



## News & Notes

**The Nominating Committee** is seeking candidates for 3 Board of Trustees positions and 3 Nominating Committee positions. Members interested in learning more about these openings, please contact the UUFF office.

**Music makers** of all ages, levels, and instruments are welcome to join our **Monday Music Gathering**, which meets every other Monday evening in the high school classroom from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (February 9 & 23). For more information, contact Lee Criscuolo.

**The UU Women's Group** meets on Monday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at **Vinny's Italian Grill** in the Ferry Farm Shopping Center on Rt. 3 East (201 Kings Hwy.). No reservations necessary for this casual get-together; just drop by! Newcomers are always encouraged to join us. Check out "[UUFF Women's Group](#)" on Facebook.

**The UU Men's Group** meets each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at **Primavera Pizzeria & Grill**, 600 William Street. Newcomers are always welcome to join the group.

**The Insight Meditation Community of Fredericksburg** meets on Thursdays in Dragonfly Yoga Studio (810 Caroline Street) at 7:00 p.m. for sitting and walking meditation, or Mindful Listening. Visit [www.meditatefred.com](http://www.meditatefred.com) for the schedule and details.

**Wintry weather?** To see if the service has been cancelled, call the Fellowship at 310-4001, visit our website at [www.uuffva.org](http://www.uuffva.org), listen to radio station B101.5, or check [www.b1015.com](http://www.b1015.com).

Throughout the year, don't forget to make your **Amazon.com** purchases by visiting [www.uuffva.org](http://www.uuffva.org) first, and clicking on the Amazon logo there. We earn money with every purchase that results from a click-through from our site. It is simple, free, and adds up to a nice income for the UUFF.



## SHARING OUR Abundance

### Sharing – What's the Upside?

As small children, we are taught that sharing is the right thing to do. But why, some of us wonder; what's in it for me? As we mature, we learn the value of sharing and the importance it plays in strengthening family bonds, making friends and, most importantly, allowing us to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. This year's stewardship pledge campaign, *Sharing Our Abundance*, is all about belonging to something bigger and the benefits we and our community derive from our giving.

Our UUFF community gathers together to unite mind and heart in service to deepening relationships with each other and with the world around us. We do this freely through our support of the Fellowship. If you think that sounds like a paradox, you would be right. Only by our generous commitment to the Fellowship are we truly free – free not to have to keep re-inventing ourselves, but, rather, to be part of something that has impact, history, continuity, and sustaining beauty larger than what we can create by ourselves. While this may at first sound

confining, the truth is this community provides us with a grounding that allows us to become our true selves.

This congregation is a sacred presence in the world. Your love, your time, your work, and your money make it all possible. As you consider your pledge commitment, think about the freedom this Fellowship provides you. Reflect on how it has supported you in your journey to become your true self. And celebrate being part of something that has power, history, and a continuity that you have helped create.

On **Saturday, February 28** from **6:00-9:00 p.m.**, we will be holding the 2015 Stewardship Gala "Budget Gourmet" dinner in our beautiful building. This will be a time set aside for fellowship, fun and an opportunity to *share your abundance* as campaign pledges are received.

For this dinner, each table will have a host who will bring the entree and coordinate the menu with participants. Table hosts will be contacting members and friends in early February. Be ready to accept your invitation to share!

–Stewardship Committee

## CHILI Cook-Off

Sat, Jan. 31 - 5 pm



Take the chill off winter and taste the best chili our talented UUFF chefs have to offer! Judging by our "celebrities" will take place from 5:00-5:45, and then we'll all get a chance to eat and choose our own "people's favorite."

To enter a chili, contact Susan Lovegrove by January 29 with your category (meat or vegetarian). Chili must be fully prepared in a crockpot; no heating or cooking at the Fellowship. Non-competitors are asked to bring cornbread, salad, or a side dish. The Friendship Committee will provide drinks and there will be a cooler available for BYOBer.

–Friendship Committee

## FROM THE Minister's Desk

Rev. Walter Braman



*Viva le crayon!*

Like so much of the rest of the world, I am appalled by the tragic and senseless act of the terrorists in Paris. In addition to that, I am baffled by the justification given by those who supported the murders – the defense of a religion. That is absurd. What religion really needs the use of force in its defense against its critics?

Then again, what religion needs to defend itself? I embraced Unitarian Universalism many years ago for many

reasons. One of those reasons was UU's lack of need to defend itself against its critics: engage in discussion and even constructive debate, yes, but blind defense? No.

I will not say, "Je suis Charlie." I will not say it because what is produced by that magazine is not me in any way. The cartoons are offensive and disgusting and, I believe, a by-product of the anti-Muslim sentiment in France (and elsewhere) at this time. I will not support bigotry.

I will, however, support one's right to speak it or write one's ideas. But I would encourage such writers to answer for their writings. If you hold your opinions and beliefs strongly enough to make them public, then invite those targets of your ideas (especially strongly held ones) to

enter into public debate. What advances society better than the public forum?

In my youth I admired the wit (at least in my estimation) who could deliver a certain coup de grace in debates and battles of wits, and leave the other person speechless. It is different now. Now I see no final truth that answers all questions for all times. I see human history as an ongoing search for truth. And I see that as good.

Let our faith always be one of respect for other ideas and truths so that we may grow ever upward.

Love to you all,  
Walter

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



What's going on at the UUFF? And who's doing it?

The Membership Committee is low on members right now and chair Susan Ohle would love to hear from UU members who might be interested in this really important committee. Call her.

There is a question for the annual meeting that you might be interested in thinking about ahead of time: Do you want the congregational response to be recorded by Bob McNichols and put on the website? This is currently not being done. The recording stops now when the sermon or talk is over. The Board of Trustees thought that the congregational response was an integral part of our service but there might be some who feel as though it is an invasion of privacy. The BoT voted to let YOU decide at the annual meeting.

There is an art gallery in our future, thanks to Anita Holle, Susan Ohle, David Lovegrove, and Pat Smith. Ask any of them for more details.

Who has ever heard of a "budget gourmet" dinner? If you know about this, you have been coming to the UUFF

for a long time. If you have never heard of such a thing, then you are relatively new. Kit Carver, Bill Brooks or Jim Yeatts (who will be returning from Florida soon) can fill you in on the details. But I can tell you that it is going to happen on February 28.

We have some potential ministers who are already looking at us and checking out our information packet. But don't ask anyone from the ministerial search committee about this. They are sworn to secrecy. But you can view our information packet which is available now in the foyer.

Have you checked out the Memorial Garden site? There are lines drawn on the ground and some footers in place. Construction will start when the weather is more agreeable and may well be underway by the time you read this newsletter. Yeah, Kit Carver!

What is a Drama Con? Kirsten Willis is planning one for RE students in March. But what is a Drama Con?

One more thing: Remember Chalice Lighters? If you do, you have been around for a while, but I'm not saying that you're old. Absolutely not! But we are going to try to get it started again. Ask Darlene Hicks for more details.

So, that's what's happening at the UUFF this month. That and so very much more.

—Jane Ellen Teller

## SAVE THE DATE! 2015 At Your Service Auction

Saturday, April 11



Auction time will be here before you know it! Our 22nd Annual At Your Service Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, and is always one of the year's most popular events. Guests bid on a variety of creative items and services while enjoying wonderful refreshments, entertaining auctioneers, and a lively atmosphere.

It's never too early to start thinking about some great ideas for this year's auction, so put your imagination to work and come up with some practical, whimsical, tasty, entertaining, time-saving, handy, and creative ideas. Categories for donations are: Recreation, Tours & Excursions; Services & Instruction; Dinners & Parties; Gastronomic Delights; Arts & Crafts; and Miscellaneous Items. Auction forms will be available in March, and we'll display sample catalogs so those new to the event can see the kinds of things that have been offered.

If you offered a service or event at our last auction that hasn't been scheduled yet, now is the time to start making some plans to follow through. If you have questions about what you've offered and who bid on it, contact Maryann Brown. We're looking forward to a whirlwind of activities in the next few months!

—Maryann Brown



# RE Views

CHRIS JOHNS, Director of Religious Education

I'm tired today. I have a lot going on. Working here. Directing at Riverside. Directing the UUth Choir (and no, it is not part of my job). Cramming for my Religious Educator Credentialing. Raising three kids. Teaching voice lessons. And I'm pretty sure I haven't recovered from the holidays yet. Who has time?

To be honest, I don't feel like writing this article. Rumor has it you don't read them, anyway. But here I am, at my computer, on a Wednesday because I am leaving for a trip to Philadelphia on Thursday (aka tomorrow) with Morgan, and Maryann Brown will have feelings if I don't get it done before I go.

So why do it (other than the whole Maryann feelings thing)? Well, because I love my job and I love these kids and I want you all to know what's going on around RE and it just needs to get done. So I do it. I know I am not the only one who is crazy busy and would really prefer to be hanging out on Facebook playing Farm Heroes Saga (Okay. Maybe that's just me...) but still manages to get things done because they have to get done.

I guess the point is, there are so many things to do around here and I know you all get tired of me always asking you to do stuff, but the reason I ask is because these things need to get done. Even if we don't feel like it.

For example, we need to kick off our next round of High School AND Elementary OWL (Our Whole Lives) REALLY

SOON and I really need male facilitators for both classes. Is it a pain? Yes. Do we feel like giving up two hours a week to make sure our kids get this phenomenal education? No. Do we want them to have that education? Yes. So guess what? We do it anyway. And you know what, after we do the thing we really didn't feel like doing, we feel great! Because we know that our time was well spent and that we are helping to mold our kids into mature Unitarian Universalists.

Here's another. The Religious Education Committee is working to put together a Youth Con in March and we sure could use some help. Will it be a pain? Yes. Do we really want to spend a weekend with crazy teenagers? No. Do we want our teens to forge connections and friendships with other UU kids and grow deeper in their connection to this faith? Yes. So guess what? You know what I am going to say, don't you?

I am tired today. Do I feel like writing this article today? No. Do I want you to know how much your talents are wanted and needed by these children, by us? Yes. Do I want these children to know how much you care about them? Yes. So guess what? Even though I am tired, I am writing this article anyway...

Peace,  
Chris Johns

PS: If you read this article, come up and tell me a joke so I know you did...☺

## VEGETARIAN GROUP



What are your thoughts when you hear you are invited to a vegan dinner? If you are like most people, you think, "Oh no, a tasteless meal of tofu and bean sprouts." Or perhaps you are a little more generous: "I guess one meal without meat will not be so bad—just wish they did not exclude cheese, eggs and milk."

Come to the Vegetarian Group, **February 7, 11:30-1:00** at the Fellowship and our own Valerie Setzer and Jane Ellen Teller will show us how elegant and delicious a vegan dinner can be. Val has offered vegan dinners as her auction items for three years. They were international dinners: Indian, Irish and Moroccan. She will tell us how she found appropriate vegan cuisine and will share some of her recipes. For our 2014 At Your Service Auction, Jane Ellen's auction item was a vegan dinner for six. She prepared tangy tomato soup, stuffed butternut squash, dates stuffed with chocolate, and apple cake.

The Vegetarian Group is beginning its eleventh continuous year. We have been meeting the first Saturday of each month since the beginning. You do not need to be a vegetarian or vegan to attend. Many of our attendees are not. All are welcome. If you have never attended, this will be a great opportunity to check us out and to learn more about the joys of vegan cooking and to enjoy a vegetarian potluck lunch. Don't have time to make a dish? Bring a small donation. Jeff Jones was a monthly attendee of the Vegetarian Group and he named the potluck "the best lunch in town." Jeff became a vegetarian while serving as our minister and he is now a vegan.

For additional information, contact Gloria Lloyd.

—Gloria Lloyd

## Sunday Discussion Group



The Sunday Discussion Group meets after the service on most first and third Sundays from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the Clara Barton room. If you are not on the regular discussion group e-mail distribution and wish to be informed of the meetings, please e-mail Steve Brown.

All are welcome to participate or just sit in on discussions of interest.

- Feb. 1:** Are there things that Americans could do to reduce global terrorism?
- Feb. 15:** Should police be considered armed and dangerous?

—Steve Sanders

## IN OUR HEARTS



We continue to send our thoughts and prayers to **Bill Wood's** son **Brett**, who is stable following cardiac surgery. Brett is on the heart transplant list, and we wish him strength as he faces this difficult health challenge.

# Update on Landscaping and Exterior Design

The Building and Grounds Committee is responsible for both the interior and exterior of the UUFF building. There is an interior design subcommittee led by Margie Heppe and an exterior design committee led by Joni Wilson and Anne Little. The Memorial Garden was tasked to another subcommittee chaired by Kit Carver. The Memorial Garden design has been completed and construction will start on the hardscape this spring.

When we began the construction on our building, the exterior design subcommittee planned and planted the 220 trees around the building with the help of many volunteers. The trees are thriving and corrective structural pruning will be done this winter. The committee has also planned the shrubbery around the front of the building and the shrubs will be planted this coming spring.

No other plans were done to the exterior due to financial constraints. Well, those financial constraints are still with

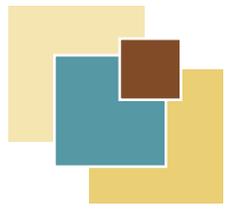
us but the exterior design committee feels it is time to finish the exterior plan. The next phase is to finalize plans for any sculptures or structures or any other additions to the exterior. We may not have funds right now, but once these plans are in place, we can start working towards completing the exterior.

There will be a meeting of the exterior design committee on **Wednesday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Fellowship. All are invited and encouraged to join or attend to give input and assistance with this task. We will also have surveys available for members and friends to state their preferences about the exterior. Some of the questions to be considered: signage, artwork or sculptures, flowers, and structures, such as a pavilion, labyrinth, or firepit. And finally, how do we prioritize these projects, how do we manage the care, and how do we pay for them?

I hope that you will join us or at least give feedback on our survey. Together we can manage the next phase of our growth. For questions or suggestions, please contact Anne Little.

—Anne Little

## DESIGN FOR THE FUTURE



The Interior Design Committee has been hard at work finding ways to enhance our building. The latest decision to paint the main hall niche was a long process, and involved reviewing a rainbow of colors. I would like to thank David Lovegrove, Susan Ohle, Nancy Krause, Anne Little, and Christie Pennington for their time, effort, and expertise in making the final decision. It looks wonderful and I hope as we move forward with integrating more of that color into the space people will see our vision...and that is where you come in.

That project has been completed and now we are looking to the future and making plans for adding more interest and color to our space. Do you have ideas to share with the committee? Do you have a vision for the next 5...10...15 years? We have some ideas and would appreciate you sharing your thoughts as well. Please join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.** Contact Margie Heppe with any questions.

—Margie Heppe



## SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



“It may be true that the law cannot change the heart, but it can restrain the heartless. The law cannot make a man love me, but it can restrain him from lynching me, and I think that’s pretty important also.” Those words were taken from a speech Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave at the UU Association General Assembly in 1966.

Those words still ring true today. The Virginia legislature is in session. Have you contacted your legislator about issues that are important to you? Visit <http://viriniagenelassembly.gov> to identify your senator and delegate and track bills, such as HB1328, which would require public schools to verify the immigration status of all their students. Visit <http://equalityvirginia.org> for up-to-date information on bills concerning LGBT equality. Please take the time to write or email your state representatives.

—Jenny Bishop

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY



Members of the UUFF participated in the annual March for Religious Freedom on Sunday, January 11. The march walked from the downtown train station to the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom monument on Washington Avenue, where a ceremony was held, featuring speakers and the laying of a wreath. There was also a Religious Freedom Celebration at the downtown library, which included essay contest winners and speaker Mary Beth Mathews, UMW Professor of Classics, Philosophy and Religion. She spoke on “Religious Freedom: Always Approaching, Never Reaching.”

# MINISTERIAL SEARCH UPDATE



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25:**

## ***Beyond Categorical Thinking Anti-Bias Service & Workshop***

Please plan to attend this special service and workshop, which will focus on biases that may interfere with the hiring of our next minister. Are we open to the best possible candidate, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical abilities, or personal appearance? As inclusive as we hope to be, are there ingrained expectations that might hinder acceptance of our next minister?

UUA-trained facilitators Amanda Schuber and Mary Esther Johnson will lead the service at 10:30 a.m., and following a lunch break, will facilitate a 3-hour workshop starting at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided by the search committee for participants staying for the workshop. Childcare will be available.

## **Considering Candidates**

After months of preparation, the search committee is currently looking at candidates. We are poring over ministerial records and informational packets, which provide in-depth looks at their experience, philosophy, strengths and interests. We are conducting phone and Skype interviews to gain additional insights into how they conduct their ministry. Over the next two months, the search committee will meet face-to-face with the candidates who look to be the best fit for the UUFF.

If you'd like to see the congregational packet we sent to interested candidates, a display copy is available in the church foyer. If you would like an electronic version, contact Maryann Brown, who can email it to you (it's a 7 MB pdf).

## **A Brief History of UUFF Ministry**

As we conduct the search for our next minister, it might be helpful for our newer members and friends to learn a bit about how our relationship with ministers evolved over the course of our almost 60-year history.

Our congregation was founded in 1956 as part of the denomination's "fellowship movement," which encouraged the establishment of small, lay-led congregations. Early services featured topical discussions, taped sermons, and local speakers, with the occasional guest minister.

The growth of the congregation necessitated expanded facilities, first to a house on Rowe Street in 1961, and then to our Caroline Street building in 1985. By the late 1980s, instead of every now and then, visiting ministers began leading Sunday services once a month.

Rev. John Baros-Johnson filled our pulpit for a year of first Sundays in 1991-92, giving us our first taste of ministerial continuity. Next, Rev. Paul Russell, a UU and former Baptist minister from Charlottesville, came for monthly Sunday visits, which grew to twice-a-month weekend visits. His ministry included pastoral care and counseling, teaching adult religious education classes, and working with our board. It was with his encouragement that we sought out full-time ministry.

In 1995, the UUA placed Rev. John Rex with us in a 3-year, full-time position as part of their extension ministry program. We didn't incur the expense of a search, and were given financial assistance to help with his salary. At the end of John's contract, he didn't receive the necessary support to continue with us. (The extension ministry program has since been discontinued.)

In 1998, we were fortunate to welcome Rev. Walter Braman as our interim

minister for two years. Interim ministers have been specially trained for work in transitions, helping congregations resolve any lingering issues surrounding the departing minister, and preparing them for the search for their next minister, as Walter did for us.

In 2000, our search efforts were rewarded with the arrival of Rev. Jeff Jones, our first "called" minister. (A called minister is employed through a vote of a congregational meeting, as our next minister will be.) During his nine-year tenure, Jeff trained our first Pastoral Care Team, helped us become a Welcoming Congregation, enhanced our rites of passage, introduced us to Community Circles, and made a wealth of valuable contributions to congregational life.

Jeff helped us make the decision to leave our cramped downtown building and move ahead with plans for a new facility. In June 2009, he resigned his ministry with us to seek new challenges.

In fall 2009, Rev. Jennie Barrington stepped in as our interim minister. By the end of her first year, the deep downturn in the economy and our financial commitment to our new building program necessitated a difficult choice. The congregation decided to drop back to part-time ministry for the next fiscal year.

Once again, we turned to Rev. Walter Braman, who was available to step in as half-time consulting minister, a position he has held since the fall of 2010. (A consulting minister is hired by vote of the board, usually for a year-to-year contract.) And now, with Walter's encouragement, we are seeking a return to the full-time ministry that served us so well for so long.

—Ministerial Search Committee

## **COFFEE TALK**

Congratulations to **Christine and Craig Carlson** on the birth of their daughter, **Skylar Dulcie**, on December 16. We send happy wishes to the Carlson family, including big sister Samantha.

Congratulations to **Steve Watkins**, whose young adult novel, *Ghosts of War: The Secret of Midway*, was recently published by Scholastic Paperbacks. This is the first of a series of historical mysteries that will explore themes of war and its effects. The next title, focused on the Vietnam War, will be published in March, with two more titles set for 2016.

**Morgan Johns** took second place in the Senior Classical Division of Youth America Grand Prix, a premier ballet competition. This qualifies her for the finals in NYC in April. Way to go, Morgan! And **Taylor Johns** just opened in *The Pied Piper* at Riverside, playing Posy, the flower stall lady. This Children's Theater production is directed by **Chris Johns**, and runs through March 14. Congrats to the talented Johns family!



## Workshop on Race Relations

Sat., Jan. 31 • 11 am to 8 pm  
New City Fellowship of Fredericksburg  
200 Prince Edward St.

We'll engage in in-depth facilitated dialogue and story sharing about the impact of race and racism on our lives and community. This is a follow-up event to the Town Meeting held in November. (You don't need to have attended that meeting to participate in this event.)

Dinner will be served at 6:00 with time to munch and mingle. Bring a dish to share if you like. Snacks and drinks will be available throughout.

This event is free, but registration is required. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/mpclbo7>.

The workshop is sponsored by the Fredericksburg Area Race Relations Coalition in partnership with Virginia Organizing. For more info or to request paper registration forms, contact addie@virginia-organizing.org or call 434-249-4058.

## Religious Education Fundraiser Event:

# PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

Saturday, February 14  
6-10 pm

Enjoy a *Parents' Night Out* on Valentine's Day, a perfect chance for moms and dads to get away for some time alone while their kids spend a fun-filled evening at the UUFF. We'll provide dinner, snacks, crafts, games and movies, and we guarantee your kids will have a great time!

Proceeds from the event will be used to provide recreational equipment for our play yard.

To reserve a spot for your children, **please RSVP by February 10** to Kirsten Willis by text, phone call, email, or contact her on Facebook.

We are always looking for volunteers, so if you have the time and interest, let Kirsten know. The pizza is on us! Hope to see you or your kids there!

—Kirsten Willis

## COMMUNITY ACTION CORNER

Here are two great volunteer opportunities in Fredericksburg. They always need help.



The Fredericksburg Area Food Bank's *Food for Life* program is for low-income people 60 years of age and older. A box of nutritious food is provided each month to the vulnerable populations, to supplement their nutritional requirements. Volunteers help pack in an assembly-line process. *Food for Life* is our only weekend opportunity and is done in the morning one Saturday each month.

Groups sort non-perishable food items, including checking food safety of items that have been donated through a food drive, from a grocer, or through a food distributor. Volunteers will be checking for secure packages, food quality dates, and sorting into set categories. Groups are trained at the start of the event.

Hours are Monday - Thursday during weekday open hours. Evening hours are available on Wednesdays.

Ages start at 10-14 years depending on the program to be able to volunteer. For more information, visit <http://www.fredfood.org>.



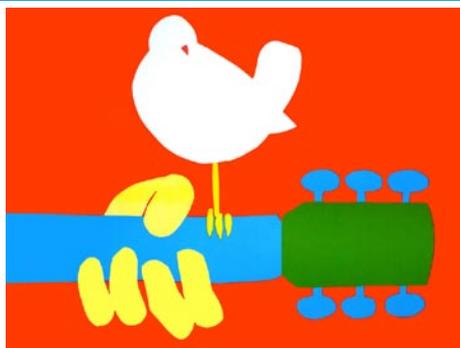
## Mary Washington Hospice

Volunteer opportunities with Mary Washington Hospice include: patient and family care; facility; bereavement; vigil; pet therapy; music; administration; ambassador volunteers; and teen volunteers.

Becoming a hospice volunteer is easy. Call Kathryn Wall at 540-741-3595 for more information. Or you can download a volunteer application form and send it to the address or fax number listed on the form.

Most volunteers give one to four hours a week. Volunteer training is provided. For more information, visit <http://www.marywashingtonhealthcare.com/services/hospice/hospice-volunteer>.

—Curt Swinburne



## Sweet Side of Life

Fri., Feb. 27 \* 8-11 pm

Fredericksburg Hospitality House  
& Conference Center

Tickets \$40 per person

A groovy time for all! Enjoy a night of great food, live music and dancing at this fundraiser for Fredericksburg Counseling Services, Inc. Feast on savory hors d'oeuvres and decadent gourmet desserts provided by ten area restaurants. Dance to live music by The Acoustic Onion, and bid on amazing items during the silent auction. Bell-bottoms optional, love beads welcomed! For info, tickets, sponsorship or auction donations, visit [www.fcsagency.org](http://www.fcsagency.org), call FCS at 373-2320, or contact Natalie Davis.

Fredericksburg Counseling Services provides free services to those who cannot afford counseling. The agency is staffed by graduate students with supervision by certified counselors. Natalie has been on the board for over 12 years, and she and Ray have both been involved with fundraising since that time.

# FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Service 10:30 am <b>1</b> UUth Choir 11:45 am Parenting Circle 11:45 am Sun. Discussion 12 noon Teen Girls' Group 12:30 pm	<b>2</b>	Adult Choir <b>3</b> 7 pm Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i>	Mood Support <b>4</b> Group 10:30 am Interior Design 7 pm Handchimes 7:15 pm	CoC Meeting <b>5</b> 7 pm	<b>6</b>	Veg <b>7</b> Group 11:30 am
Service 10:30 am <b>8</b> UUth Choir 11:45 am	Sunday Services <b>9</b> Comm. 6 pm Music Gathering 6:30 pm Community Action 7 pm <i>Marriott</i>	Friendship <b>10</b> 6:30 pm Adult Choir 7 pm Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i>	Handchimes <b>11</b> 7:15 pm	Board <b>12</b> Meeting 7 pm RE Comm. 7 pm Great Books 7 pm	<b>13</b>	Knitting <b>14</b> Circle 2 pm  Parents' Night Out 6-10 pm
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Activities are held at the UUFF unless otherwise noted. All are subject to change. For contact information for individuals, see the UUFF Directory or call the office.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM

FEB. 1

A Holy Curiosity

Rev. Walter Braman

We bequeath to our children.

UUth Choir performs. Lay leader: David Lovegrove

FEB. 8

Here Are Our Hands, Here Are Our Hearts:

Exploring Gabriel's Rebellion

Gigi Amateau

Gigi Amateau, the author of several critically-acclaimed books for young adults, will discuss her most recent historical novel, *Come August, Come Freedom: The Bellows, The Gallows, and the Black General Gabriel*, which tells the story, based on actual historical documents, of the life and trial of the man who led Virginia's first slave rebellion.

Lay leader: Steve Watkins

FEB. 15

The Stuff that Dreams are Made Of...

Rev. Walter Braman

This is a kickoff for our stewardship campaign.

Adult Choir performs. Lay leader: Nancy Michael

FEB. 22

Saving Nature

Rebecca Rubin

Rebecca Rubin, president and CEO of Fredericksburg-based environmental consulting company Marstel-Day, will talk about her lifetime of environmental activism, and what we need to do to save nature from the ravages of global climate change.

Lay leader: Anne Little

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF FREDERICKSBURG

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