



News & Notes

The UU Women's Group will meet on June 20 at 7:00 p.m. at *Sunken Well Tavern* downtown at 720 Littlepage Street. Enjoy lively conversation and a bite to eat in a casual setting. Newcomers are always welcome to just drop in...no reservations necessary. We'll continue to meet throughout the summer, on July 18 at *Pho Saigon* at 2601 Salem Church Road (next to the Salem Church Library), and on August 15 at *Castiglia's*, downtown at 324 Caroline Street. Join us!

The Mood Support Group is taking a hiatus across the summer. Seems that most of us feel better in the longer sunlit days. However, Susan Ohle says that she is happy to be a contact person for anyone who wants to set up something during the summer.

When you plan to shop on Amazon.com, don't forget to visit www.uuffva.org first, and click on the Amazon logo there. The UUFF earns a small percentage of every purchase that results from a click-through from our website. Browse Amazon for great Father's Day gifts, like books, movies, music, clothing, electronics, home items, tools, and much more! In the past year, our profits from this program have averaged about \$150 per month.

This is the last newsletter of the Fellowship year. We'll start up again with the September issue, with a deadline of August 20. Thanks to Ken Brown for his editorial and proofing assistance each month.



Our annual year-end potluck picnic will be held on **Saturday, June 11**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the country home of Patrick and Paula Neustatter. The picnic is a great way to wrap up our Fellowship year, and as always, will be a day of food, fun and friendship for the whole family.

We'll get together to enjoy all of our favorite picnic pursuits, including our traditional volleyball game, and there will be plenty of activities for the kids. Everyone is welcome to cool off with a dip in the pool. After a delicious picnic supper, we can relax on the grounds and catch up with old and new friends.

Once darkness falls, we'll enjoy an amazing fireworks display, courtesy of Jake Walther and his company, Southern Exposure Pyrotechnics. Generous donations to Jake's tip jar, passed around at the picnic, will help offset the cost of the fireworks and are most appreciated...cash and checks accepted!

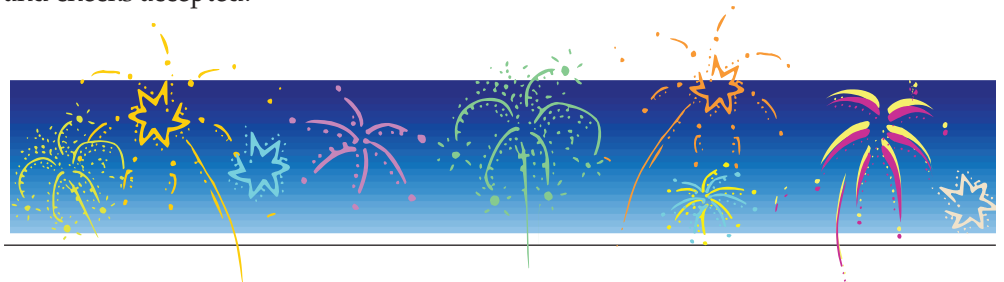
Bring a large picnic dish to share, and drinks for your family if you'd like (water and iced tea will be provided). A lawn chair or blanket to sit on is a must, and bring your bathing suit and towel if you'd like to go for a swim. The picnic will be held rain or shine.

So if you think your family needs a healthy dose of old-fashioned outdoor fun, the UUFF picnic is just the ticket! Enjoy a fabulous day in the country in the company of UU friends...it's well worth the drive!

For contact information for the Neustatters, as well as their address and directions to their home in Woodford, contact the Fellowship office at 548-1301. A map is also available.

Thanks to Patrick and Paula for hosting our picnic again this year.

-The Friendship Committee



The Thomas Jefferson District's annual meeting voted on Saturday, April 30, to change its name to **Southeast District** of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The change is effective immediately. For information about the history of the district's name, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/tjdname/>. Thanks to Steve Brown, Diane Elstein, Nancy Krause, and Gae Pinschmidt for serving as UUFF delegates at the meeting.



*"If I knew that the world
would end tomorrow,
I would still plant my tree today."*

—MARTIN LUTHER

I am writing this on May 20, the day before, I am told, that Christ will return and all good "believers" will be caught up in the rapture. That calls for more explanation than I care to get into here. Suffice it to say that once again someone has determined that the *parousia* (second coming) will occur in "our" time.

Of course, if the determination is correct this time, please disregard this column.

Perhaps there is a certain weakness in the human condition – a type of arrogance – that thinks "our time" is central to human history. Predictions of end times have been with us throughout history. All of us can remember Y2K just eleven years ago. Almost every generation has

experienced some public announcement of the end times. In Christianity it began with the first generation in the Christian community being told that Christ would return before that group passed away. In the year 1000 expectations were high for the end times. 1914 was another year for the end to come. In my junior year of college I met a fundamentalist Christian classmate who told me, with a straight face, why the end was coming somewhere between 1963 and 1968.

In our history, we have moved from a geocentric universe to a heliocentric universe. Too bad we can't move from an egocentric universe to an "other" centric universe – that remains firm and unmoved.

Someday the world may come to an end. Perhaps it may be with a blaze of glory and the second coming. Perhaps it will be more like T.S. Eliot's "not with a bang, but a whimper".

Perhaps it will end. But today and tomorrow I will plant my tree. Hope Carl and Anne will do the same.

Love to you all,
Walter

Membership News

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fredericksburg will recognize our newest members on Sunday, June 5 during both services. This year Jackie Richards, Caryn Self-Sullivan, Susan Hadley, Lee Rodrigue, and Carol Baldwin signed the membership book.

This is a reminder to those who have financial membership waivers for this church year. All waivers expire June 30, 2011. If you need a waiver for the church year that starts July 1, 2011, please contact Rev. Walter Braman. All waiver requests are kept confidential.

Over the next year, the Membership Committee will be developing a Growth Plan in anticipation of the move to our new home. This committee needs individuals who would like to share ideas on how to be ready for the move and growth. Meetings will be kept to a minimum. If you have a vision on how to be ready for new friends and members, please contact Nancy Krause.

—Nancy Krause

reflections

Bill Brooks, President

Preparing the Soil

My first gardening lessons came from my father. He, with my sisters and my help, managed about a half-acre garden. It kept us in vegetables all year – fresh ones in the summer and canned or frozen ones in the winter.

My father followed the generally accepted gardening practices of the time – cultivate in the spring, plant in rows to make in-season care easy, and use cheap petroleum-based fertilizers and pesticides to ensure a bounteous harvest. However, by the time I was gardening on my own, I had begun to think about more sustainable, organic gardening practices.

Reading *Mother Earth News* and talking with other organic gardeners introduced me to a novel idea – feeding the soil. When I gardened with my father there had been little consideration of the soil. Plants were the focus. How much fertilizer did each need and which pesticide should be used were the concerns.

The soil was simply the medium in which the plants grew.

As I developed my organic gardening practices, I became less concerned with the specific needs of each plant and more concerned with the needs of the soil. Were there sufficient nutrients in the soil? Were they in water-soluble forms that the plants could use? Was the soil pH in a suitable range? Was the soil sufficiently friable to hold moisture but still drain?

Unlike the quick fix of petroleum-based products, preparing the soil organically is a slow process. It involves amending the soil with compost and manure, and adding natural fertilizers, such as blood meal, rock phosphate, greensand, and sea kelp. It takes time, and the synergetic activity of many soil organisms, to convert these into healthy humus. Organic soil preparation requires months and years, not days and weeks.

In addition, preparing the soil organically is not something that is easily done during the growing season. It is

more effectively done in the off-season when there are few plants in the garden to work around. Amending the soil in the off-season has the added benefit of allowing the amendments to begin to be incorporated into the soil before the next growing season begins.

Next year, when the Fellowship moves into 25 Chalice Circle, we will once again be in a position to grow our community. We should take the opportunity of this 'off-season' to prepare our soil to fully support our Fellowship's growth. What should our ministry be at that time? What religious education programs should we offer? Are our membership practices ready for growth? Now is the time to begin planning for this transition. As with the vegetable garden, preparing the soil is key to a healthy and fruitful Fellowship, and it is best done in advance of growing.

Much Metta,
bill

P.S. Headed out to pick the peas now! ☺



RE World

JANET WATKINS, Director of Religious Education

Summer's coming, and for our RE program, that means changes are upon us. For starters, we offer just one class during the summer months – a multi-generational class at 10:00 a.m. There are no middle or high school classes, and no classes during the 11:30 a.m. service. This schedule starts June 5.

Unlike our school-year classes, our summer sessions don't follow any particular curriculum. Instead, they vary from week to week as we tap into the talents of our Fellowship members. In years past, students have learned about everything from gardening to geocaching during summer sessions taught by Fellowship members who graciously shared their talents and passions.

If you're willing to lead a summer class, or have an idea for one, please contact RE Committee chair Cathy McNichols, who coordinates our summer schedule.

Girls Group girls: Our next gathering is scheduled for June 5. Let's talk then about which Sundays will work best for us to meet during the summer.

Also this summer, we're considering offering a drama camp for

kids. Many students enjoyed last year's camp, led by the wonderfully talented Chris Johns. We're trying to gauge interest, so if you think your child would like to participate, please contact Chris.

And speaking of Chris Johns: We're thrilled that she's taking over the job of Religious Education program director. Chris has given much to our Fellowship over the years -- faithfully teaching classes, leading our UUth Choir, directing pageants and more. She's talented, passionate and experienced, and we feel confident she will do a marvelous job!

Finally: Thanks. Three years ago, Steve and I became co-directors of the Religious Education program. The generosity and support we received from so many of you – teachers, family members, nursery assistants, committee members, board members and more – overwhelmed us from the start. It's hard to put into words how much we've enjoyed the past three years, how much we've learned, and how grateful we are for the opportunity. It's been life-changing, gratifying, and now, it's time to pass the baton.

Thanks,
Janet Watkins

2011 ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, May 22, the membership of the UUFF met for the annual meeting. A quorum was established, and Debbie Brock was chosen as moderator. Minutes from last year's meeting, as well as reports from the minister, president and treasurer, were presented and approved. Suzanne Logan brought us up to date on the progress of the new building project via a skit that illustrated some of the challenges we faced during the past year.

The proposed FY 2012 operating budget was presented and discussed, and a budget of \$175,496 was approved.

The membership voted on the nominees for the Board of Trustees and Nominating Committee. New Board members beginning in July will be **Susan Ohle, Lee Rodrigue, and Steve Watkins**. Next year's Nominating Committee will include **Gary Barnes, Karen Kallay, and David Lovegrove**.

The Social Justice Committee's recommended priority project for the coming year, affordable housing, was approved.

–Maryann Brown

COMMUNITY ACTION CORNER

In May we had a successful *Rebuilding Together* day. We accomplished everything on our list and the homeowner was very happy. Also, we cooked two dinners at the Residential Recovery Center in Fredericksburg. A big thanks to the volunteers who helped with both efforts!

–Curt Swinburne



School Dressing Days

Don't forget the biggest opportunity for community action this summer: the annual citywide **School Dressing Days**. There is some way *everyone* in the UUFF can participate.

PARENTS: Donate your good, clean, gently worn **school clothes** appropriate for grades kindergarten through 12th grade, before July 31. Contact Maribeth Faivre to let her know when you will be dropping them off at the Fellowship or at her condo. Please have the bags or boxes labeled girls or boys, and sizes.

Ten years ago, when we first participated in this drive, we donated over 40 bags of clothing. Last year we got only 4, and we have more children.

KIDS and ADULTS: Donate deodorant or **NEW** girls size 12 socks, underwear, or jeans before July 10. Contact Maribeth as above for drop off.

ADULTS: Write a check, any size, payable to Interfaith Community Council (on the memo line, put School Dressing Days), and give or mail to Maribeth before July 10.

Sign up on our bulletin board to work at the Bragg Hill Family Life Center to help with sorting, set-up and distribution. **Sorting days** are August 1-5 and 8-11; **set-up days** are August 11-12; and **distribution days** are August 13 and 15.

Let's strengthen our reputation as a congregation that actively participates in the welfare of our community. The Interfaith Council helped over 1400 children last year and even more are expected this year, so let's be part of this effort.

–Maribeth Faivre

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES



When I took over as chair of the Social Justice Committee a couple of years ago, I did so because no one was listed as chair for the committee and social justice is a topic that interests me very much. Since, it's been a busy time coordinating the activities of this dynamic committee. We've made some baby steps in promoting social justice, but perhaps my greatest accomplishment as chair was that I found someone to chair the committee for next year!

I'm delighted that David Boone has volunteered. David brings great experience to the table, so I'm sure the Social Justice Committee will be in steady hands. He'll have some dedicated and inspiring committee members.

David has already started work. He attended a webinar in May sponsored by the UU Congregational Immigrant Justice Ministries. UU congregations shared their best practices on the subject. Among the participants was the Rev. Carlton Eliot Smith of the UU Church of Arlington, VA who spoke about their efforts in Arlington. Topics ranged from ways to keep immigrant families together to laws that

unfairly target children. The webinar was held at <http://standingonthesideoflove.org>. Another web resource for immigrant action news is <http://altopolimigra.com>.

David will be overseeing the Social Justice Committee as it begins work on next year's priority project on affordable housing. Be sure to contact him if you wish to participate in the project.

Over the past two years we learned a lot about dental care access in our region as part of the UUFF's priority project. We did serious research and much of the information we gathered is in a brochure that you can find at church entitled "Do you need dental care but can't pay for services?" What we learned is there is nowhere near enough dental care available for people in need. I know that I will continue to work on this topic as a personal crusade and I'm sure other UUs will as well.

It's been an enlightening and rewarding experience serving as Social Justice Chair. Thank you UUFF for the opportunity.

May Justice Prevail,

COFFEE TALK

Congrats to former UUFFer **Jennifer Motl** and her husband **Rolando Del Castillo** on the birth of their son, Matthew, on April 15. We wish the family all the best!

Several talented UUs are involved with productions at the Riverside Dinner Theater. **Madeline Lovegrove** and **Taylor Johns** are in the cast of *The Adventures of Doctor Dolittle*, the Riverside Children's Theater production running through July 23. **Analisa Wall** will be performing in the dinner theatre show, *All Shook Up*, from July 8-September 11. And **Chris Johns** will be directing the Children's Theater production of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, which runs from July 30-September 24. For ticket information, visit the theater's website at www.riversidedt.com.

A big thank you to the **Fredericksburg PC Users Group** for the laptop they donated to the Fellowship. This laptop will allow Kira, our office administrator, to work more effectively from home during the summer months, and will provide additional computer access during the year.



IN OUR HEARTS

Our love and support go out to **Ralph Phipps**, who is at the University of Arkansas receiving medical treatment for multiple myeloma. We also send get well wishes to **Dick Toye**, who will be starting cancer treatments this month. We are keeping Ralph and Dick in our thoughts, and wish them renewed good health.

Meditation Community OF FREDERICKSBURG

The path of the Dharma is offered each Thursday evening. Whether you are a novice or a master, feel free to join us for an evening of meditation starting at 7:00 p.m. We meet in the library at St. George's Episcopal Church (905 Prince George St.). Many practitioners in our sangha follow the Vipassana (Insight) tradition. Of course, we are open to all forms of practice. Come share yours with us!

On the even and fifth Thursdays of the month, the evening is centered on our sitting and walking meditation practices. On the first and third Thursdays of the month, our practice is one of Mindful Listening. On these evenings, a spiritual topic is addressed with an emphasis on opening ourselves to others through mindful, nonjudgmental listening.

In June, our Mindful Listening practice will continue our series of workshops focused on the Brahma-Viharas (Divine Abidings). The Buddha taught that in order to live in greater harmony with oneself and others, we must develop and maintain skillful effort in our thoughts, words, and deeds. To do so, we practice with loving-friendliness, compassion, sympathetic joy, and equanimity.

JUNE SCHEDULE

- June 2** Mindful Listening: Sympathetic Joy (Mudita)
- June 9** Meditation: Sitting & Walking
- June 16** Mindful Listening: Equanimity (Upekkha)
- June 23** Meditation: Sitting & Walking
- June 30** Meditation: Sitting & Walking

—Bill Brooks

HATHA YOGA

Yoga continues to be offered as part of the Adult RE program. On Saturday mornings from 8:45 to 10:15 a.m. at the Fellowship, Bill Brooks, an accredited yoga instructor, leads a beginner-level hatha yoga class. Please join us if you are interested in learning and practicing yoga. It would be best to wear comfortable loose clothing and please bring your mat. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Bill.

—Bill Brooks

Sunday Discussion Group

The Sunday Discussion Group meets after services on most first, third, and fifth Sundays from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship kitchen. If you are not on the regular discussion group email distribution and wish to be informed of the meetings, please email Stew Engel. All are welcome to participate or just sit in on discussions of interest. The topics scheduled for the near future are:

May 29: *Is the enemy of my enemy my friend?*

June 5: *Is there now a worrying fusion of information & entertainment?*

June 19: *Is it a waste of time to try to*

rehabilitate some criminals?

July 3: *Should the death penalty be an option for the most serious crimes?*

July 17: *The elephant in the classroom, or, who's missing?*

July 31: *Do good parents sometimes have to spank their children?*

Aug. 7: *Are multinational companies unethically exploiting the plant genetic resources of developing countries?*

Aug. 21: *Should medical insurance be mandatory for all state residents?*

—Stew Engel



HATS OFF TO OUR GRADUATES!

Congratulations and best of luck to all of our graduates this spring:

Madeline Lovegrove will graduate from Stafford Senior High School this month. Madeline will attend Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall with a VCU Provost Scholarship, and will major in theater.

Guy Paramore graduates from Courtland High School in June. Guy wants to explore options for working with the environment in some way, and he would love to travel to Europe to do volunteer stints. He'll take a year to consider options, work, and plan for college the following year. All suggestions regarding career opportunities and/or travel ideas are welcome.

Margaret "Maggie" Connors is graduating from Riverbend High School this month. Maggie will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall, and plans to major in psychology.

Charlotte Cherry is graduating from Charlottesville High School this month. She was accepted into the School of Foreign Service at several universities, but is planning to defer for a year as she was accepted into a State Department program to go to Morocco for a year to learn Arabic.

Samantha Brooks graduated magna cum laude from James Madison University in May with a B.A. in international relations. Sam plans to pursue a master's degree in international relations at American University.

Andy Callander graduated with honors in May from George Mason University with a B.A. in sociology. He hopes to go to graduate school in the fall but is also look-

ing for work. He will be living in Fairfax at least until his apartment lease runs out later this summer.

Robin Criscuolo DeButts graduated from Warren Wilson College in May with a B.A. in creative writing. Robin will be working at a charter school in North Carolina starting in the fall.

Emily Southers graduated in May from the University of Mary Washington with a B.S. in psychology. Emily is seeking employment in the field of human resources, and is currently employed at Noodles & Co. in Central Park while job hunting.

Emily Winslow, eldest daughter of **Bill Brooks**, graduated from the College of William and Mary in May with a B.A. in psychology. She will be pursuing a master's degree in school counseling at William and Mary.

Tegan Neustatter graduated in May with a master's degree in psychology from American University. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. or Psy.D. in psychology and go into practice in the long run. She will be having a year of non-study this year and staying in the Fredericksburg area, living in her father's guest cottage.

Russell Wasem received his M.S. in engineering management from George Washington University in May. Russell is employed by the Environmental Protection Agency.

We wish our graduates all the best in their future endeavors!



GREAT BOOKS

The Great Books discussion group has chosen its next anthology, *Happiness and Discontent* (ADU-HAP), 408 pages.

These nine selections, 45 pages average, can help us better understand our culture, our neighbors, and ourselves. Our notions of justice, freedom, and happiness are laid before us as on a stage.

1. Aristotle's "The Highest Good"
2. Gita Mehta's "A River Sutra"*
3. John Berger's "The Three Lives of Lucie Cabrol"
4. Mary Lavin's "Happiness"
5. Reynolds Price's "Endless Mountains"
6. Shakespeare's "As You Like It"
7. Emily Dickinson's Three Poems: [There's a certain slant of light-] [After great pain, a formal feeling comes-] [Because I could not stop for Death-]
8. George Eliot's "Questions for Middlemarch"
9. David Malouf's "Questions for An Imaginary Life"

*Indicates a selection from a longer work

No special background is necessary. The cost is \$20.00 which includes shipping and sales tax. You must order this anthology from the Great Book Foundation in Chicago (1-800-222-5870, www.greatbooks.org) as the group order was submitted mid-May. There are occasional bargains available with online ordering. The first session with the new anthology is June 23.

We now meet the second and fourth Thursdays at 817 Caroline Street at 7:00 p.m. For questions, contact Ron Smith. We welcome new members at any time.

—Ron Smith

UUFF Policy on Published Announcements and Joys & Concerns

The Board of Trustees approved new policies for published announcements and joys & concerns, both emailed and printed in the order of service, as follows:

Publication Criteria for Announcements

In order of publication precedence, announcements must pertain to: UUFF functions, sponsored events, or news; UUA and Southeast District functions, sponsored events, or news; or functions, events and news of other UU congregations.

Announcements will not be published that pertain to advertising the for-profit sale of goods and services, or which support or oppose a political party or a candidate for elective public office.

Announcement submissions must be no more than 70 words in length, and must be designated by the submitter as an announcement.

Publication Criteria for Joys & Concerns

Joys & Concerns will pertain to a member or friend of the UUFF and will be of a personal nature. Joys & Concerns submissions must be no more than 70 words in length, and must be designated by the submitter as a Joy & Concern.

Publication Procedure for Announcements and Joys & Concerns

All submissions received by the Office Administrator by noon on Wednesday will be considered for inclusion in the Order of Service for the following Sunday and in the weekly announcements distributed by email and posted on the UUFF website for the following Thursday.

If a submission must be submitted early and held for later publication, the submitter must receive approval from the Office Administrator to submit early.

If a submission does not meet the publication criteria, it will be returned to the submitter by the Office Administrator with a brief explanation of what criteria are not satisfied. The submission may be modified and resubmitted at the discretion of the submitter.

A submission that does not meet the publication criteria may be published if approved by the President of the Board or the Minister. The submitter is responsible for requesting the approval and for providing the Office Administrator with a copy of the approval.

Each submission will be published as submitted. The Office Administrator is not responsible for writing or editing submissions.

All submissions that meet the publication criteria and that fit within the space constraints of the Order of Service shall be published in both the Order of Service and the weekly announcements for two weeks.

If the submissions meeting the publication criteria require more space than the space available in the Order of Service, then announcement submissions shall be selected for publication based on publication precedence (higher precedence is given priority) and date (closer dates are given priority). All Joys & Concerns submissions shall be published. The submitter will be notified by the Office Administrator if their submission is not published due to space constraints.

A request by the submitter to publish a submission that meets the publication criteria for less than two weeks shall be honored. A request by the submitter to publish a submission that meets the publication criteria for more than two weeks shall be honored if there is space in the Order of Service after all 'two-week' submissions have been published.

Questions or concerns regarding this policy or a specific submission, published or unpublished, should be addressed to a member of the Board or the Minister.

UUFF Policy: Building Use for 5044 Plank Rd.

Based on the constraints of our building lease, the Board has recently defined a building use policy for the Plank Road space that reflects the legal limitations under which we are operating.

UUFF functions have priority use of the UUFF building space and take precedence over all personal functions. UUFF functions include all functions sponsored by the UUFF, or one of its standing or ad hoc committees.

UUFF members may reserve the UUFF building space for personal functions when it is not being used by a UUFF function; however the collection of a fee for attendance at a personal function, required or optional, is not permitted.

UUFF building space may not be reserved for personal functions more than 30 days in advance of the function.

UUFF members reserving UUFF building space for personal functions are responsible for leaving the space as it was found and for removing all trash generated by the function.

Donations to the UUFF will be accepted for use of the building space for personal functions but are not mandatory.

Dr. Egbert Addressed Humanists and UUs

The Fredericksburg Secular Humanists were delighted to host Dr. Lawrence Egbert of the Final Exit Network (<http://finalexitnetwork.org>) on Sunday, May 8, who spoke on "A Review of the Moral Dilemmas on the Subject of Hastening Death." He also spoke at both Sunday services of the UU in Fredericksburg, first on "The UUA and the Subject of Hastening Death" and then "The Response of the Government to the Challenge of Suicide," to appreciative and very engaged audiences. The Humanists hosted Dr. Egbert at lunch and very much enjoyed making his acquaintance.

—Margaret Nydell

BILL'S SMILE OF THE MONTH

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

It's not hard to meet expenses, they're everywhere.

—From the humor archives of Bill Pinschmidt

SUMMER SERVICES

Plans for a diverse line-up of summer services are underway. Here is the tentative list of speakers and some of the topics they'll be exploring. We'll provide more details as they become available.

JULY 3:

Fantasy and Self: Writing *The Called*
Warren Rochelle

Warren Rochelle, former UUFF member, discusses writing his third novel, *The Called*, and how it relates to our UU principles. He connects Unitarian Universalism with the book's themes of being human and being different, search for self, and the struggle for justice, compassion and love.

JULY 10:

Hospice 101
Chris Lillis

Chris will give an overview of what hospice care is, and what it means for his patients. The presentation will be given with Emily Sperlazza from Mary Washington Hospice. All of your questions about Hospice will be answered.

JULY 17:

Stuttering: A Challenge to the Spirit
Hank Stupi

Hank Stupi, a UU Fellowship of the Rappahannock member, has dealt with stuttering since he was a young child. He will discuss how it affected him at different stages of his life and how confronting his problem openly as an adult has strengthened his character and spirit.

JULY 24: TBD

JULY 31:

Local Farmers' Market Coalition
DeLaura Padovan

DeLaura will give an overview of the King George Farmers Market, describe the coalition formed between Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg and King George Farmers Markets and dealings with the Va Department of Social Services for approval of Food Stamps at local farmers markets.

AUGUST 7:

Dream Interpretation
Carolyn Pevey

Carolyn will discuss using dream interpretation as a means for becoming more aware of our lived experience. The method draws from work by Carl Jung and ideas from Buddhism. Common dream themes and the use of metaphor in the dream, and in waking life, will be presented. Carolyn teaches at Germanna Community College, and has publications in the sociology of religion, gender, and death. Her Ph.D. in sociology is from the University of Texas at Austin.

AUG. 14: TBD

AUG. 21: TBD, *Chris Kilmartin*

AUG. 28: TBD, *Patrick Neustatter*

AUCTION WRAP-UP

The At Your Service Auction on May 14 was a great success, bringing in over \$14,000 for the Fellowship. Thanks to all of our auction volunteers, including our generous donors and bidders! The list of donors and buyers is available in a binder at the rear of the Fellowship hall, or contact Maryann Brown. After a few weeks, we'll put the binder on the white bookshelf in the office.



Second Chance Auction

Were you unable to attend the auction and wish you could still take part? This year, we plan to offer a "second chance auction," to allow bidders to buy into offered events and services that have slots open. We also want to hear from donors who would be able to expand their offerings to more bidders. Stay tuned for more information; at press time, we're still working out the details on this.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the key topics addressed at the most recent meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 12:

Treasurer's Report: Carl Little reported that in April, expenses exceeded income by \$4,000, but we're ahead by \$9,300 for the year.

Minister's Report: Rev. Braman attended interviews for the DRE position. He noted that the Flower Communion went well, and expressed appreciation for our greeters. The Fellowship is part of the new Tidewater cluster of congregations, and Walter hopes we can begin sending a representative to the quarterly cluster meetings.

Chalice Circle: Suzanne Logan updated the board on the progress of the building program. We're still waiting for signatures on required documents. The latest information can be found at uuffnewbuilding.blogspot.com/.

Annual Meeting: Ainsley Brown reported that the meeting package was sent out via email on May 10. Debbie Brock will preside. A Fellowship at Work is planned to publicize the May 22 meeting.

DRE Search: The board approved the RE Committee's selection of Chris Johns as DRE for the coming year.


Ministerial Gift: Flowers from the board were sent to Jeff Jones on the occasion of his installation as minister of the Emerson UU congregation; a thank you note from Jeff was received.

Key Policy: Lori Klopp will lead the effort to develop a policy for the distribution and management of building keys at our current location.

The next board meeting will be held at the Fellowship on June 9 at 7:00 p.m. Board meetings are open to members of the congregation. The board welcomes your input on any issues facing the Fellowship; feel free to contact any of the board members listed on the last page of the newsletter with your ideas.

—Ken Brown, Board of Trustees

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  | | | Handchimes 7:15 pm 1 | Council of Committees 7 pm 2 Mindful Listening 7 pm St. George's | 3 | Hatha Yoga 8:45 am 4 |
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All activities subject to change. CRRL is the Central Rappahannock Regional Library on Caroline St.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Note: Religious Education at 10 am only, multi-age class.

SUN., JUNE 5 10:00 & 11:30 AM

The Holy Calling of Art, Rev. Walter Braman
Some thoughts on art and artists.

SUN., JUNE 12, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

Population Issues, John Seager

John Seager, president of Population Connection, will speak on population and the environment, women's rights, and social justice. Population Connection is the national grassroots population organization that educates young people and advocates progressive action to stabilize world population at a level that can be sustained by Earth's resources.

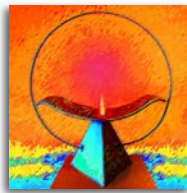
SUN., JUNE 19, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

In Sum, Rev. Walter Braman
A look at the year.

SUN., JUNE 26, 10:00 & 11:30 AM

Food Activism, Gianina Gonzalez

Gianina Gonzalez will talk about food activism evolving out of her efforts to get her local high school to provide decent vegetarian food.



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Sept. Newsletter Deadline: Sat., Aug. 20, 4 pm. Sept. Pub. Date: Aug. 24. Submit articles to Maryann Brown.



Summer Office Schedule

During the summer, our office administrator, Kira Bush, will be handling business from home. Her last regular office hours will be May 31-June 2. She will be unavailable from July 24-30, and there will be no announcements that week.

Rev. Walter Braman will maintain office hours through June 9. During the summer, he will be available for emergencies only. He and Kira will resume regular weekly office hours on August 30.