

# THE CHALICE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP  
OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (UUFR-VA)

P.O. Box 1266  
White Stone, VA 22578

**August 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

### August 4

**Dr. Susan Moseley, Pastor:** A Mini-Internship with First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond

As part of her journey toward ministerial fellowship with the UUA, Susan worked for three weeks this July as the summer intern minister at First UU Richmond. It is a large congregation involved in every type of program and social justice cause you can imagine. She comes home to UUFR-VA with lots of stories and with a new perspective on the work and role of the UU minister.

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 Reverend Jim Moseley, Pastor for Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church in Weems, VA.

**UU Kids: On Summer Hiatus**

### August 11

**Brian Jenkins:** River Counties Community Foundation

The mission of River Counties Community Foundation is to cultivate philanthropy by connecting people who care with causes that matter, providing superior stewardship for donors, and creating a better quality of life. The Foundation believes in the power of philanthropy to improve the lives of people and communities. An affiliate of the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond, River Counties Community Foundation is one of three affiliates developed to help smaller, rural communities encourage local giving to address their own unique needs, working to achieve a lasting impact in the places we call home.

As Regional Affiliate Officer, Brian Jenkins works alongside the Community Foundation for a greater Richmond's three affiliate foundations: Mathews, Gloucester and River Counties. Brian serves as a member of the Philanthropic Services team. He manages the three affiliate foundation competitive grant cycles, four scholarship committees, and works with local nonprofits to address community needs. In addition to maintaining and updating the affiliate foundation

databases, he also coordinates donor events and helps facilitate ongoing communication efforts between the Foundations, donors and community. When Brian is not working, he might be found at the movie theater! Brian tries to visit the theater at least twice per month and says sci-fi is his genre of choice. When he gets the chance, Brian enjoys spending time outside hiking – especially the Blue Ridge Mountains.

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### August 18

#### **Don Kenefick: Inherit the Wind**

Don will perform a scene from the play “Inherit the Wind”, a fictional account of the 1926 Scopes “Monkey” trial, which debated evolution. Don will portray Henry Drummond, whose character is based on Clarence Darrow. In the famous 1925 trial of John T. Scopes, at Dayton, Tennessee, Darrow defended a high-school teacher who had broken a state law by presenting the Darwinian theory of evolution.

Don Kenefick is a member of the UUFR-VA. He performed as an actor in the Baltimore/Washington D.C. area for 20 years. Ten years ago, Don moved to the Northern Neck and acted in “Inherit the Wind” at The Players Theatre in Northumberland. Most recently, Don played a lead role in “A Walk in the Woods” at the Lancaster Players Playhouse. Don is living happily and enjoying life in the Northern Neck with his wife, Ann.

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### August 25

#### **Bill and Pam Gurley: A Musical Morning**

The Gurleys are a married couple with deep roots in the Tidewater area. They started singing together on their first date and have been doing so ever since. Bill is a multi-instrumentalist, moving from guitar to banjo to fiddle. He also writes many of the songs

that they perform together. Pam has a warm, captivating voice, that listeners have found to be quite memorable. The Gurleys have made their home in Crawford’s Corner, after restoring an old family farmhouse there. Bill keeps a busy schedule teaching music privately, while Pam gains recognition for her other passion as a talented chef. They have recorded several CDs over the years, working with some of the best musicians in the region. Bill and Pam also front a bluegrass band known as Fiddlesticks, a group of talented friends that they have known since high school. The Gurleys’ mix of folk, bluegrass, blues and a good dose of humor makes for a fun morning of music not to be missed.

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### **UUFR-VA Mugs & Coasters**

**By Dave and Terrie Dustin**

We are down to our last box of Mugs and Coasters. There are 16 mugs and ten coasters left, which translates into \$500 for our **Building Expansion Fund!** Remember that **100% of the purchase price goes to UUFR-VA.** Summer guests and traveling friends will enjoy a keepsake of the diversity and inclusive atmosphere that UUFR-VA extends. Be the beacon of light and love that UUFR-VA shines out to welcome new friendships. Mugs & Coasters are available in the foyer on the windowsill. Just put your cash or check in the collection basket. Call Terrie and request additional items, if needed.

Thank you for your continued support.

-Terrie

## Librarian's Corner

by Chris Gimpel

I am writing as your Library Rep and can report that circulation is discouragingly small. I can only deduce that our members get their information from other sources, *but* please note that the books that are related to one of our fellowship's areas of concern and action are all on the far left shelf under the label: **New**. They concern early residents of our African American community in Lancaster County and generally describe the difficult lives they were living in earlier years under de facto segregation.

A recently acquired title is "A Stronger Kinship" by Anna-Lisa Cox. Chicago Tribune reviewer Frank Towers, writes "the history of this small Michigan town teaches us about hope and the possibility for racial reconciliation in our own time."

Your library rep and the Board of Stewards welcome suggestions from you of titles for purchase. I, the duster of shelves and "tidier-up-in-chief," also would like input on any books that could or should be removed to make way for the new.

Is anyone out there interested in meeting to discuss a new book? Contact me.

Reminder to all:

Browse a little or a lot, sign out a book by writing name, title and date on the clipboard. Sign it back in when you return it. There is no time limit, there are no fines. We just want to know where books are. And, if you happen to have a library copy that is not signed out, just bring it back in or sign it out belatedly.

There is a spot on the shelf for returns near the recent acquisitions.

-Chris Gimpel

## The Pastor's Platform

by Pastor Susan Moseley, D.Ed.Min.

How many times have you heard, "I'm not racist; I like all people" or "I'm not racist, because I'm colorblind" or "I'm not racist, because one of my best friends is black"? Believe it or not, such statements, though well-intentioned, come from a deeply embedded imbalance in the social structure called *White Supremacy*.

I have said, or thought, similar statements in the past, and I am embarrassed to admit it. I had to be taught why such comments are not helpful, and are actually hurtful to people of color. That awareness became clearer to me through the Pledge to End Racism workshops that I attended in Richmond last fall. The workshops led me to read books like "Waking Up White," "White Fragility," and "So You Want to Talk About Race." Only now am I beginning to understand the real impact white privilege has had on my opportunities for success and how it has historically undermined and blocked opportunities for people of color.

The Anti-Racism classes, that are beginning in September, will help us talk about our own racial identity and what it takes to move from passive kindness, to activism, to real transformation. I will be part of the leadership team, but I am by no means an expert. We will be learning together in a safe space.

This is personal to me. I am committed to the hard, ongoing work of dismantling racism, and I believe with all my heart that a collective agreement to engage in these classes will change us. As we become more aware, we shed more light upon ourselves and into our communities. Calling out racism when we see it, and championing reconciliation, takes conscious intention and courage. Let's learn together and encourage one another on this journey.

In peace and hope,  
Susan

## Anti- Racism Classes to Begin in September at UUFR-VA

Effectively addressing racial justice in our country and in our community requires an understanding of the history of race in America and of white supremacy. It requires that white folks do the work of exploring their racial identity and recognizing how white privilege impacts our day-to-day lives and the day-to-day lives of black Americans.

Please commit to joining members of the UUFR-VA Social Justice Committee in Examining Whiteness: An Anti-Racism Curriculum designed to move us toward action to address and eliminate racism in our community.

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings, beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Each class will involve readings and discussion. We ask that folks commit to the full six weeks of classes. There is an ability to do an individual course of study and you can find the materials on the UUA website at [www.uua.org/racial-justice/curricula/whiteness](http://www.uua.org/racial-justice/curricula/whiteness).

There is great benefit to participating in an organized discussion, so we invite folks to contact Ruth Micklem, if you would like to participate in the six week course.

**Schedule for classes: Each class will run from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. on Thursday evenings at the UUFR-VA fellowship**

9/7 – The History of White Supremacy  
9/12 – The Emotional Lives of White People  
9/19 – Racial Identity Development  
9/26 – Racial Identity Journey  
10/3 – White Power and Privilege  
10/10 – Developing a Positive White Identity

We also recommend participating in the Interracial Conversations that are being held in Northumberland County.



## Who's Who in UU: Joyce Badanes

by Bill Zybach

I spent a wonderful afternoon recently with Joyce Badanes, one of the newer members of our community, at her new home in Gloucester. Some folks say that a home can be an external expression of our interior, and though her new neighborhood was still under construction, potentially a metaphor for her joining UUFR-VA, I find her home impeccably decorated in warm welcoming colors and textures, and beautiful artifacts. For me, it suggests a well-traveled and well-lived life. Over the course of the afternoon, I discovered that that intuition was spot-on. I was instantly drawn to what I quickly discovered was her own artistic expression, the mash up of exquisite American quilts with her signature eastern Ying and Yang design. The visual delight was merely a hint of the range and expanse of her rich life, driven by great energy and filled both with great joy and challenges. I was honored to gain a glimpse, as we traversed the unique tapestry of her eight-decade journey.

Joyce generously opened her heart and courageously shared the most energetic issues that punctuated each decade of her life. What was uppermost in her first decade was that as a little girl, she was filled with energy!

As fate would demand a lot of Joyce, she always stepped up and adapted. Before the completion of her first decade of life, the accidental death of her father thrust her into her first harrowing test of resiliency and strength.

She and her siblings were placed in a Masonic home in Richmond. It was her father's requirement that if anything happened to him, that they stay together. Her brothers were in one building and she and her sisters in another. Facing this unfathomable challenge head on, she realized that she would have to redefine herself. Though it was scary in this new environment at first, she was among 120 children with the same experience and they all quickly adjusted in the supportive environment. She thrived in the highly disciplined and principled environment. She earned an allowance for the work she did and, as she got older, the jobs changed to suit her and her age. She loved that they got to enjoy movies, a playground and, importantly, plenty of time to make new friends.

The Masons did wonderful things for all the children and saw Joyce's potential as she took on leadership roles and stood up for herself. Her administrator asked what she was planning to do when she graduated high school. She was working after school at a bank and had not thought about college. With her talent, he told her, she should go to college. With the Mason's encouragement, mentoring and financial support, Joyce found herself in college – which fed a lifetime of passion, as she became a teacher and, ultimately, a school counselor in Fairfax, Virginia.

Her spiritual journey is marked by multiple reinventions. At home, she had been president of Methodist Youth Fellowship. Then, at Mary Washington College, she took a course in comparative religion which gave her a broader perspective. That expansion eventually resulted in her converting to Judaism. She thought it was more sensible

because Christ is seen as a human being and, from that perspective, he was more akin and connected to her. Interestingly, when she was married, her husband Bill, was a secular Jew. His family came to the United State to escape Russian persecution. Bill's mother wanted her grandson raised in their faith, and so she really engaged Judaism and her son was named in the synagogue. However, in spite of her spiritual alignment, her exposure to traditional Judaism created another inflection point, as she experienced how women were not given the respect that men had in the faith. This recognition would be the seed for yet another evolution of her spiritual journey years later.

The next significant reinvention started with Bill's retirement. He set out to build their dream house "on top of a hill" in the Shenandoah Valley, and required her to take on a new role as expeditor (aka gofer). Half-way through the construction, it was clear that this and another dream she shared with Bill, to travel the world, would require more of her time. So, Joyce took early retirement. She joked, with a pinch of seriousness, that the reason she retired was to make sure Bill actually completed the house, which, with her help, he did. They enjoyed the weddings of both their daughter and son in their dream home, as well as hosting 15 years of "Out to Pasture Parties".

Their dream of traveling started beautifully, with an adventure through Alaska's inside passage. However, the universe threw another curve ball – when Bill had a stroke on the way back from a trip to Arizona. Joyce would reinvent herself again, as she fully embraced her caretaking role, as well as discovering an unexpected talent. A chance encounter with quilting was the catalyst for her love-of-art to blossom. Her signature Ying and Yang quilts have brought acclaim from around the world.

With Bill's stroke, Joyce also knew it was time to find a new spiritual community. They both wanted a universally accepting community.

They lived in the Shenandoah Valley and saw an article in a local paper about the UU Church there. It was the only church that invited pagans – which, they surmised, meant it was very inclusive. Joyce and Bill both felt comfortable there and enjoyed people with interesting and intellectual diversity.

Bill died when Joyce was 78, and so Joyce once again, true to her hallmark character, redesigned herself by building a new life in Gloucester without Bill. This has been terribly hard and sad. However, Joyce is grateful for the strength and grace she has developed over a rich and full lifetime. She attributes her resilience to the strength and support of her family and her spiritual community. We are delighted that Joyce counts UUFR-VA as her part of her community.

## **UUFR-VA Second Annual Wine and Dine**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.**

What's happening at UUFR-VA these days? How do we do all the things we do? How do we make sure we are able to keep going and growing? What can you do to help sustain this precious fellowship? What can you do on a hot August evening that is meaningful, fun and ensures that you won't have to cook dinner?

You can join your fellow UUFR-VA friends and members for a night out!

Once a year, members of the Board of Stewards of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Rappahannock invite members and friends to share in a special event: The UUFR-VA Wine and Dine. This evening is designed to update our congregation on our midyear progress, to provide folks a special meal, lovingly prepared by the members of the board, and to thank everyone for their gifts throughout the year. The Wine and Dine is an opportunity to learn about the needs of our fellowship, and enjoy a good meal out with friends.

Please join us on **August 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** We will engage in frank conversation, fellowship, and fun! RSVP to Janet Hemming.

## **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:

**August 26:** *The Witch Elm* by Tana French

**September 23:** *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

**October 23:** *The Garden of Evening Mists* by Tan Twan Eng, our "Big Book" for the annual dinner and discussion at ICYCC.

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

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

**by Shirley Kinney**

Our annual UUFR-VA Retreat will be held on October 5, 6, and 7 at Camp Chanco. That's Saturday through Monday morning.

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.

To reserve your space, email me. The cost will be the same as last year (~ \$150 per person). This includes two nights and all meals. If cost is an issue, we have scholarships available.

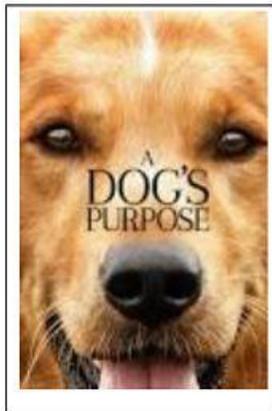
If you have any questions, contact me. We have tremendous fun at Chanco, just ask anyone who has attended in past years. This retreat comes highly recommended!

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MOVIE NIGHT**

***A DOG'S PURPOSE***

**Friday, August 9, 2019**

A devoted dog discovers the meaning of its own existence through the lives of the humans it teaches to laugh and love. Reincarnated as multiple canines over the course of five decades, the lovable pooch develops an unbreakable bond with a kindred spirit named Ethan. As the boy grows older and comes to a crossroad, the dog once again comes back into his life to remind him of his true self.



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**COME ONE COME ALL**  
 Bring Your Friends and Neighbors  
**Friday, August 9,**  
 Doors Open at 7 PM  
 Discussion Following Movie  
**Admission Free**  
 Donations Optional  
 Feel Free To Bring Snacks, Drinks or Dinner of Your Choice  
**Complementary**  
 Popcorn  
 And Soft Drinks  
**Share A Ride**  
 Coordinate With Belinda  
 804 577 7974

**UUF-VA Activities at a Glance**

August 2019	
Aug 3	Irvington Farmers' Market – 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. – Irvington Commons
Aug 9	Movie Night – 7:00 P.M. – UUF-VA
Aug 17	Wine and Dine – 6:00 P.M. – UUF-VA
Aug 15	Ladies' Luncheon – 11:30 A.M. – The Office, Irvington [RSVP]
Aug 18	UUF-VA Board Meeting
Aug 21	Rappahannock Indivisible – 7:00 P.M. – UUF-VA
Aug 26	River Readers – 2:30 P.M. – Lancaster Community Library
Oct 5	UUF-VA Retreat

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## UUFR Second Annual Wine & Dine

The UUFR Board of Stewards would like to invite all members and friends to attend the 2nd Annual Wine and Dine.

Date: Saturday, August 17, 2019 Time: 6pm - 8pm

At the Fellowship Building on James Wharf Road

Dinner will be provided and served by the UUFR Board Members and will be followed by an exciting presentation and discussion of the future plans of UUFR.

Board members will present an overview of the assets of our Fellowship, provide an explanation of the inner workings of UUFR and how we hope to move forward in the next few years.

All guests are invited to ask questions and engage in discussions of the upcoming challenges and opportunities UUFR will embrace in our time of growth and change.

We welcome your insight.

Please **RSVP to Janet Hemming** by August 10, 2019

Email: [janethemming@mindspring.com](mailto:janethemming@mindspring.com)

Or Call: 804-438-5248

UUFR Board of Stewards: Ruth Micklem, Bill Gimpel, Vicki Kinsel, Lynn Langley, Diana Jamison, Janet Hemming and Dave Dustin

### Board of Stewards

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### 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](mailto:editor@uufrappahannock.org))