



# THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFV-VA)

P.O. Box 1266  
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April 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

**April 7**

### **Kristi VanAudenhove:** UU Kids in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century

Pause for a moment and imagine the children who will be born on the Northern Neck and the Middle Peninsula of Virginia at the start of the 22<sup>nd</sup> century. These will be the great, great, great grandchildren of the UU Kids we are engaged with today. What would we like this community to be for them? How will our beliefs shape their world? What actions can we take today so that they might experience health and wholeness, freedom and justice? On Kristi's recent sabbatical she explored dynamics of gender, race, and power in speculative fiction as a resource for imagining how we "slingshot forward" in our quest to leave a better world for future generations. Let's imagine – and act – together!

Kristi VanAudenhove (aka Pepper) is a founding member of UUFV-VA, a partner, mom, and grandmother. She coordinates the UU Kids program, offering support and activities and educations two Sundays a month. She is the Executive Director of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, an agency in which people are passionate about setting a trajectory toward a radically hopeful future where people have what they need to reach their full potential; where relationships, families, and

communities are healthy, nourishing, and joyful; where government, institutions, and systems are rooted in equity and justice; and where all decisions are grounded in whether they will benefit future generations and sustain our beautiful earth.

### **UU Kids: To Be Announced**

Please check the Sunday Bulletin for Updates.

*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!*

**April 14**

### **Eddie Correia:** Spirituality: Part 4 - Spirituality Without Religion

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*.

**April 21**

**Dr. Susan Moseley, Pastor:** The Parable of Easter - Personal and Political Transformation

Stories of resurrection have been told and retold for 4000 years. But what kind of narratives are they? Jesus Seminar scholars, Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan, suggest that they are parables, the same literary genre as the parables told by the historical Jesus. "... the truth of a parable is not dependent on its factuality ... the importance of these stories lies in their meanings." (*The Last Week*, by Borg and Crossan, p. 193) If the Easter stories are parabolic and not required to be factual, what meaning can we derive from these accounts to encourage our own spiritual growth?

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: To Be Announced**

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*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.*

**April 28**

**Ruth Micklem:** The Pledge to End Racism

Ruth and other UUFR-VA members who have participated in the Pledge to End Racism classes will help us to begin the work of digging deeper into our understanding of racial injustice. Ruth will discuss The Richmond Pledge to End Racism - a learning project and commitment to address racism in the Richmond community. Having recently attended workshops offered by First Unitarian Universalist Church in Richmond, Ruth sees this as a program that we can offer and spread throughout the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck. This is a program that can inform and transform communities and expand our understanding of the impact and very negative consequences of white supremacy in our nation.

Ruth Micklem is in her fourth year serving as President of UUFR-VA. She lives in White Stone and currently works as the Community Engagement Coordinator for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance in Richmond, VA. In that capacity, Ruth provides leadership to a Statewide Partnership of Agencies and Organizations working to enhance the criminal justice response to sexual and domestic violence throughout VA. Ruth also works to build partnerships and engage members of the communities throughout VA to identify and change the social structures that contribute to this violence. Ruth makes her home and life with her partner of almost 30 years, Kristi, and their menagerie of animal companions.

## **Leadership Corner: Building and Grounds**

**by Sharon Coulter**

The last time a column appeared in this space about the opportunity to serve as the Building and Grounds (B&G) Coordinator was June, 2018. It was then that UUFR-VA was seeking a volunteer to coordinate the care of our building and grounds, and, although I didn't step forward then, in late August I was asked directly to take on this job. Cautiously, I agreed and immediately learned I had a 2019 budget submission due to the Finance Committee in two months!

I knew nothing about how the building and grounds were managed, and, believe me, there has been a lot to learn. I'm still learning.

The job, as described, would be to coordinate getting things done, and not necessarily be the "doer" of the tasks. That has worked fairly well as I still must rely heavily on my "go to guys," Dave Dustin, Bob Weekley, and Tom Kinney, who have all played vital roles in keeping our building and grounds systems working over the years. Terry Smith has contributed his knowledge and help with the septic and sump systems (the latter being quite the problem this year with all the rain - subsequently drawing Bill Gimple into the issues, as water has caused delays in our construction plans for the expansion!). And Don and Lorie Lowrey continue to coordinate the annual carpet cleaning - keeping the inside of our "Home" looking good!

In addition to ongoing contracts for cleaning, mowing, and heating and cooling system maintenance, the Board entered into a contract last year with ELM Professional Services to perform monthly building inspections and to complete maintenance/repairs as requested. Our contractor took care of a number of minor things, but the big accomplishments in 2018 were that the decks and building were power-

washed and our building received a coat (of paint) in time for winter!

Of vital importance to maintaining our building and grounds is the volunteer corps of our "Home Team." A concept developed by Bob Weekley several years ago, our "Home Team" volunteers initially signed-up to share tasks in eleven different categories supporting the maintenance of UUFR-VA's building and landscape. Last November, Bob Weekley and I called upon the "Home Team" and other volunteers to help with a Fall Clean-Up day. A huge success, we were able to cut back much of the overgrown landscape and clean out a lot of debris throughout the Pathways of Remembrance. *Keep your eye out for an upcoming Spring Clean-Up date!* Hopefully, we can grow our volunteer numbers and sign-up more folks for our "Home Team." As the saying goes ... "Many hands make light work!"

Other plans for 2019 include working with a landscape design contractor to help with a coordinated plan to refresh our current landscape and tie this together with new landscape that will be needed for our building addition. Also, once our new space is useable, there will be considerations for expanded services, such as additional cleaning, inspection, painting, etc. that will be required.

The bottom line is ... if it needs to be done in your own home, it needs to be done in your UUFR-VA home as well! So, please let me, Sharon Coulter, know if you see something that needs attention — inside or out!

## **Marketing Community Outreach**

**by Don Crawford**

In an effort to reach out to the greater community, UUFR-VA will host a booth at the Irvington Market, from May to November. In return for no fee, we have been asked to offer simple activities for children at the booth.

The Irvington Market is held on the first Saturday of the month, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. We will need at least two volunteers for each of two shifts, 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. These times include set-up and take-down.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Carmela Crawford will have more details for you. Thanks in advance for helping with this outreach activity.

## **Important Adoption Effort**

**by Don Crawford**

The UUFR-VA will be participating in the Virginia Adopt-a-Highway program. We have been assigned all 1.7 miles of James Wharf Road, from Route 3 to the old wharf and all 1.1 miles of the Newtown Road loop. We will stroll the length of each road twice a year and pick up any trash that we find along the right-of-way. The dates that have been selected are Monday, April 22 (Earth Day), and Monday, October 14 (Columbus Day).

If you wish to participate in the Earth Day clean-up, please call me by April 17. A count of participants is needed in advance in order to be sure that a yellow safety vest is available for each participant. We will gather in the Fellowship parking lot at 10:00 A.M. for a brief safety class and then begin the clean-up. If you have any questions, please contact me.

## **Fall to Spring: A New Picnic**

**by Candy Harris**

This year our annual picnic will be held in the spring to avoid conflict with the Fall Retreat and the Wine and Dine Dinner. We will hold the picnic at UUFR-VA immediately after service on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We are asking that you bring a friend to the service and the picnic that day. Perhaps you know someone that has been curious about UU or someone who has been looking for a caring community.

UUFR-VA will supply the BBQ pork and chicken from Savannah Joe's and

beverages. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. So that we can be sure to have enough food for everyone, please RSVP to Janet Hemming by April 20th.

## **Covert Provides Hope**

**by Tom Kinney**

Hope motivates change. The founders of our Fellowship hoped to make changes for the better in our community. And they were continually making changes along the path to realize that dream to where we are today. We have thrived on change. Our Fellowship's Vision 2028 makes the change to focus upon racism. Is there hope to make a difference in the way of thinking and acting here, a way with roots that are over 350 years deep?

*A Stronger Kinship*, by Anna-Lisa Cox, now in our library, provides hope by example. The book tells the story of Covert village and township, Michigan, about 36 square miles bordering on the waters of Lake Michigan much as we border the waters of the Bay. In the midst of the most intensive Jim Crow era of the late 1800's, the residents rejected racism, choosing equality and justice for all. These pioneering families cherished all regardless of race and enjoyed integrated schools, churches, social events, government, and commerce. They intentionally violated race-based laws and used subterfuge to protect their community from the divisive impact of those laws. All thrived according to their skills and efforts.

Though a white majority, blacks were elected to leadership positions supervising whites in road repair and other activities. A black Justice of the Peace oversaw his white deputies in law enforcement and sat in judgment on local issues. Church leadership was mixed. Hard-working farmers of both races became wealthy. There were, of course, squabbles between neighbors, one in which intentional negligence killed a horse. Racial slurs were exchanged. That case went all the way to the state Supreme Court at which the

white instigator lost to the black plaintiff - the first black to prevail at state level. Photos reflect the close friendships and activities of groups of residents, both children and adults, with the usual arms draped over shoulders, mischievous grins, and school events where any racial divide is notably absent. In those days of early deaths and remarriage, some families included children that were both white and black, being half-siblings. Who you help, who you love, who you marry had little to do with race.

A common plea for change is frequently expressed by “It doesn’t have to be this way.” Reading *A Stronger Kinship* adds to that hope to those here who would like to see racism fade. Indeed, it doesn’t have to be this way. It *can* be changed. Our Fellowship has the location and the resources to take those hopes.

### 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:

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

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

**June 24:** *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer

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

## *The Pastor’s Platform*

by Pastor Susan Moseley, D.Ed.Min.

Dear Friends,

I have three updates to share with you this month:

1. Thursday, March 21, was a “red letter” day for me as it was the concluding day and graduation for the Clinical Pastoral Education class I attended in Richmond for six months. CPE is a required course for candidates seeking ministerial fellowship (ordination) with the UUA. The Richmond program allowed me to count visits and interactions with members of our fellowship toward the 300 required clinical visitation hours. The classroom and didactic portion of the program were held at the Ginter Park United Methodist Church. Along with my five classmates, I participated in a small graduation service on March 21st, confirming and celebrating our completion of the course.

2. Each year during the 40 days of Lent, the Lancaster Ministerial Alliance sponsors a weekly worship service and community luncheon on the Wednesdays leading up to Easter Sunday. I have been invited to be one of those speakers and will be speaking this Wednesday, April 3, at Calvary Baptist Church in Kilmarnock. The service begins at 12:05 and is followed in the Fellowship Hall with a light lunch. Speaking at the community service allows me to share a bit about our UUFR-VA fellowship and to say a few words about the Unitarian Universalist Association. Please feel free to attend if your schedules allow.

3. As your part-time “contract” pastor I am committed to speaking once a month and to helping as “service leader” about once a month. My very favorite place to be on Sunday mornings is with you at UUFR-VA. However, I have learned that UU policy strongly suggests that ministers take one Sunday off a month. Now that CPE is complete, there will be Sundays that I take off

as part of my personal practice of self-care. Jim and I are planning a visit to see our kids and our grandson, Charlie, in late April, and I will visit my sister in Baltimore in late May. When I am away, please know that I can be reached by phone or email.

Thank you all for the compassion and commitment I witness in our fellowship every week. It is truly a joy and an honor to be your pastor.

In peace and gratitude,  
Susan

## **The Anticipation is Palpable!**

Your UUFR-VA auction will soon be here! On May 4<sup>th</sup>, at UUFR-VA, the bidding will begin 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 Healthy Harvest 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**

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

**by Shirley Kinney**

No, it's not too early to plan to attend our annual UUFR-VA Retreat on 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 me know and I'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 me. 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!

## UUFR-VA Activities at a Glance

April 2019	
Apr 19	<b>Ladies' Luncheon – 12:30 A.M. – ICYCC</b>
Apr 21	<b>UUFR-VA Board Meeting – Following the Service – UUFR-VA</b>
Apr 22	<b>River Readers – 2:30 P.M. – Lancaster Community Library</b>
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> <a href="https://themountainrlc.org/event/uu-womenspirit-spring-2019/">https://themountainrlc.org/event/uu-womenspirit-spring-2019/</a>
Jun 19	<b>UUA General Assembly</b>
Oct 5	<b>UUFR-VA Retreat</b>

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