deepen Your UU Understanding, and Your UUFRR-VA Involvement**

by Dave Dustin

This summer is a great opportunity to participate in the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) annual General Assembly (GA). This year, the GA will be held June 19th to 23rd in Spokane, WA. Several members of our Fellowship have attended past GA events and have come back with wonderful stories of how informative and exhilarating the experience was for them. Here's a weblink for all 2019 UUA GA information:

<https://www.uua.org/calendars/uua/general-assembly-2019>.

Closer to home, Tidewater Cluster meetings provide additional opportunities. These events are held in nearby Williamsburg. These sessions are typically one-day events of multiple learning sessions and great opportunities to become acquainted with fellow UUs living in our area. Here's a weblink to their 2018 webpage: <https://tidewateruu.org>. (I'll share the 2019 schedule when it becomes available. Bob Weekley is our Fellowship's representative.)

An interesting website to explore is the UUA website. Here you will find access to different types of leadership development opportunities:

<https://www.uua.org/leadership>.

Please contact me if you are interested in attending any of these events listed above or just want more information. And don't let financial concerns damper your enthusiasm! If you have an interest in attending the UUA GA, contact our President, Ruth Micklem, to discuss financial subsidies that might be available.

## ***The Pastor's Platform***

by Pastor Susan Moseley, D.Ed.Min.

### **Come With an Open Heart!**

Brazil has its Carnival; Philadelphia, its Mummers; New Orleans, its Mardi Gras; and the Jewish community has Purim. The celebration of Purim, remembering the bravery of Queen Esther in saving the Jewish nation living in Diaspora, is recognized as the most sublime and raucous holy holiday of the Jewish faith.

The query of one good Jew, writing to *Ask-the-Rabbi*, is: "Why do Jews go berserk on Purim?" The response from Rabbi Tzvi Freeman is that "it's a much bigger question than you imagine." Everything that happens on Purim is way out of proportion to the mitzvahs and celebrations of other Jewish holidays. It turns out that what is being celebrated on Purim is not really the rescue of the Jewish people by Esther and Mordechai or the downfall of the evil Haman; it is deeper and more soul-defining than that. Purim is about being Jewish ... then and now.

This year, Purim falls on Wednesday, March 20th. Exploring the story of Esther and the festival of Purim on Sunday, March 17th, will give us new insight and empathy for the Jewish identity. We will also get a tiny taste of the noise and craze of Purim.

Wear a silly hat and come with an open heart.

In joy and peace,  
Susan

## **"Temples and Shrines"**

### **Travelogue**

On March 24<sup>th</sup> Bob and Elaine Weekley will present a slide show and talk about their recent travel to South Korea and Japan. Starts right after the Sunday coffee hour.

## **UUFR-VA Pledge to End Racism Workshops**

by Ruth Micklem

UUFR-VA will begin hosting a series of workshops modeled on the First UU Church in Richmond; The Richmond Pledge to End Racism. The Workshop Series will be seven consecutive weekly sessions, each Thursday evening, beginning **March 28<sup>th</sup> and running through May 9<sup>th</sup>**. Each session will begin at 6:30 P.M. and will run for two hours until 8:30 P.M. The workshops will be held in our UUFR-VA Building.

To learn more about the Richmond Pledge to End Racism, visit the website at [www.richmondpledge.org](http://www.richmondpledge.org). The First UU Church in Richmond is also hosting two workshop sessions that will be held for an entire day on two consecutive Saturdays.

The primary goal of this workshop is to develop confidence in our abilities to:

- Integrate the Pledge into our daily lives
- Recognize and challenge systemic racism
- Confront racism and bias in our everyday lives, and
- Take leadership in ending racism in our community, our culture, and our lives.

As part of the workshop, participants develop a community of support and an understanding of how to use support in deepening our work in building a just and equitable multicultural world.

### **Who's this Class For?**

For people who have engaged in other anti-racism/multiculturalism training, this workshop is designed to take your understanding and your competency to a deeper level. If you've never taken a class about racism, this workshop will challenge you to invest in and deepen your learning so you can put yourself on the road to intercultural competence.

If you would like to commit to ending racism in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula and would like to participate in our first workshop sessions, please email Ruth Micklem to sign up. Please note that class size will be limited so sign up early!

## **Library Notes**

by Chris Gimpel

Janet Hemming has placed a book in the library: *Just Mercy - a Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson. The New York Times described it as a “**powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice ... from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time.**”

If you have a copy of the biography of Dr. Norris, *Fight On, My Soul*, let me know. If you are willing to comment for The Chalice on any library book you have found interesting, please send your reactions to me!

## **The Auction is Coming!**

Your UUFR-VA auction is coming up soon! May 4<sup>th</sup>, at UUFR-VA, beginning at 4:00 P.M.

This will be a huge event. We'll be auctioning off wonderful items and marvelous services. Looking for artwork? For unique furniture pieces? For a gourmet meal at the home of friends? For a free pizza? A photo session for your family? I could go on and on.

What we need now is your donation. Do you have extra theater tickets you'd like to donate? How about a dog-sitting weekend? Maybe you'd offer to clean someone's home once? Perhaps you'd like to see a movie but have no one to go with -- offer to pay someone's way? A gift certificate from a local store? Lots of ideas are out there, just waiting for you. If you need help thinking of something, let Janet or Lynn or Charley know. Perhaps you know a local business that would donate something for the auction, which would mean they

would get free advertising in our brochure for the event.

Plan to attend our auction and place a few bids. There will be finger food and wine available - and plenty of fun. Probably even a raffle! This would be a terrific time to invite a non-UUFR-VA friend and let them see what a good time we have together.

Ten percent of the money earned will be given to the Northern Neck Food Bank. The balance goes to our UUFR-VA annual operating budget to help keep liberal religion alive and well in the NN.

See you there!

Charley, Janet, Lynn

## **Servetus/Founders 2019 Grants**

Your Trustees are pleased to announce the continuing strong economy over the last year has made it possible to well support our Faith-In-Action activities within our four-county community through our Servetus/Founders Endowment Fund. Community-focused programs within and outside the Fellowship are grant eligible.

The Trustees can accept grant applications for programs for children from difficult socio-economic conditions in the areas of health and development from prenatal through pre-kindergarten and post-secondary education through, but not limited to, scholarships. The Fund can also support and promote local creative arts, such as music, dance, drama, writing, fabric arts, and various fine crafts that are otherwise not strongly supported in our four counties. Applications for scholarships will be received from each county high school in the next few weeks from which your Trustees will select the 2019 recipients. Progress and needs of previous scholarship recipients are tracked, and support offered where needed.

The Fund's namesake, Michael Servetus, was a brilliant scientist/medical doctor/

philosopher who was burned at the stake in Geneva in 1553 for his Unitarian beliefs. Donations by, and in honor of the Founders of our Fellowship, in support of our community needs are always welcome.

Please share your suggestions for programs and recipients with your Trustees: Barbara Haynes, Janet Hemming, and Tom Kinney.

## **What Happens at Sunday Morning Meditation?**

by **Bob Weekley**

Every Sunday, from 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., a few of us join for a time of meditation. Usually it begins with a short reading, then a bit of guided meditation, then sitting together in silence. We often share some thoughts after the silence. People find that sitting together in silence has a spiritual quality all its own. As the weather warms, we may finish with a walk on the UUFR-VA labyrinth. All are welcome to join in. Please arrive by 9:30.

## **Plan to Attend the UUFR-VA Retreat**

by **Shirley Kinney**

Our annual UUFR-VA fun retreat is scheduled this year for October 5, 6, and 7 at Camp Chanco. That's Saturday through Monday morning. This is a new time for the retreat. We've switched to beginning on Saturday to make it more doable for all you working folks.

This is a great opportunity to get to know all your old UU friends and to make some new ones. If you are new to our Fellowship, what better way to get to know everyone? We have lots of fun, eat good food, laugh a lot, and just escape from the world for a few days in a beautiful setting, right on the river – with an evening campfire with songs and laughter.

And, we may even have some bagpipe music again!

This year we'll be wandering through an intriguing landscape, exploring a deserted mansion, and figuring out all we see along the way. Remember ... All who wander are not lost.

If you'd like to reserve your space, just let Charley Kinney know, and she'll put you on the list. The cost will be about the same as last year ... about \$150 per person. This includes two nights and all meals. More details on price will be available soon. If cost is an issue for you, we do have scholarships available ... just ask.

If you have any questions, contact Charley. If you want to know how much fun we have at Chanco, just ask anyone who has been in past years. This retreat comes highly recommended!

## **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:

**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

**May 27:** *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje

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

## UUFR-VA Activities at a Glance

March 2019	
Mar 15	<b>Ladies' Luncheon – 12:30 A.M.</b> – Los Patrones
Mar 17	<b>UUFR-VA Board Meeting – Following the Service</b> – UUFR-VA
Mar 24	<b>Temples and Shrines Travelogue – Following the Service</b> – UUFR-VA
Mar 25	<b>River Readers – 2:30 P.M.</b> – Lancaster Community Library
Apr 28	<b>UUFR-VA Annual Picnic</b>
May 4	<b>UUFR-VA Silent Auction – 4:00 P.M.</b>
May 15	<b>UU Womenspirit Spring 2019</b>
Jun 19	<b>UUA General Assembly</b>
Oct 5	<b>UUFR-VA Retreat</b>

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#### Web Site

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

Deadline for articles: 20<sup>th</sup> of the month  
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The goddess archetypes will come alive with movement, song, dance, war cries and realistic dramatizations!

**Weekday Institute: May 15-17**  
**Weekend Gathering: May 17-19**  
**Registration begins March 13, 2019**

*Don't miss this exciting event!*

Exciting tracks, workshops & activities include:

- Drawing Down the Moon
- Creating Portals to our Soul
- Exploring powers from Yoruban culture
- Examining all acts of Love & Pleasure
- Communing with Orishas
- Native Culture Rainbow Wheels
- Sacred Circle Dancing
- Drumming
- Cabaret

**And MUCH, MUCH More!!**

Every woman who brings a new sister (or the first time in 5 years) to this event will receive a \$10 gift certificate to use in Brigid's Bazaar. Please don't feel limited to one!

Scan this to access registration information



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