



## In This Issue

While we traditionally do not create a newsletter during August, this year, we're sending out this supplemental newsletter as an electronic-only copy. The July Newsletter has many events in it that are happening in August, and is available on our website at [www.richmondUU.org](http://www.richmondUU.org) under "Members" or by clicking [here](#).

Thanks for all the submissions and other help you provide that enable us to foster healthy communications within our spiritual home.

Cheers!

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# First News

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## Sunday Worship & Religious Education

August 7th, Pat Owen, TBD

August 14th, Rev. Sherman Logan, "Count Your Blessings" A 19th century lyricist, Johnson Oatman penned the song "Count your Blessings". This simple song tells of the wisdom of reflecting on the things that we are grateful for. But what happens when we are facing adversities, does counting our blessings really help? In this sermon, Rev Sherman reminds us, that even in the midst of trials and tribulations, we should take the time to "Count our Blessings"

August 21st, Denise Rimes, "Quality or Quantity of Life?" Have you ever had to make a choice about safe living arrangements or end of life choices for a family member or friend who could no longer care for themselves? Completing a DNR for my father was one of the hardest things I ever had to do. Was it what he wanted or what I wanted? And what choice would I make for myself when confronted with the same question?

August 28th, Rev. Jeanne Pupke, "Ask the Minister" Your annual opportunity to assure the sermon answers your question. Rev. Jeanne will share her thoughts on questions from the congregation. Come early and bring your pencil.

## Vespers

Wednesdays, 5:30pm

August 3, Christian Theist Group, "Wilderness"

August 10, Maury Johnston, "Kernel to Crust: A Theology of Bread"

August 17, Taoist Group

August 24, Rev. Jeanne Pupke, "Summer Silence"

August 31, Rev. Jeanne Pupke, "Working Hands"

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## Social Responsibility / RE

### Food Drive -- Save the Kids from Sauerkraut!

I recently volunteered at the Central Virginia Food Bank and got a firsthand look at how things were going this summer. While the shelves are full of cranberry sauce, canned peas, and kidney beans, they are horribly low on items such as peanut butter and canned pasta. I learned that around 50% of the people they feed in the summer are children, which explains why they have a stockpile of sauerkraut to last the next five years but only a dozen cans of Spagetti-o's. Remember, all the school breakfast and lunch programs go away in the summer months.

First UU will be holding a food drive on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The following items, according to the staff, are the foods that specifically seem to disappear quickly in the summer months:

- 1) Tuna
- 2) Canned pasta (Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti-o's, etc.)
- 3) Canned fruit
- 4) Peanut butter and Jelly

I realize we just had a Share-The-Plate Sunday for the Central Virginia Food Bank, and many of you generously gave money. I also know that these are economically challenging times for some people and extra just isn't possible. But for those who donating is a possibility, please consider bringing a can or two of the above items. Although we will happily take any food that is donated, these are the items they seem to need the most. The kids of Richmond will appreciate it!

### Wednesdays at the Grille Continue...

Musical Mayhem

August 17, 6:00-7:30

If you enjoy music, this is where you will want to be!  
Involvement for all ages!

First UU will continue to furnish the burgers and hot dogs on the grille. You come for musical fun-karaoke, guitar solos, individual performers, sing-a-longs. Did somebody say *kazoos*?

For more information, contact Rhonda Wingfield at [rhonda@richmondUU.org](mailto:rhonda@richmondUU.org).



## Events and Announcements

### Daytimers (All Welcome!)

The Daytimers will meet at 11 AM Wednesday, August 10, 2011 in the Douglasdale studio at First Church. A film will be shown on the life of Albert Schweitzer: *Albert Schweitzer Call to Africa*. Afterwards Guy Kinman will talk about his meeting with the Schweitzers. After this a pot luck will be held. Bring food to share with the group. If you are unable to bring something a small donation can be made to cover our expenses.

*The Daytimers Mission is to provide a gathering place for social exchange, the sharing of information, and the enjoyment of good food.* All who are free in the daytime are welcome to join in these activities.

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### Recognition Column

This column by the Membership Council appears regularly to recognize members and friends who are making a significant difference in the life of First Church. Anyone can suggest a deserving member or friend. Please send your nominations to the Membership Council Chair, Ro Studer at [rostuder@comcast.net](mailto:rostuder@comcast.net)

Recognition definitely goes to Desiree Woodson for producing the July 10th Order of Service on our experience as attendees at General Assembly. The content of the service and the presenters were still being decided as late as Sunday morning at 9:45 AM. In spite of this handicap, she provided a lovely and informative guideline of the major aspects of the service.

Grateful thanks to the "Summer Singers" for providing musical assistance at a number of the summer services. This changing group of volunteers is giving freely of their time and talent to enhance a vital aspect of our worship together.

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### Alcott (Sunday) Book Group

The August meeting of the Sunday Book Group will be on August 14th at 4:30 at the Positive Vibe Cafe. Anyone is welcome to join us for the book discussion and refreshments!

The book we will be discussing is "How Did You Get This Number?" by Sloane Crosley.

Hope to see you there!



Do you know one of Richmond's longest running premier art shows will occur a month earlier in First UU Church this year? This year marks the 46th anniversary of Gallery! The show will be in full force from Wednesday, September 21, to Sunday, September 25th. Pickup of purchased art and last minute sales will occur on September 26th. Aside from pledges, Gallery is one of the larger fundraisers for the church. Last year, Gallery had sales over \$61,000 and donated \$12,600 to the church.

Over 200 volunteers will be needed again this year to assist with everything from handling flats and platforms, to hanging, selling, invoicing, data entry, artist check-in, and checkout. Help from volunteers will be needed beginning September 15 through September 27. Those who have volunteered previously will be happy to tell you all about it.

A signup table for volunteers will be in the lobby on Sundays beginning August 7. Don't worry that you have not done this kind of stuff previously, we'll be happy to train you! Working in Gallery is a lot of fun and a great way to meet other members.

To find out more, or to volunteer, visit the Gallery table on Sundays beginning August 7, or contact one of the Gallery Directors. They are: Suzanne Jenkins (330-8787), Laura Hastings (755-7549), Evaline Jones (320-3143), Beth Miksovic (358-4078) and Howard Fabry (379-4355). You may also send an email to [gallery@richmondUU.org](mailto:gallery@richmondUU.org) to indicate your interest in volunteering and to get more information.

Tell all your family and friends about Gallery 46 and the move to September this year. Be sure to visit Gallery on the church website: [www.richmondUU.org/grow/gallery/](http://www.richmondUU.org/grow/gallery/) to find out more.

Howard Fabry, Gallery Director

# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:45pm - Right Livelihood	2 5:30pm - Christian Theist Group 6:30pm - Taoist Group 6:30pm - RE Committee 7:00pm - Zen Meditation	3 11am - SGM Pathfinders 5:30pm - Vespers	4 6:30pm -SGM Smooth Stones	5	6 10am - CREU BTWW
7 10:00am - Services & RE 12:30pm - First on First  SHARE THE PLATE SUNDAY	8 6:30pm - CREU 6:45pm - Right Livelihood 7pm - Writer's Group	9 7pm - Humanist Group 7pm - Zen Meditation	10 11am - Daytimers 5:30pm - Vespers 6:30pm - Board Meeting 7pm - Gallery Meeting	11	12 5pm - OWL Training	13 8am - OWL Training
14 8:00am - OWL Training 10:00am - Services & RE 12:30pm - Earth-Centered Spirituality	15 6:45pm - Right Livelihood	16 1pm - SGM Oasis 5:30pm - Christian Theist Group 6:30pm - Taoist Group 7pm - Zen Meditation	17 11am - SGM Pathfinders 5:30pm - Vespers 6pm - Wednesdays at the Grill	18	19	20
21 10:00am - Services & RE 12:30pm - LGBTQ - Straight Alliance	22 6:45pm - Right Livelihood 7pm - Writers' Group	23 6:30pm - COM 7pm - Zen Meditation	24 5:30pm - Vespers	25	26	27
28 10:00am - Services & RE 11:30am - Services & RE	29 6:45pm - Right Livelihood	30 6:30pm - Taoist Group	31 5:30pm - Vespers			

**Beginning Sunday, August 28, we will go back to two services on Sundays. They are at different times than in the past. Please note these new times:**

**10:00 am**

**11:30 am**