



News & Notes

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. (April 13 & 27). For more information, contact Lee Criscuolo.

The **UU Women's Group** will check out a new restaurant, **Cornbread & Caviar**, on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. The restaurant is located at 570 Celebrate Virginia Pkwy., Suite 103, off of Rt. 17 in Stafford. Enjoy casual conversation, with no agenda, no action items, and no reservation needed—just drop by! This is a great way to get to know people, so newcomers are especially welcome. 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 for the schedule and details.

Throughout the year, don't forget to make your **Amazon.com** purchases by visiting 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.

22ND ANNUAL At Your Service Auction

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 - 6 PM



Get in on the fun as we celebrate our annual At-Your-Service Auction on **Saturday, April 11!** This popular fundraiser provides an opportunity to bid on great items and services while enjoying the company of UU friends. UUFFers stay busy throughout the year enjoying the wonderful offerings they've purchased at the auction, so don't miss out on this very special event.

When you arrive, you'll purchase an auction paddle for just \$10 (each family only needs to purchase one paddle). We'll provide all the instructions you need to make the bidding easy and fun. And to make payment easier than ever, we'll be accepting major credit cards for your purchases (Mastercard, Visa and American Express).

SILENT AUCTION. We kick off the event at 6:00 p.m. with our silent auction. This select group of items may include jewelry, craft items, home decor, practical products, gift certificates, plus a variety of unique and intriguing offerings. Bidding on these items will end promptly at 7:00 p.m. when the winning bidders will be announced.

BROWSE, CHAT, NOSH. While the silent auction is going on, we'll have time to mingle with friends, enjoy a buffet of finger foods and sweet treats, check out the items on display, and peruse the auction catalog, filled

with outings, parties, dinners, services, classes, specialty foods, art, crafts, and so much more.

LAUGHS GALORE! Our favorite auctioneer, Doug Wall, will return to lead the bidding action. He'll be ably assisted by Steve Watkins, and together they are sure to keep the evening flowing and the laughs coming. Even if you're not sure you want to bid, join us anyway—you won't want to miss out on the show!

FUN FOR ALL AGES. We'll provide free babysitting for children under 12 at this family-friendly event, and the pizza's on us, too! Kids 12 and older stay in the main hall during the auction and can join in the bidding excitement.

FOOD DONATIONS WELCOME. Donations of finger foods and desserts for our buffet table are appreciated. We hope to have our usual abundance of delicious treats.

ABSENTEE BIDDING. This year, we're again encouraging "absentee bidding" if you absolutely can't make the event. Just check out the catalog and send the items you'd like to bid on, with maximum bids, to Maryann Brown.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The auction takes many hands to help with refreshments, set-up, paddle assignment, bid recording, accounting, kitchen service, and clean-up. Contact Ainsley Brown if you can help.

AUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED!

The success of our At Your Service Auction fundraiser depends on your generous donations. If you haven't made your contribution yet, it's not too late to submit your donation forms.

To insure inclusion in the auction catalog, get your items in by **Sunday, March 29.** Contributions too late to make our catalog will appear in our supplement, available on auction night. However, items in the catalog

generate more interest and often higher bids, so it's best to submit your donation form by the deadline.

Auction forms are available at the Fellowship, via email from the office, or at the UUFF website, www.uuffva.org. Send your completed forms to Maryann Brown via email or snail mail, or leave forms in the envelope in the Fellowship foyer.

—Maryann Brown

FROM THE Minister's Desk

Rev. Walter Braman



In my early years in the ministry – the 1980s – I often heard members boast of UU worship and its absence of rites and rituals. Such a declaration often came from members who had come to our faith from the more ecclesiastical traditions.

I hear that little if at all now. We have come to understand and, I believe, truly appreciate our engagement in the rituals of Unitarian Universalist worship. They have become part of who we are.

Our Sunday services begin with the lighting of the chalice – not just a centering moment (although it does that, too), but a celebration of being together.

Would we start the year without the water communion which underscores our community by sharing the basic elements of our time apart during the summer? Of course not! It is such a reassurance that we are, most of all, a community and we belong together.

No candlelight service on Christmas Eve has ever left me unmoved. After the special music, readings and words, there is the beauty of that moment.

Religious Education has shared with us both the Coming of Age and the Bridging ceremonies that give us our assurance in the future of our community and our faith.

And there is the Flower Communion. This ritual acts out the meaning of fellowship when we bring into the service something of ourselves (flower) and send it out with another. It also tells the great story of creating, sharing and sacrifice of Norbert Capek.

On April 5, Easter Sunday, we will celebrate that communion. I invite you all to come, bring a flower or some greenery from your home and share with all.

I will make one special request. Let's do this ritual in the silence and dignity it deserves and be thankful for Capek's sacrifice and our beloved community.

At the end of the April 5 service, we will gather at the Memorial Garden and dedicate it to life and the members of the community. The circle of the life of the Fellowship will be complete.

Love to you all,
Walter



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Ethical Eating

My journey toward being a vegetarian began around 1992. My son, Andrew, was away at school and was a runner on the track team. He got to eat at the athlete's table and they were fed differently from the rest of the student body. They only ate vegetarian food. He could have moved to another part of the cafeteria to eat with everyone else but he chose to stay with the vegetarian food because he liked it.

When he would come home on breaks and in the summer, he would ask that I prepare some of the foods that he had gotten used to at school. It was a steep learning curve for me. And it was a major pain in the neck because I felt like I still had to make a "regular" meal for the rest of us.

After a while, I got used to the idea. I read about being a vegetarian and learned that it was a very healthy way to

eat, with plenty of protein. I also became aware of the animals that I was eating and the wretched way they had come to be on my plate. And much later I learned that eating vegetables is one of the best ways to keep our planet clean and to slow climate change. I eased into a plant-based diet and found that I liked it.

Now I have learned that the Unitarian Universalist Animal Ministry, www.uuam.org, is urging UUs to eat healthy, environmentally responsible, and humane diets. Here is a statement from this group of UU ministers and seminarians, which includes Rev. Jeff Jones among many others:

As Unitarian Universalist Ministers and Seminarians faithful to conscience and committed to building a more compassionate world, we call upon our colleagues and congregations to join us in striving for more environmentally responsible, humane and healthy diets. We're on a path and invite you to join us. We've learned that factory farms not only damage American communities and devastate ecosystems with their profligate pollu-

tion, but also subject billions of sentient creatures to tremendous suffering.

We've learned that moving toward plant-based diets does more to slow global warming than replacing SUVs with compact hybrids. We're beginning to understand the power of our own plates. Recognizing the moral claims of justice, our obligation to future generations, and the oneness of all life, we invite you to join us: vegetarians and vegans for whom conscious food choices have become some of our most important spiritual practices.

As UUs we believe in the inherent worth and dignity of all beings. This includes the factory farmed animals that are slaughtered under conditions that would constitute a criminal felony if perpetrated against a domestic dog or cat or wildlife. I want to join other UUs who are joining together to help these animals. I have just joined the UUAM. And thanks to you who have chosen to eat mindfully and conscientiously. I am grateful that I belong to a religion that supports ethical eating.

–Jane Ellen Teller



Look at me—all business-like today. No time for deep thoughts and flowery words. No sir. This month’s article is all about letting you, the members of this Fellowship and the parents of these children, know what is in store for the rest of this instructional year (and a little beyond...). So without further ado...

This month:

Sunday, April 5 – Happy Passover! Happy Easter! The children’s choir will be singing for us that day and the now annual Easter Egg Hunt will happen very shortly after the service is over. Please bring 12 plastic eggs filled with allergy-free goodies for each child who will be participating in the fun and perhaps a basket for collecting their finds. And parents, please remind your children that they may only take away as many eggs as they bring.

Wednesday, April 22 – Please join Kirsten Willis and the members of the Religious Education Committee at 6:30 p.m. to discuss thoughts on a new curriculum rotation. Parents of children registered in the program will receive an e-mail soon with the current rotation and thoughts on possible options for a new four-year plan, but all are welcome to attend! You do not have to be a parent

or guardian of a child in the program to participate in the conversation. Feel free to call or write if you would like to receive the informational e-mail.

Next month:

Saturday, May 2, 9, & 16 – High School OWL for 11th and 12th graders with Lee Criscuolo and Hugh Teller. More details to come!

Friday, May 8 – This is the final Parents’ Night Out fundraiser for the year! Your child/children will be cared for in a safe but fun-filled environment while you take the night off and have a little “you time.” The cost is \$15 for the first child in a family, \$10 for each additional child. Drop off is at 6:00. Enjoy an evening out but be back for pick up at 10:00. Please be in touch with Kirsten Willis if you plan to attend or if you’d like to help out!

Sunday, May 31: Please do not miss our intergenerational RE Service. The kids will amuse and amaze you with all they have learned this year! And in a break from tradition, we will also take some time that morning to celebrate our Bridging Seniors, Christie Johns, Caroline McNichols and Sky Wilson. I’m even working on a new bridge. You want to be there for that!

And finally, the month after that:

Sunday, June 7 – Mark the last performance for the 7th season of our Uuth Choir which is also Music Committee Sunday. Come sing with us!

Sunday, June 14 – brings our instructional year to a close with the ever popular, ever delicious End-of-Year Ice Cream Social. This event has become a tradition here at the UUFF, allowing us all to celebrate a wonderful year of Religious Education and it also gives us the opportunity to thank everyone who has spent time in the classroom with these awesome kids! We will provide beverages, vanilla and chocolate ice cream, basic sundae toppings and bowls to put all that yummy goodness in! Prefer something else? Bring it along! Offerings to our Sundae Bar are welcome but not required. And volunteers? Please stop in for a treat and let us thank you for all your hard work.

I think that’s it. Of course, there is scheduling for summer Sundays which has already begun and will continue until all of the class slots are filled. Do you have something you might want to share with the kiddos over the summer? Let me know!

NOW that’s it.

–Chris Johns

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



We need your input (yes you!) for selecting our social justice project for the upcoming year. We invite UUFF members and friends to vote on potential topics before or after the service on Sunday, April 5 and Sunday, April 12. We will have ballots at a table in the lobby. Make your voice heard on issues of concern to you in our community! The Fellowship will vote on our committee’s selection at the annual meeting on May 17.

Party Time! We have partnered with Virginia Organizing’s Fredericksburg chapter for many events. They have done and continue to do amazing work in our community regarding Medicaid expansion, immigration reform, dismantling racism, voting rights restoration, and many other social justice issues. They will be celebrating their 20th anniversary on Friday, April 3 at the Ponshop at 712 Caroline St. from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the door. For more info, contact addie@virginia-organizing.org.

–Jenny Bishop

COMMUNITY ACTION CORNER



Community Action needs volunteers for **Re-building Together** (formerly Christmas in April) the last Saturday in April (25th). We will be doing repairs on an older house for a low income elderly person. We will be glad for any time you can contribute. Lunch will be provided. If you have home repair skills or just want to help, please contact Curt Swinburne.

For more information on the local organization, visit www.rebuildingtogetherfbg.org/Pages/affiliates.aspx.

–Curt Swinburne

SHARING OUR *Abundance*



YOUR PLEDGE OF SUPPORT

To those who have already pledged to support our wonderful UUFF community, we offer our sincere gratitude. At press time, our pledge goal was in sight, but we are not quite there yet. As our Stewardship Campaign approaches completion, there is still time for you to add your pledge to our efforts to put us over the top and achieve our goal of \$216,781.

As we prepare to call our next minister, your pledge helps us provide the financial foundation necessary to fund a vibrant full-time ministry. And we need to do this while we also continue to support our talented staff, our beautiful building, and our expanding programs. Please give as generously as you can.

Pledge forms are available from Kit Carver and can be returned to her or to the UUFF at 25 Chalice Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22405.

—Stewardship Committee

ArtsBeat

Well, spring is here but the lingering snow and threatening storms have messed with all our schedules and lives up to now, but let's hope with the arrival of the bunny that warm weather is "hare" to stay. The Adult Choir is as busy as ever. Upcoming pieces include "How Can I Keep from Singing?," "Gate, Gate," "Keep Your Lamps" and "In Paradisum."

Handchimes' March 1st performance of "Ashoken Farewell" and "Shenandoah" was snowed out. We will be performing these pieces at our May 3rd service.

In the arts about town, **Mary Lazar** has been March's featured artist at Artful Dimensions Gallery at 911 Charles St. Artful Dimensions is next door to Castiglia's Italian Restaurant and the title of the show is Batik Innovations – a 2000 year old tradition continues. The show features her hand painted and batik scarves made in the traditional Indonesian style and some made in a uniquely 21st century adaptation. There are just a few days left in March so catch it while you can.

Also, **Lynda Allen** and **Amy Bayne** are participating in The Art of Poetry. In celebration of National Poetry Month, local artists and poets have teamed up at Water Street Studio on Sophia Street to illustrate the influences that art and

writing have on one another. Come out and view their inventive collaboration and join the festivities on First Friday, April 3, 2015. The show will run through the entire month of April.

9 to 5 has opened at Riverside. I music directed this one that guest stars Sally Struthers and features UU friend **Kendall Mostafavi** in the ensemble. It is selling briskly, so get your tickets fast. **9 to 5** plays March 7 through May 3.

Out of town, sometime singer with the choir and my sister-in-law, **Mary Anne Furey**, continues on the road with the spring tour of *Jack and the Beanstalk* through Virginia Rep's Theater IV.

If you are involved in an arts activity and would like me to make mention of it in a future Arts Beat, please drop me an e-mail with subject heading "Arts Beat" with some information. I would love to know more about what our Fellowship is up to, and would be happy to include it in an upcoming newsletter.

Adult Choir rehearses 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Handchimes rehearses 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays, and UUth Choir is on Sunday mornings at 11:45 a.m. I hope to see you there. Namaste.

—Jason Michael, Music Director



VEGETARIAN GROUP



Vegan Desserts

Being a vegan means no butter, eggs or milk/cream when making a dessert. Does this mean vegans are deprived of desserts? No! Go to www.morselsand-moonshine.com and discover how delicious and creative vegan desserts can be.

Aileen Metcalf fuses her love of writing with her passion for mindful eating. On her vegan dessert blog, *Morsels & Moonshine*, Aileen focuses on using sustainable whole foods without compromising flavor.

Aileen will be our speaker for the next vegetarian meeting. She will share her ideas of incorporating more whole foods into our vegan baking and she will do a dessert demonstration that we can taste!

Join us at the Fellowship on Saturday, April 4 from 11:30-1:00 for a vegetarian potluck and for the opportunity to learn from this talented chef. All are welcome. Bring a vegetarian potluck dish (or small donation) and enjoy meeting people from our community that come to this group. If you need additional information, please contact Gloria Lloyd.



—Gloria Lloyd

Carrot Cake Blondies with Spiced Rum
from *Morsels & Moonshine* blog.

UU Young Adult Nature Conference

April 17, 6 pm to April 19, 9 am
First UU Church of Richmond

Enjoy a weekend of worship, workshops, and intentional community put on by Virginia Unitarian Universalist Young Adults (VUUYA). All UU young adults (ages 18 to 35) and young adults who don't identify as UU are welcome! Bring your sleeping bags/air mattresses as we'll be sleeping at the church. Register here: www.formdesk.com/UUASR/VUUYA2015. Last day to register is April 9.

MINISTERIAL SEARCH UPDATE



Nearing the Finish Line!

From mid-February to mid-March, the ministerial search committee spent weekends with our top ministerial candidates. (Did you miss us?) Activities included tours of our Fellowship building and the Fredericksburg area, hours of thoughtful conversation that included a free-flowing exchange of ideas and questions, and the opportunity to watch and listen as candidates preached and interacted with congregants on Sunday morning at neutral pulpits. From our insightful discussions, congenial shared meals, and sometimes lengthy car trips, we got to know each candidate personally.

Once we completed our neutral pulpit weekends, we needed to decide which candidates rose to the very top of our list. This decision was aided by a thorough interviewing of each candidate's references. The references were candid about strengths and challenges, and generally

confirmed our impressions. We were able to get a clear sense of how the candidates had handled a variety of congregational issues, and got further insight into character, personality and pulpit presence.

Candidating Week

According to UUA protocol for all congregations in search, we will make our offer to our chosen minister at noon on April 2. Once we have an accepted offer, we can begin to plan our Candidating Week events. We have tentatively arranged this week for Saturday, April 25 through Sunday, May 3.

Candidating Week will give every member of our congregation the opportunity to get to know the candidate personally and professionally. The minister will lead two Sunday services, at the beginning and at the end of the week. During the week, there will be a full schedule of social gatherings, shared meals, and

meetings with lay leaders, committees, groups and staff. Our candidate will get a good picture of who we are and how we create community.

Immediately following the Sunday service that closes Candidating Week, the congregation will vote on whether to approve the calling of the minister. Our bylaws require an 80% "yes" vote of those attending, although most ministers hope for a vote of at least 95% to insure that the ministry will be as successful as possible.

We will keep you posted on the details of this process as they develop. We will send out information about who the minister is as soon as possible, with full details on Candidating Week activities to follow as they are scheduled. Stay tuned for exciting times ahead!

– Ministerial Search Committee

Easter Sunday Flower Communion

Our traditional **Flower Communion** will be a part of our service on Easter Sunday, April 5. In this seasonal observance, we share with each other in a ritual of connection, both giving and receiving the gift of a flower. We ask that you bring flowers on this day – a single flower or bouquet, blooms or greens, purchased or from your garden.

We will also dedicate our Memorial Garden at the end of the service on April 5. This ceremony will include brief words and readings.



Congratulations to **Steve Watkins** on the March publication of his latest novel for middle grade readers, *Lost at Khe Sanh*. This is the second in the *Ghosts of War* historical mystery series, and focuses on the Vietnam War. The book is dedicated to two veterans who served during the Vietnam War, including our own **Ray Davis**.

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. Visit our website at uuffva.org/home/congregational-life/interest-groups/sunday-discussion-group. All are welcome to participate or just sit in on discussions of interest.

April 5: Should the federal government require vaccinations for children?

April 19: Can taxes be made fairer?

–Steve Sanders

IN OUR HEARTS

We send our love and healing wishes to **Gary Barnes**, who has been receiving treatment for multiple myeloma and kidney failure. Gary was hospitalized for three weeks, and has been receiving rehab services to regain his strength. We are keeping Gary, Paula and their family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult health challenge.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Decisions need to be made! Policies decided! It is time to meet and begin to decide how we are going to proceed with the Memorial Garden.

Come to the Fellowship on Wednesday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m. to add your voice. All are welcome.

–Kit Carver



Tidewater Cluster Meeting

On April 25, the seven congregations in the Tidewater Cluster will gather at the UU Community Church in Glen Allen for their annual meeting. This is an opportunity to meet UUs in our area and to work together to share ideas and solve our common problems.

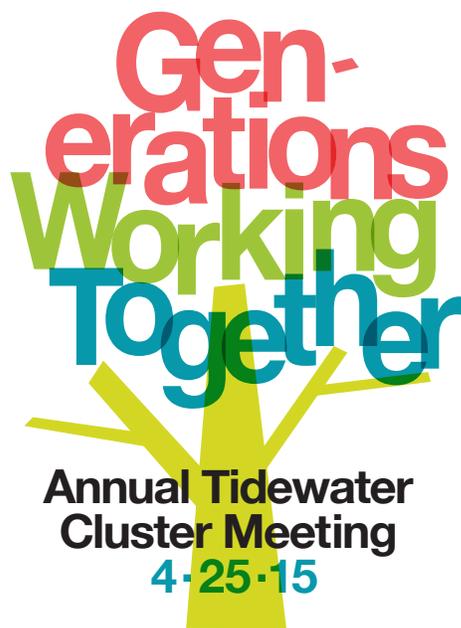
This year's meeting will feature a keynote speech and workshop about Generations Working Together presented by UU Intern Minister Kimberley Debus. I had an opportunity to attend Kimberley's presentation at General Assembly and found the information invaluable with regard to the work I do as a volunteer with UUFF, as well as in my professional life. It was enlightening to learn how people in different generations view situations differently, and how we can work together for the benefit of all.

There will also be a workshop on Stewardship in its broader definition of caring for and nurturing our UU community. Additional workshops will discuss Religious Education, Social Justice, Fellowship, and Music. The registration fee of \$17 includes lunch for those who pre-register by April 23; child care is also available at no charge (advance registration is required). For registration information, go to UCCGlenAllen.org and click on UCC Happenings. For more information, please call Denominational Affairs Chair Lois Colbridge.

UU Beyond FF

On Sunday, March 8, 2015, hundreds of Unitarian Universalists, dressed in Standing on the Side of Love gear, marched with tens of thousands of people across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, to honor the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

Prior to the march, Unitarian Universalists and interfaith partners participated in a 4-day conference called Marching in the Arc of Justice: A Conference Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Selma Voting Rights Campaign in Birmingham, Alabama, sponsored by the Living Legacy Project and the Unitarian Universalist Association. The conference was designed to



Annual Tidewater Cluster Meeting
4-25-15

share ideas!

Find Out How Other Local UU Churches Do Things

Meet new people, make new friends, learn new approaches

The workshops will include one from our keynote speaker, **Kimberley Debus**, on how to encourage church members of all ages to work together.

The lay-led workshops include Religious Education, Stewardship, Social Justice, Fellowship and Music. With registration, you will get a boxed lunch (Turkey or ham sandwich or veggie wrap, with chips, a pickle, and a cookie. Sandwiches can be made with gluten-free bread.) Childcare is available if you register in advance. *Fee \$17, scholarships available.*

Register today by visiting

UCCGlenAllen.org

Click on **UCC Happenings**

you're invited!

The Third Annual Tidewater Cluster Meeting

Generations Working Together

when

Saturday,
April 25, 2015
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

where

Unitarian Universalist
Community Church
11105 Cauthorne Rd,
Glen Allen, VA 23059
Ph: (804) 752-6005

registration

\$17 includes
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in advance

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Rappahannock,
Richmond, and
Williamsburg

create an experience that would allow participants to learn about civil rights history and move forward for racial justice.

There was a ceremony honoring the families of civil rights martyrs Jimmie Lee Jackson, Rev. James Reeb and Viola Liuzzo. Mrs. Liuzzo was a UU civil rights activist from Michigan who participated in the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery. She died after being shot by members of the Ku Klux Klan while

driving back from a trip shuttling fellow activists to the Montgomery airport. Rev. Reeb was a UU minister who was severely beaten by white segregationists while participating in the Selma voting rights movement. He died of head injuries. Mr. Jackson was a civil rights activist who died after being beaten and shot by troopers in his hometown of Marion, Alabama. His death inspired the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march.

—Lois Colbridge

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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SUNDAY SERVICES

ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM

APRIL 5

Easter Service, Rev. Walter Braman

The service will include our traditional flower communion and the dedication of the Memorial Garden.

UUth Choir performs. Lay leader: Lee Criscuolo

APRIL 12

The Stalled Gender Revolution: Gender (In)Equality at Work and Home, Miriam Liss

Miriam Liss, UMW Professor of Psychology, is a clinical psychologist and has conducted research on parenting, division of labor and work-family balance. She is the co-author of *Balancing the Big Stuff: Finding Happiness in Work, Family and Life*.

Lay leader: Patrick Neustatter

APRIL 19

Avoiding the Edifice Complex, Rev. Walter Braman

How to love and use our building.

Lay leader: Susan Calhoun-Sousie

APRIL 26

Candidating Week Service, Ministerial Candidate

Candidating Week is scheduled for April 25-May 3.

Our ministerial candidate will preach this Sunday and next.

Adult Choir performs. Lay leader: Carmela Southers

Candidating Week scheduling is tentative at press time. Check announcements and www.uuffva.org for confirmed information.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF FREDERICKSBURG

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The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fredericksburg fosters a welcoming and intentionally diverse community of those who seek philosophical, spiritual, intellectual or religious growth in a forum of mutual respect. Affirming the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we value social justice, respect the interdependence of all life and are united by a desire to make ethical decisions on issues of mutual concern.

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Submit articles to Maryann Brown.