



Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Of Waynesboro, VA

Worship in February 2016

SUNDAY SERVICES:

10:00 AM, Saturday, February 6 and 11:00 AM, Sunday, February 7

Pulpit Exchange between Rev. Paul Oakley and Rabbi Joe Blair

Rev. Paul invites you to join with him in this two-part exchange, in which he will preach on Saturday morning at Temple House of Israel in Staunton (15 North Market Street, between Blackfriars Playhouse and Mary Baldwin College), and Rabbi Joe will preach at UUFW the next day, at our regular Sunday morning service.

Rev. Paul will use the readings of the synagogue service for this Shabbat as the foundation for exploring the evolution of a sense of justice and right relationship within a living society.

February 14, 2016 "What Is This Thing Called Love?" – Rev. Paul Oakley

Love is in the air this weekend as couples restoke the fires of their romance. Some of the old words of congregational covenant in Unitarian Universalist churches say, "Love is the spirit of this church." We sometimes say we love a certain food or recreational activity or movie... We love friends and family and pets. If we are lucky we love our jobs. Wait! What is love?

February 21, 2016 "Keeping Our Flame Bright" – Rev. Paul Oakley

This Sunday is the kickoff of the Fellowship's annual pledge drive. Over the next month, we will be encouraged individually to think about how we participate in the life of the congregation through sharing of our time, talent and treasure. Each of us will be encouraged to plan and commit to contribute to the work of this Fellowship in the next church year. Only you can determine the ways you will participate to build up this Fellowship as a beacon for justice and hope. But what are the values we share to help us make our decisions?

February 28, 2016 "The NAACP: History and Present Day Issues"

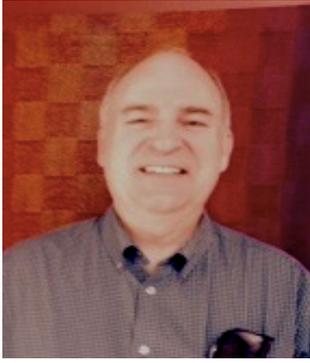
Clarence W. Durette, President of the Staunton Branch of the NAACP and President of Port Republic Road Historical & Community Association, Waynesboro, will give us a brief history of the NAACP and today's most pressing issues, especially those he finds us facing here in our county and surrounding areas.

SPECIAL SERVICE:

2:00 PM, Saturday, February 13 Service of Installation

In this service, the Fellowship will formally install Rev. Paul as our settled minister. Following the service of installation there will be a reception. Please plan to be present to celebrate together this milestone in the life of our congregation. Through the interim period and the search process, the Fellowship worked hard. Now it is time for celebration of the fruit of those efforts. It is a time to recognize, celebrate, and deepen the covenanted relationship between this Fellowship and Rev. Paul.

Minister's Column, Rev. Paul Oakley



It is Sunday evening after our big January snowfall. It has been a strange day, a Sunday not only without my preaching but without a service within the walls of our Fellowship Hall. The snowplow didn't open up the street where I live until late afternoon, and Walter and I have gotten a workout clearing snow, with more to finish up tomorrow. Walking Pete and Marcus, our two large dogs, has become a challenge and an adventure instead of life as usual. Twenty inches is a lot of snow! I am thankful that our electricity stayed on through it all, even though I am confident we would have made it through a power outage safely if uncomfortably. Nature told us that our plans just had to wait, offering us, instead, the possibility of sitting quietly with a book or a long-delayed indoor project.

Perhaps some of us did not immediately respond with grace to this opportunity, and some may have had emergencies that were difficult or even impossible to attend to. Nature can complicate our lives and bring unexpected, unbudgeted costs and added risks or dangers. Perhaps we more often would like to see Nature in the inspirational gentleness of a summer walk through the forest, but this too is the world of Nature. "Awesome" and "awful" are kindred words, as are "terror" and "terrific." The same thing that one celebrates for its beauty presents a challenge or a tragedy for others. We have come out on this side of the storm. Whatever else comes, we have the stories of this experience to share. May grace find us in the sharing.

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It is customary sometime in the first year of a minister's call to a congregation that there be a service to "install" the minister as the congregation's settled minister. Similar in many ways to an ordination, it is a more formal service than most Sunday mornings. The minister and visiting clergy often wear robes and stoles and process in together. A visiting minister preaches. Others issue a charge to the minister and a charge to the congregation, calling them to recognize the profundity of this special relationship of hope and trust that each has in the other. A special offering is given for the Living Tradition Fund of the Unitarian Universalist Association, a fund that gives assistance to ministers in special circumstances. And, led by the congregation's lay leadership, the congregation speaks words in unison that declare the minister installed. Prayers, poems, special music, greetings sent by the UUA and others, and symbolic actions flesh out the program. The participating ministers and other religious professionals recess, and the newly installed minister proclaims the benediction. A reception rounds off the day of celebration. An installation happens just once in the minister's called ministry with a congregation. It is something special and rare.

On Saturday, February 13, the members of this Fellowship will install me as your settled minister. I hope it is a celebration you will participate in and an experience you will cherish, as I will, through upcoming years of ministry.

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I would like to thank Diane and Joe Good and Barbro Hansson for representing UUFW with me at Mary Baldwin College's Winter Faith Fair. We had good conversations with students who stopped by our table and handed out some brochures that can help people new to the idea of Unitarian Universalism to understand what we offer as a religious community. UUs are often not very good at talking about what we've got, but this kind of event gives a space to make contact with people who may need the saving hope of liberal religion. Thank you, Diane, Joe, and Barbro!

I also would like to thank Tom Twomey, Maribeth Nolde, and the rest of our Social Action Team for their ongoing leadership aimed at bringing the cause of ending child poverty to our awareness and engaging us in efforts to make a real difference. This is important justice work that they have brought to us, asking us to join with them in the effort to bring about realistically possible change that will make all the difference in the lives of many poor children. Thank you!

News from the Board

More than any other year in the recent life of the UUFW, this year is a year of transitions. At the same time as we enthusiastically welcome and begin to work with Reverend Paul Oakley, our new settled minister, we are also developing the foundations for and testing our new governance structure. A time of change can be unsettling as we adjust to new ways of doing things. But it can also be exciting and invigorating -- a time filled with promise and hope.

Your Board is working very hard to make this transition year a success. Using the Dan Hotchkiss book *Governance and Ministry: Rethinking Board Leadership* as a guide, we are striving to develop systems that will serve the Fellowship well as we go forward – things like a Personnel Handbook and a Policy Book, which not only reflect our UUFW values but also provide an accepted basis for Fellowship operations. This is not sexy work, by any means, but it is important work. In many ways it is a long, slow slog through writes and rewrites, poring over words and meanings, until we come up with text that, we hope, will be clear and acceptable to all.

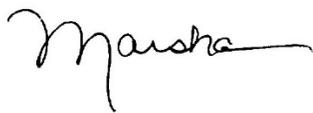
Board meetings fall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Chalice House (unless otherwise noted in the UUFW calendar) and Fellowship members are always welcome to attend. Links to board meeting discussion agendas and minutes can be found on the *Our Governance* page of the UUFW website, as can a link to the policies adopted thus far by the Board. And here I insert a huge shout-out and thank-you to Kim Newton, who has done a fantastic job in orchestrating our website makeover. Hard copies of board discussion agendas, consent agendas, and minutes may be found in a three-ring binder in the library in Chalice House for access by UUFW members and staff. And here a huge thank-you to Board Secretary Kathleen de los Reyes for compiling and organizing our "Minutes" notebook.

Your Board takes its responsibilities seriously, and I am happy to report to the congregation that it is an honor and a privilege to serve with Vice-President Debora Hoard, Secretary Kathleen de los Reyes, Treasurer Merrilee Lianez, Personnel Chair Monte Hackney, Stewardship Chair Margo Kiely, Policy / Bylaws Task Force Chair Florence Ferguson and our two non-voting board members, Minister Paul Oakley and Immediate Past President Sylvia Woodworth. None of them do this work for recognition or gratitude, but I am grateful to them, nonetheless, for the dedication and care they bring to our much-loved Fellowship.

In the weeks ahead, I encourage you – members of our Beloved Community – to be fully present and engaged as together we take on the task of "Vision and Mission," a congregation-wide effort to define who we are as a Fellowship and what we hope to achieve in the years to come. I also ask each of you to look within and reflect on what the UUFW means to you – and, in so doing, to respond with generous hearts to the call of our Stewardship Committee as it kicks off our annual pledge drive in February 2016.

Changing times, exciting times! May our work together be nurtured by love.

Faithfully,



Marsha Fuller
President



Religious Education

The DRE Search Committee is reactivating its campaign to find a new director of religious education. If you would like more information, the [DRE Position Description](#) is available on the UUFW website. UUA hiring guidelines and our new UUFW governance policies strongly discourage hiring employees from within our membership. We seek to adhere to these guidelines as we hire a new director of religious education. We encourage our members to share this job posting with potential candidates outside of UUFW.

– DRE Search Committee

Social Action Team

The Free Clinic meal was provided by Roberta Patterson, Michele Freeman and Kathleen de los Reyes on Thursday, December 3rd. Once again we provided a wonderful, healthy, tasty home cooked meal to the volunteers and staff of the Free Clinic.

Disciples Kitchen was most appreciative of the generosity of the UUFW donation of toiletries, teddy bears and socks. Thank you to all who contributed to this ongoing project.

The Social Action Team would love to have suggestions from Fellowship members for special collection recipients. While we have scheduled most of this spring, we do have an opening. Send any ideas (linked to Child Poverty issues if possible) to Maribeth Nolde, Social Action Team Leader, mbnolde3@verizon.net. Thank you very much!

Will Page Memorial

UUFW's memorial service for our member and friend Will Page, who died unexpectedly in November, will take place at 2:00PM on Sunday, February 21, after our monthly potluck. We will set up the Fellowship Hall for the memorial after we eat and will reserve our potluck desserts for after the memorial. Please plan to be present to remember Will together.

Will's family will have a memorial service for Will on Saturday, June 18, Father's Day weekend, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Virginia, where Will and his family were members years ago. It will be officiated by the pastor of that church. UUFW members and friends of Will's are also invited to attend this memorial. Let's put in a good showing to honor Will.

Custodial Services

Rev. Paul and the Building and Grounds Team are in the process of searching for a custodial service with which to contract for the cleaning of our facilities, as well as a mowing service. Until such services are engaged, Buildings and Grounds are coordinating volunteers to complete the various tasks that keep our space clean and attractive for our use and the greeting of our visitors.



Activities



The **Zen Meditation** group meets every Sunday, 7:30 in the Chalice House. Everyone is welcomed. For more information contact Ben Pumphrey at (new email) shenandoahzen@icloud.com.

The **Yoga Group** meets every Tuesday, (new time) 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. UUFW members are welcome to attend this free class.

The **Old Time Music Jam** meets every Tuesday at 7 pm in the RE building. Both musicians and listeners are encouraged to attend. For more info contact Will Reed, 949-6191 or wreed@ntelos.net.

Brown Baggers/UUFW Women are a group of women that meet purely for social reasons the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 am. On February 17 they will meet at UUFW. Marty Baker is the hostess. Please let her know if you are coming - 943-3456 or alchemrose7@lumos.net. Remember to bring your lunch. The hostess provides drinks and dessert.



The **UUFW Choir**, also known as the Pine Nuts welcomes any and all participants. The February practice sessions will be Wednesday, February 17 at 2:30 pm and Monday, February 29 at 7 pm. The choir will sing March 6. For information please contact Bill or Lorain Harouff at harouffs@gmail.com or 885-3000.

The **Third Sunday Potluck Lunch is scheduled for February 21**. The theme is Mardi Gras/Creole! Food plan C: A-G brings a main dish, H-M brings a dessert or bread, N-Z brings a vegetable or salad. Please bring enough for 8 people and try to stay within your food designation.

TrUUvel will not be held in February but will resume in March. The Hospitality Team is looking for someone willing to take over organization of TrUUvel next year. If you have questions about what's involved contact Lorain Harouff, 885-3000 or harouffs@gmail.com.



Stone Soup Book Club- Join the group Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. For this month's book or for more info contact Mary Katharine Froehlich, 540-943-0084 or mary@stonesoupbooks.net.

The **Stone Soup Poetry Group ("Of Vine and Verse")** is a very casual meeting of folks who love poetry. They meet in the Chalice House on the fourth Monday of every month from 5:30-6:30 pm. The next meeting is Monday, February 22. Bring a favorite poem to share or just come to enjoy others' favorites. For additional information contact Karen Reed, 949-6191 or claylady@ntelos.net.



LDS (Let's Do Subtitles movie group) will meet Friday, February 19 to view an Iranian allegorical movie "Iron Island". Rotten Tomato rates it positively. Laura Hiatt would like feedback from folks about this activity. Should it continue?, Would you like to see changes? Contact Laura at 540-630-1554 or limetteuk@yahoo.com.

Installation of the Rev. Paul Oakley

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The UUFW Caring Network consists of Fellowship members who have volunteered to coordinate support for other members in times of special need. If you learn about or are yourself facing such a circumstance, please contact Hinda Richards, coordinator, at 887-7515 or hindabob@comcast.net and also Rev. Paul at minister@uufw.org or 540-447-4898.

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UUFW Calendar for February 2016

This calendar is subject to change. Please check for updates at www.uufw.org.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
RE schedule: OWL 10-11:30 Primary/Elem - 11 am Youth/Young Adults 11:30	1	2 Yoga, 4:00 Music Jam, 7 pm	3	4	5	6 Pulpit Exchange, 10 am Unity Prayer Breakfast, 9 am
7 Pulpit Exchange, Rabbi Joe Blair, 11 am RE Team, 9:30 Zen Meditation, 7:30 pm	8	9 Yoga, 4:00 Music Jam, 7	10 Board Meeting, 7 pm	11	12	13 Rev. Paul's Installation and reception, 2 pm
14 "What is This Thing Called Love?", Rev. Paul, 11 am Parent Group, 12:30 Zen Meditation, 7:30 pm	15	16 Yoga, 4:00 Book Club, 6:30 Music Jam, 7	17 Brown Baggers, 11:30 Choir practice, 2:30 pm	18	19 Let's Do Subtitles, 6 pm	20
21"Keeping Our Flame Bright", Rev. Paul, 11 am Third Sunday Potluck Will Page Memorial, 2 pm Zen Meditation, 7:30 pm	22 Poetry Group, 5:30	23 Yoga, 4:00 Music Jam, 7 pm	24	25	26	27
28 "The NAACP: History & Present Day Issues", Clarence Durrette, 11 Zen Meditation, 7:30 pm Finance Committee	29 Choir practice, 7 pm	March 1 Yoga, 4:00 Music Jam, 7 pm				

*****Easy but very important volunteer jobs on Sunday include being a Lay Leader, providing refreshments for Coffee Hour, and greeting people as they enter the service. Please sign up regularly on the sheets at the back of the Fellowship Hall.*****

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