



## News & Notes

**Our Flower Communion** will be a part of our service on April 20 (Easter). In this seasonal observance, we share flowers with each other in a ritual of connection. Please remember to bring flowers on this day— a single flower or bouquet, blooms or greens, purchased or from your garden.

**Join the UU Women's Group** on Monday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Taj Indian Cuisine in the Greenbrier Shopping Center, 2032 Plank Road. 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 always welcome. Check out "[UUFF Women's Group](#)" on Facebook.

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

**Music makers** of all ages, levels, and instruments are welcome to join our **Monday Music Gathering**, which meets every other Monday in the high school classroom from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (April 7 and 21). For more info, contact Lee Criscuolo.

**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.

**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. The UUFF earns money with every purchase that results from a click-through from our website.

## 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL At Your Service Auction

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12 • 6 PM**



Get in on the fun as we celebrate our annual At-Your-Service Auction on **Saturday, April 12!** 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 \$5 (each family only needs to purchase one paddle). We'll provide all the instructions you need to make the bidding easy and fun.

**SILENT AUCTION.** We kick off the event at 6:00 p.m. with our silent auction. This select group of items may include artwork, crafts, jewelry, children's items, 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, household services, classes, specialty foods, art, crafts, and so much more.

**LAUGHS GALORE!** Once again, Doug Wall and Mike Feinman will be our auctioneers, keeping 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 this duo's act.

**FUN FOR ALL AGES.** We'll provide the babysitters for this family-friendly event, for children under 12. 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 Doug Wall 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 30.** 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](http://www.uuffva.org). Send your completed forms to Maryann Brown via email, snail mail, or leave forms in the envelope in the Fellowship foyer.

—Maryann Brown

## FROM THE Minister's Desk

Rev. Walter Braman



**"Many voices  
with a single heart."**

—John Maxwell

This is a follow-up to the service on March 16. On that day we talked about the formation of a search committee for a called full-time minister and, I am pleased to say, the idea was well received by those present.

In her column, Diane Elstein recaps the questions and points to consider in the process of selecting members of the committee and I will leave that to her.

I would just like to reiterate some of the points I made during the presentation. While Diane talks about selecting members, I would like to talk about you. Some of you will be considered for this position. Before you say yes, I want you to consider what it means to be on the search committee.

First, over the time of the search process, you will put in roughly 400 to 600 hours of hard work. Those hours will NOT be evenly distributed.

You need to approach committee participation with goals and ideas of your own that can be changed, tweaked, turned upside down, and rearranged beyond recognition, and be accepting and enthusiastic about it.

You need to know the art of compromise and be willing to not get all you want.

Egos and "gotta haves" are to be left outside the meetings.

Above all, confidentiality is of prime importance.

There is probably no other activity in congregational life (okay, moving to a new building may vie with this) which will be more frustrating. You will be exhausted. You will fight. You will experience setbacks. You will quit at least every other meeting.

So why accept a call to the search committee? Because you love this community and the community needs you. And you are not likely to find a more rewarding experience in your life in this community.

Is it worth it? Oh, yes!

Love to you all,  
Walter

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



### One Last Push For Our Pledge Campaign

I'd like to thank this wonderful community for its generous pledges. You have responded to this important campaign beautifully. I'd also like to thank a truly remarkable Stewardship Committee consisting of Kit Carver at the helm, working along with Jim Yeatts, Paula Barnes, Ray Davis, Randy Walther and Bill Brooks.

We're really close to meeting what has been an ambitious goal, but we're not quite there. So, we're making one final appeal to those who have not pledged, and to those who have pledged but may be in a position to augment their contribution.

Why this final push? As we seek to hire a full-time minister, we must show a year in advance that we can support the additional costs beyond those associated with the part-time ministry we now have.

What's more, those funds have to be sufficient to attract and sustain the dynamic minister many of us indicated we wanted during the recent visioning meetings.

We now stand within range of meeting our goal. Anything you can do to help us get there would be greatly appreciated!

### Selecting the Ministerial Search Committee

Given that we're close to reaching our pledge goal, the next step toward full-time ministry will be to form a Ministerial Search Committee (MSC).

The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) emphasizes having a congregation's participation in selecting this seven-member committee. Believing it important to follow this inclusive process, we will be asking UUFF members for their opinions.

So, either in person, by email, or by phone, all members will be invited to list up to seven members they would like to see on this committee. The 10-13 people most often mentioned will be identified. Who is a member? The current UUFF directory designates them with an asterisk. If you need a directory, email [uuff@verizon.net](mailto:uuff@verizon.net) and Nancy Cahill will send you one as a PDF file.

Those 10-13 people will then be asked if they're interested in being on the MSC. Board members (listed in the front of the directory) and standing committee chairs (listed in the back of the directory) will not be able to serve on the MSC. However,

if they did receive enough nominations, they could choose to leave their positions and serve on the MSC, if elected.

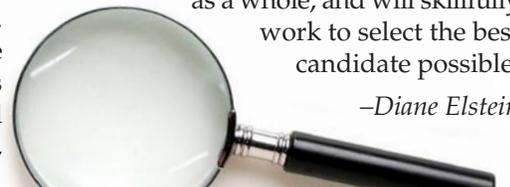
A written ballot is then prepared with names listed alphabetically and the voting takes place at a congregational meeting. The congregation elects four members to serve on the MSC. As recommended by the UUA, the Board will select the other three to help with representative balance.

What are recommended qualities for those serving on an MSC? They should

1. Be congregation members, but not employees;
2. Work well with others;
3. Be interested in the whole congregation and not just one aspect (e.g. not just look out for RE, or social justice, etc.);
4. Have been active in the congregation and shown to be responsible leaders and responsible participants; and
5. Know the history and culture of the congregation.

I believe that with your input, we'll select a ministerial search committee that will faithfully work on behalf of the UUFF as a whole, and will skillfully work to select the best candidate possible.

—Diane Elstein





So I was right about that whole “March coming in like a lion” thing. Frankly, it looks like it might go out the same way, but I digress...

I need to bring up something hard this month and I ask you to listen (well, read...) with an open heart. Something about the realization that I was right about March got me to thinking about first impressions in general. How do I come off? I like to think of myself as open and friendly and approachable and sometimes I am. But sometimes I know I can come off as curt, condescending even, especially when I lead with my stress. Not something I am proud of but I do my best. Like many, I am a very busy person and sometimes getting caught up in all that busy-ness leaves little room for niceties. It’s not pretty, but there you have it.

Knowing it was coming up on news-letter time got me thinking about us. And

get ready: here comes the hard part. As your Director of Religious Education, I get to see the new families who are streaming into our Fellowship almost weekly. And I wonder what our first impression is. Are we coming off as the open-minded, welcoming people that we strive to be? I can tell you that the answer is “not always.”

If there is one thing I have learned about being a Unitarian Universalist, it is this. Some of us have come here from secular humanist backgrounds looking for community and like-minded camaraderie. A few of us are even cradle UUs! But many—dare I say most—of us (myself included) have come here after being wounded by the religion of our childhood. And as much as I hate to say it, in my role as DRE, I have noticed that sometimes we lead with our pain. And I worry about that.

I have heard things from both children and adults that may not sound

very welcoming to people from certain traditions. I understand why these things might be said because I understand the hurt all too well. But some of those things may be off-putting to those eager new faces showing up each week AND to the visitors who show up here to support their UU friends and families, only to return to their home churches with less than warm, fuzzy feelings.

As we roll into April, a time of rebirth and new beginnings in so many traditions, spiritual and non-spiritual alike, let us remember to lead with our principles, especially the very first one that affirms the inherent worth and dignity of all people. Let’s not lead with our pain or even our personal beliefs. There will be time to share all those things and more, after we have made a wonderful first impression.

—Chris Johns

## Dinner & A Show: Family Night

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Disney · PIXAR

# BRAVE



**SATURDAY, APRIL 5 • 5:00 PM**

The young and the young at heart are invited to this special family dinner and a show at the Fellowship on Saturday, April 5. First, we’ll enjoy a potluck of kid-friendly foods at 5:00 p.m. Wear your jammies and bring your pillows and blankets, because at 5:45, we’ll cozy up in front of the movie screen, slumber party-style, to watch the Academy Award-winning animated Disney/Pixar film, *Brave*. Your favorite stuffed animals are welcome to join us!

Set in the Scottish highlands, *Brave* tells the story of Merida, a princess who causes chaos in the kingdom by rebelling against the tradition that she marry, seeking instead to make her own path in life. Merida must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse. The film won the Academy Award for Best Animated Film.

Please bring a potluck dish to share. The Friendship Committee will provide drinks and paper products, or you can bring your own. No childcare is necessary, since even the youngest tots can enjoy the evening’s entertainment. We hope to see you there!

—Friendship Committee



## Sunday Discussion Group

The Sunday Discussion Group meets after the service on most first, third, and fifth Sundays from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in the Clara Barton (Board) room. If you are not on the regular discussion group email distribution and wish to be informed of the meetings, please email Stew Engel. Visit our website at <http://uuffva.org/home/congregational-life/interest-groups/sunday-discussion-group>. All are welcome to participate or just sit in on discussions of interest.

The topics scheduled for the near future are:

- April 6:** *How should we curb income inequality?*
- April 20:** *Legalized pot – What are the implications for America?*

—Stew Engel

# COMMUNITY ACTION CORNER

Gather your friends, family, and coworkers and join Mental Health America of Fredericksburg for their

## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Walk for Mental Wellness



**Saturday, May 3**  
Hurkamp Park,  
Downtown Fredericksburg

### SCHEDULE

- 9 am-noon: Fun, games & refreshments
- 9:00 am: Check-in. Register online for \$25 before May 1; \$30 otherwise. Arrive early!
- 9:30 am: Warm-up
- 9:45 am: Sponsor & Team Recognition
- 10:00 am: 1 Mile & 3 Mile Walk
- Noon: Awards ceremony & live entertainment

**Silent auction** featuring art by local artists, gift baskets, and more!

Come out and support our mission while enjoying a walk with your friends and neighbors. Assisting the community has never been so easy or fun. Set your own personal goal and show your commitment to the cause!

*Form a team to multiply the fun!*

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[mhafred.org/walk2014](http://mhafred.org/walk2014)

—Curt Swinburne



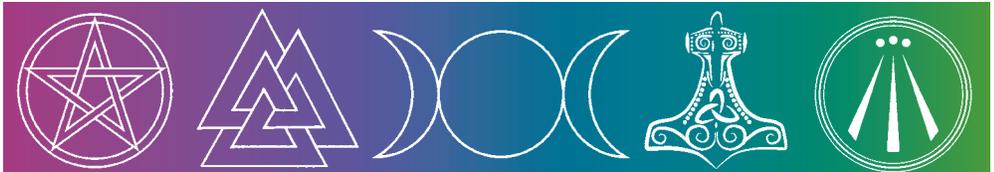
## Earth Centered Community Circle Forming

Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 pm

The Earth Centered Community Circle has worked out details about how we'd like to meet and what we'd like to experience. At least initially, we will be meeting on the first Sunday of each month from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Fellowship—plan to bring lunch. We will also plan at least one other get-together each month to get outside for a short hike in the woods together, sitting by the Rappahannock watching the water go by, enjoying each others' gardens, stargazing, roasting marshmallows around a fire, or other outdoor adventure or service that we can imagine. Spiritual practice takes all forms.

The intention, like other community circles, is to build real spiritual connections with each other as we also find connection with the earth around us. All are welcome, at least initially, until we establish a reasonably-sized group that is committed to getting to know each other, learning, growing, and experiencing together. Please contact Craig Cherry if you are interested or have questions.

—Craig Cherry



## WHICH WITCH IS WHICH?

Saturday, April 26 at 1:00 pm

The UUFF takes a big step to connect with and learn from various practicing pagans from around the Fredericksburg area by hosting a moderated panel discussion. Paganism is broadly defined as an umbrella term for many nature-based religions and belief systems. This discussion is intended to dispel many of the myths surrounding pagan beliefs.

The panelists will include individuals from Traditional Witchcraft, Non-Traditional Witchcraft, Heathen, Asatru, Druid, Shaman, Eclectic Pagan, Wicca, and even more general earth-centered perspectives of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans. What are the similarities and differences in lore and approach to these various paths? What do pagans do? What is the relationship between paganism and more familiar religions? How do pagans worship?

Anyone from our community and beyond is encouraged to come learn about the various paths of paganism by asking questions of the panelists and listening to the perspectives of people that have been part of paganism for years. Come experience how these area pagans identify with our seventh principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

This panel discussion is being organized by not only the UUFF Earth Centered Celebrations group, but also by area pagans that brought the idea to us. Please contact Craig Cherry for more info.

—Craig Cherry

## Stewardship Campaign Ends on a High Note

Thanks to the generosity of our UUFF community, the stewardship campaign has raised over \$200,000 towards our pledge goal, more than any other year. At our visioning meetings, our desire for a return to full-time ministry came through loud and clear, and our stewardship efforts kept this objective in mind: to raise the additional funds necessary to fund and support a full-time minister. Today, that goal is in sight.

To celebrate our collective efforts, we threw ourselves a Stewardship Party on March 22. Our marvelous party planner, Paula Barnes, and her crew of able assistants pulled out all the stops to make sure we had a fantastic time. We feasted at the Mexican-style buffet, laughed as we donned goofy props at the photo booth, marveled at the beauty of our glitter tattoos by Shirley Barnes, and danced the night away to the classic rock standards of the band, Reunion.

Although the campaign has officially ended, there is still time for you to add your pledge to our efforts to put us over the top and achieve our goal of \$214,030. 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

## COFFEE TALK

We extend a warm welcome to our newest UUFF members: **Sarah Dewees**, **Susan Kosior**, and **Ellie Brown**. Ellie plans to attend the UUA's General Assembly in Providence in June, and her membership makes her eligible to be a voting delegate.

Congratulations to **Gary and Paula Barnes** on the birth of their first great grandchild, a girl named **Ryan Aubrey Barnes-Childs**, born on March 12. The proud parents are **Madison Barnes** and **Ryan Childs**. Baby Ryan made her first UUFF appearance at our Stewardship Party at the tender age of 10 days!

## VEGETARIAN GROUP



### Rikki's Refuge: a forever home for all

There are hundreds of animal sanctuaries in the United States, and many more worldwide. People send money to them, support them with their hearts, and spread the word of their work through Facebook or email, and yet often never set foot in one. On **Saturday, April 5, from 11:30-1:00**, the Veg Group will have a special guest speaker from Rikki's Refuge, a Virginia animal sanctuary, who will tell us about the special work done there. We will even get the opportunity to meet some of the animals who call Rikki's Refuge their home!

Who was Rikki? In 1996, a local family said goodbye to their 15 year-old cat, Rikki, named after the mongoose in Rudyard Kipling's *Rikki Tikki Tavi*. When he passed, they grieved, and for two years, they felt that something was missing. When the family heard that an all-species, no-kill sanctuary was in the works, but needed money to purchase the land, they decided to honor Rikki by fulfilling that need. Rikki's Refuge was thus established.

Today, the refuge sits on 367 acres in Orange County, Virginia. It is supported

only by donations and the work of many volunteers (including some Veg Group members!). Rikki's is home to over 1200 animals of over 20 different species, including cats, sheep, pigs, emus, and peacocks. They work to educate people on the humane treatment of animals, especially spaying and neutering, and preserve the land for migratory birds and local flora and fauna. Of course, they provide lifelong care to their animal residents!

So come join us for this very special Veg Group meeting, which will start with "the best meal in town" – our veg potluck! Gluten-free or raw dishes are especially welcome. If you are new to this type of cooking and eating, just bring yourself and a small donation. Silverware, plates, cups, and cloth napkins are provided. We always have extra to share! All are welcome – you do not need to be a vegetarian to enjoy the good food and fellowship. Bring your friends, family, and little ones! We also offer support, a lending library of books and videos, recipes and ideas! Questions? Contact Gloria Lloyd or Christine Carlson.

—Christine Carlson



## Worldwide Vegan Bake Sale

### at Fredericksburg Earth Day

Do you love good food? Do you love to help animals? Join the Veg Group at the Fredericksburg Earth Day event! On **Saturday, April 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00:00 p.m.** at Old Mill Park in Fredericksburg, we will be selling amazing vegan baked goods (gluten-free, nut-free, and doggie treats included!), with all profits to go to the Fredericksburg Regional SPCA. Stay for the fun events at Earth Day downtown!

—Christine Carlson



## Immigration Activities

### CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

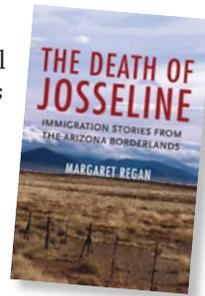
On **March 28**, area immigrant supporters will meet in the community room of the *Free Lance-Star* from 6:30-8:30 p.m., to begin to develop a statewide curriculum about civic responsibility. The educational model is the popular education of the "Freedom Schools" in the South during the 1950s and 60s. Contact Pat Smith for more information. There is also a statewide "Freedom Schools" phone conference on April 8.

### TIDEWATER CLUSTER MEETING

On **March 29**, we will participate in our UU Tidewater Cluster Meeting in Newport News. Mason Moseley of Newport News will present our work in developing the statewide network of UUs, named the UU Legislative Ministry of Virginia. Vashtye Ferguson, Barry Clark, Becky Reed, Chris Folger and Pat Smith have participated in the development of this organization, and may be contacted for more information.

### BOOK DISCUSSION

On **April 17**, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Thoreau Room, we will be discussing the book, *The Death of Josseline: Immigration Stories from the Arizona Borderland*, by Margaret Regan. The book examines the relationship of public policy and the loss of thousands of migrant lives along the Arizona-Mexico border. We see from the eyes of migrants why they risk their lives to come here. All are welcome to what promises to be a lively discussion.



### ESL TRAINING

On **April 24 and May 8**, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Jenny Bishop will have ESL (English as a Second Language) training for potential UU teachers. We will have an 8-session class this summer to help area adult immigrants become more proficient in English through conversation. We will also help with the needs of each individual, such as Citizenship Exam assistance. For more information, please contact Vashtye Ferguson, Chris Folger, or Pat Smith.

—Pat Smith

## UUA Debuts New Logo

In February, the Unitarian Universalist Association unveiled a new logo as part of an initiative to reach out to those who are unchurched. The denomination's website, [uua.org](http://uua.org), is being redesigned to focus more on religious seekers. And the UUA is developing other resources for congregations, regional groups, and the national association to use.

The UUA hired Proverb, a brand development company, last year. "We asked them not simply to design a new logo for us, but to help us look at ourselves differently," said Dr. Terasa Cooley, the UUA's Program and Strategy Officer. The consultants, who researched the UUA's image in the larger community, found that the UUA is known for progressive and inclusive behavior. At the same time, non-UUs found it hard to differentiate UUism from other religions because of its Protestant-style worship, unclear messaging, aging membership, lack of clarity about beliefs, and a lack of consistency in congregations.

"We're trying to reach a generation of people who are not coming out of religious backgrounds," Cooley said. "They have no pattern of church and they have many other choices on Sunday morning besides church. We have to get really clear on what we have to offer."

—excerpted from a UUA.org article by Donald E. Skinner



## Southern Region Annual Meetings

All four districts of the Southern Region will hold their annual meetings concurrently on April 25 and 26. The common theme is *Love Reaches Out*. Information, preliminary schedules, and registration forms, can be found at [www.seduua.org/aa2014.html](http://www.seduua.org/aa2014.html).

The Southeast District meeting will be hosted by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Raleigh, North Carolina. Jim Key, UUA Moderator, will give the keynote address simultaneously to all four meetings via the internet. Each meeting will have time to conduct its official business, including presentation of awards.

## Mountain Events

The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center offers programs for all ages, and hosts gatherings for a variety of organizations. Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Highlands, NC, the inspiring view from the 4200 ft. mountaintop is the perfect background for gatherings that refresh and enlighten.

### UU WOMENSPIRIT Celebrating Our Authentic Selves May 14-18

Come and enjoy a magical experience with an amazing group of women, rejuvenate your spirit, and nurture your authentic self with workshops, worship, evening activities, and sharing. For more information and registration details, visit [uuwomenspirit.org](http://uuwomenspirit.org).

### APPALACHIAN SPRING May 19-23

Enjoy "heaven on earth" at The Mountain, with music, dance, folklore, craft, history and more! *Appalachian Spring* will mix hands-on activities with sessions by Rev. Dr. Barry Whittemore about the history and folklore of the Great Smokies. Register by April 14 to save \$20 per person. For more information, visit [mountaincenters.org](http://mountaincenters.org).

# APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Mood Support Group 10:30 am <b>1</b> Adult Choir 7 pm Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i>	OWL 7 pm <b>2</b> Bldg. Your Own Theology 7 pm Handchimes 7:15 pm	Council of Committees 7 pm <b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	Vegetarian Group 11:30 am <b>5</b> Family Dinner & A Show 5 pm
Service 10:30 am <b>6</b> UUth Choir 11:45 am Sun. Discussion 12 noon Earth Centered Comm. Circle meeting 12:30	Music Gathering 6:30 pm <b>7</b>	Friendship Comm. 6:30 pm <i>Marriott</i> <b>8</b> Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i> Adult Choir 7 pm Music Comm. 8:30	OWL 7 pm <b>9</b> Bldg. Your Own Theology 7 pm Handchimes 7:15 pm	Board Meeting 7 pm <b>10</b> Great Books 7 pm <i>817 Caroline St.</i>	<b>11</b>	Vegan Bake Sale 11-3 <i>Old Mill Park</i> Knitting Circle 12 noon At Your Service Auction 6 pm <b>12</b>
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Service 10:30 am <b>27</b> UUth Choir 11:45 am Life Preservers 3 pm <i>Pinschmidts'</i>	<b>28</b>	Adult Choir 7 pm <b>29</b> Men's Group 7 pm <i>Primavera</i>	Bldg. Your Own Theology 7 pm <b>30</b> Handchimes 7:15	<b>SAVE THE DATE:</b> <b>May 18, UUFF Annual Meeting</b>		

## SUNDAY SERVICES

ONE SERVICE AT 10:30 AM

APRIL 6

**The Care and Feeding of Ministers, Rev. Walter Braman**

Once one is called, what do you do?

*The UUth Choir will perform.*

APRIL 13

**What is the Bible to Unitarian Universalists?, Bob Weekley**

Sources of the UU living tradition include "wisdom from the world's religions, and in particular, from Jewish and Christian teachings." The Bible contains origins of these teachings and is the most widely read and influential book in the western world, yet the book has been a source of complexity and controversy. What is the Bible, actually? Bob is a retired Army officer and international business executive. He is the past president and longtime member of the UU Fellowship of the Rappahannock in Irvington, VA.

APRIL 20 – EASTER

**THAT Weekend, Rev. Walter Braman**

What can a UU think about it?

Also: Flower communion and baby dedication.

*The Adult Choir will perform.*

APRIL 27

**Reflection on Grief and Faith: Roses in the Wind, Rob Zucker**

Some of us have faith in a higher power, while others hold a secular trust in a world determined by scientific knowledge tempered by human kindness. Or maybe a little of both—or something else entirely. Regardless, there are times when events are so earth-shattering that faith and/or belief are not enough to get us through. This talk examines how dark emotions (grief, fear, despair) that rise up during troubling times can be our greatest teachers. Author and grief therapist Rob Zucker is Coordinator of Bereavement at Mercy Hospice in West Springfield, MA.

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF FREDERICKSBURG

25 Chalice Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22405



*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.*

**Minister:**

Rev. Walter Braman 310-4001

**Treasurer:**

Ron Wasem

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