We Grow in Search of Wisdom
We Care in Support of Community
We Act in Service of Justice

WELCOME!
ALL ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR SERVICES

**March's Theme is Perseverance**

Sunday, March 18th
WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AT
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

It's YOUTH SUNDAY!

Sermon: Don't Give Up!

Leading Services: Our Youth Group
Assisted by:
Rev. Sherman Logan and Rhonda Wingfield
Coffee Hour: 10:00-11:00 am  
New to UU Conversation: 10:15 am  Conference Rm

Miss a sermon? Listen now on Pod Bean  
Need to know more about events? View our Calendar

View Order of Service 3/18

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IT'S HERE!  
First Unitarian Universalist RVA is proud to host the UU Christian Fellowship REVIVAL 2018!

Get Your First UU Discounted Tickets: Only $40!  
When registering, First UU people should click the regular price of $85, and a ticket will go into the "shopping cart," when they're in the shopping cart page, before they pay, in the box that says "PROMO CODE," they should type in the word "RESIST," in capital letters (no quote marks). When they hit "apply," in the button next to it, having typed in RESIST, it will lower the price to $40, and they can go on and pay.

2018 UU Christian Fellowship Revival is March 16-17 at the First UU Church of Richmond, Virginia, and you're invited! The theme is "Equipping Resistance" and we will provide theological and spiritual grounding for people engaged in any way in the Resistance. In addition to incredible speakers, we'll have a hymn-sing, a documentary screening, plus delicious food and time to reflect and connect. We're honored to have the powerful gospel choir Rev. D. Kay Logan & Nu Beginning lifting up hearts, along with the powerhouse preaching of Rev. Nancy
McDonald Ladd. Two days that will make your entire year. www.uuchristian.org/revival2018

Contact: Rev. Sherman Logan

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**Religious Education News**

Contact: Rhonda Wingfield

**Sunday, MARCH 18TH**

**YOUTH SUNDAY**

**The Nursery** is open from 15 minutes before to 5 minutes after each service for ages 3 and under. Please label your child's belongings, and bring your own snack if desired. Cheerios will be offered. [Upper Level]

**Religious Education Classes (PK-12):** this week is a **multigenerational service**, featuring our high school youth! Please join us in the Great Hall as we all worship together.

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**Auction Night** is Saturday, April 28

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

***DONATIONS NEEDED***

Plan now to join in the fun! It's your innovative thinking for donation experiences and items, your volunteering, and your attendance that make this lively event a fund-raising success for First UU. You'll find all the details by clicking on this website link. Follow that link to make your donations and to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

**Or visit the "Spring Fling" table** between Sunday services to answer any questions, take donation forms, and/or sign you up to help on April 28th. You can always contact your auction planners at:
***NEW*** GARDENERS WANTED for the Uptown Community Gardening Group
Interested? talk to Alison Snow
Sunday, March 18 between services

Calling all gardeners and wannabe gardeners! All ages welcome! We're forming a new small group to work on raised garden beds located at the **Uptown Community Garden located at 2201 Parkwood Avenue**. We'll rent one or two beds depending on the interest level. We can share any of the produce and donate any extra to residents of the church and the congregation! For more information, please see me between services on March 18 in the lobby, or look for the information and sign-up on the Adult Formation table in President's Hall, or contact me, **Alison Snow**

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**Living the Pledge to End Racism**

Part I. April 7th: from 9am to 4pm
Part II. April 14th: from 9 am to 4 pm
hosted by: First UU RVA

We are pleased to announce another opportunity to participate in the Living the Richmond Pledge to End Racism workshop. This is a two part workshop and participants are expected to attend both sessions. For more information and to register go to [Richmond Pledge](#)

If you have not yet attended a **Living the Pledge** workshop, get registered today! This wonderful program is moving us forward as a congregation committed to antiracism work in ourselves, our congregation, and our community.
Join in the Circle of Generosity
Come. Let us learn together to live lives of generosity.

Please make your 2018-2019 pledge on OUR WEBSITE or mail in the pledge card you received in the mail. Thank you again!

Please Join Us for the Circle of Generosity Celebration Event
Friday, March 23rd
8:00 pm
An evening of vocal talent to celebrate the successful 2018 stewardship campaign. Entertainment by our very own theatrical group will showcase satirical songs that promise to prompt not giggles but out-loud laughter. There will be wine and scrumptious desserts.

Come join the fun and help celebrate what we all did together.

The Immigration Justice Team Presents:
Sanctuary Training
Sunday March 18 at 12:30
BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH OR SOMETHING TO SHARE
In preparation for providing public sanctuary, we are offering an ICE training on Sunday March 18 at 12:30. This training will cover what to do if Immigrations and Customs Enforcement or ICE were to attempt to come into the church whether with or without a legal warrant. We will go over how to spot a legal warrant and what our rights are as a congregation. All are highly encouraged to attend.
If you are able to attend, please register here: RSVP

**One Voice Chorus**  
**Winter Concert**  
**Sat. March 17th**  
**7:30-8:30 pm**  
Richmond's First Baptist Church  
2709 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23220  
https://www.facebook.com/pg/OneVoiceChorusRichmond/events/

**Mayor's Commission on Monument Avenue:**  
**Public Forum, Thursday, March 22**  
**7:00-9:00pm**  
Sign-in begins at **6:30 pm**

The Mayor’s Commission that is tasked with making recommendations on what to do about the monuments on Monument Avenue is seeking input from the community. As part of this effort there will be a Public Forum at First UU.

A major part of this Forum will be the opportunity to participate in small, facilitated discussion groups. Ideas from these groups will be shared with Commission Members who will be in attendance and actively participating. Members and Friends of 1st UU, including interested teenagers, age 14 and over, are encouraged to attend and provide input.

**Joel Blum is hosting and he needs 2 more volunteers to assist with greeting, receiving table, or ushering.**

**Volunteer by contacting Joel at jokerblum@gmail.com**
Community Engagement Meeting- March 22nd
Sponsored by First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond

Discussion and working session on the issue of what should be done regarding the monuments on Monument Avenue

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| • Meeting at First Unitarian Church- 1000 Blanton Ave, Richmond, VA  
  • Thursday March 22 from 6:30-9:00pm  
  • Monument Ave Commission members will be present  
  • Security will be present on site for safety | • Short general forum for updates and clarifying purpose of the Commission  
  • Breakout groups to discuss the following issues related to the monuments  
    o Social Justice  
    o Historic Preservation  
    o Artistic & Creative Design  
    o Heritage | • The meeting is open to the public and Carillon residents are especially invited to provide their feedback  
  • Members of First Unitarian Church and Unity Church are also encouraged to attend  
  • The meeting is intended for adults and youth ages 14 and up to attend |

A First UU Spring Equinox Celebration
Saturday, March 24th
5:00-6:00 pm
Earth-Centered Ritual
6:00 pm-7:00 pm
Potluck Dinner

ALL ARE WELCOME
Please bring something to share and be prepared to have fun!

We are blessing colored eggs that we have done the night before. Feel free to participate and bring an egg or two that you have personalized with symbols, sayings, things that represent you. These eggs can be eaten afterwards or taken home and eaten or buried in the ground whichever you would like to do.

Suggestion: wear yellows, greens, pinks for the season, or put Flowers in Your Hair. Be festive this is a Happy time of Rebirth and New Beginnings!

Open Table Needs You!

We have two tables of UU
congregants who are committed to restoring people in poverty to our community through relationship with someone moving from financial dependence to financial independence. We are investing and utilizing our own vocational and life experiences and personal networks in support of a Brother or Sister in poverty.

One of our tables is in need of an extra person. If you are interested in finding out more about Open Table and would like to work with your fellow UUs in furtherance of the Open Table mission, please
(1) visit www.theopentable.org to find out more about Open Table, and
(2) email Lee Anne Washington at leeanne.washington@richonduu.org to let her know of your interest. Please respond by March 31st.

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**Adult Faith Formation**

**GROW YOUR INNER SELF**

**NEW**

*Another Men's Group is forming:

**MEN MEETING a.k.a. M[squared]**

2nd and 4th Tues. of the month 6:30- 8:00 pm.

This is a special opportunity to participate in forming a small group ministry. Connection, fellowship, and life-long friendships await! **Todd Van Gordon**, convener

*RVA Western Mystery School Study Group
Mon Apr 2, Mon Apr 30
then the 1st Mon of each month moving forward

"The Western Mystery tradition is a spiritual path uniquely suited to those who wish to develop spiritually while
remaining fully engaged with the rewards and stresses of modern Western life. In our path, the physical world is not something to transcend but rather the sacred fruit of a tree whose roots reach into the unmanifest. Our goal is to become ever more transparent channels for the descent of Light into this world of name and form. We do this both for personal enlightenment and for societal upliftment.

Areas of study include the Hermetic Qabalah, Tarot, Alchemy, Astrology, and Jungian Psychology. Our class will offer reading suggestions which will serve as a springboard for both lecture and experiential portions of the class. Teachers Wells Hanley and Michelle Northrup share a combined four decades of study in this tradition whose sacred Arcana is passed primarily "from mouth to ear."

Contact: Michelle Northrop

*Art Goddesses Group* created by Mary Martin.

*The Thursday Zen Group* is offering a study group one Thursday a month at 7:00 pm.
Contact Colin Ceperich for more info cceperich@gmail.com

Mar. 22nd: Practice Tools
Apr. 26th: Buddhist Living: the 8-Fold Path
May 24th: Buddhist Sacred Texts

If you have completed Living the Pledge READ THIS!

*The Safety Pin Box Antiracism Practice Group*
Safety Pin Box is a subscription service that offers varying levels of membership that include themed monthly tasks, an incredibly robust online community, and access to many well-researched resources. Read more about subscriber options here: https://www.safetypinbox.com/subscribe/

Please reply to ginjerc@yahoo.com if you want to join the practice group. Ginjer Clarke with Leigh Ann Luscan, Jena Hintze, and Sharon Amoss First Unitarian Universalist members and SPB group coordinators
Life Stage Groups

Young Marrieds – meet monthly to explore topics of interest to them. Contact Paul Daniels

Parent Group – potlucks and family fun! Contact Kristin Saybe to sign up

DayTimers- Next Meeting: April 11th 11:00-1:00
A group of seniors meeting 2nd Wed of the month 11:00-1:00 for lunch and a program. Newcomers welcome! Contact Pat Vaughn

Groups for Exploration

Feminist Group
6:30-8:00 pm
The 2nd Thursday each month
Amanda Dulin and Rev. Sue, conveners
Next Meeting April 12th

Civil Conversations about Controversial Issues
6:30-8:15 pm
meets on the 1st Thursdays *[corrected dates]*
Next Meeting April 5th

Spiritual Practice Groups

Tai Chi
Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm

UU Christian Fellowship
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 pm
Lower Level Rm 3
Tuesday, March 20, 5:30
we will continue our discussion
“Saving Jesus Redux.”

Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. We will celebrate our annual Holy Week Service of Reflections, Chants, & Communion

Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped by the Christian Right and discarded by the Secular Left?...Join us for a 12-session dvd-prompted exploration of a credible Jesus for the 3rd millennium, with a host of experts for a conversation around the relevance of Jesus for the 21st century. FYI...There will be preparatory reading electronically transmitted prior to each session.

***NewGroup***
Humanism in Practice
Those interested in learning together what it means to be a Humanist as well as a Unitarian, contact Mariah Travis.

***NewGroup***
EARTH CENTERED SPIRITUALITY SMALL GROUP
First and Third Sundays 10-10:45 in the library
Next Meeting March 18th
There will be a Spring Equinox Ritual
March 24th 5pm-7pm [see more above]
Please feel free to contact Michele Vogt for more information. 910-515-6431 or michelineavogt@gmail.com

Vespers Contemplative Service
Wednesdays 6:00-6:30 pm
February's theme is Balance

UU Zen Group
Sitting and Walking Meditation
Thursdays 7:00 pm
Contact Colin Ceperich for more info cceperich@gmail.com
Yoga with Jodi
Contact: Jodi Bock for schedule

Dances of Universal Peace
2nd Saturdays 7:30 pm
Hayat Bain 804-467-9674 mandalasoflife@gmail.com The DUP circle is held in the Presidents Hall every second Saturday of the month (except July and August).

Richmond Humanist Group
Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month
6:30-8:00 pm
Contact: Ron Penczak

Richmond, VA
Saturday, 24. March 2018
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Middle
1000 Mosby St, Richmond, Virginia 23223
https://us.eventbu.com/richmond/march-for-our-lives-rva/10125515
REGISTER HERE

Washington, DC
"On March 24 we will take to the streets of Washington, DC and our communities across the country. We will be the last group of students who have to stand up for fallen children due to senseless gun violence. March with us."
Sign up at marchforourlives.com
https://www.facebook.com/marchforourlives/

Reggie Harris in Concert
Saturday, April 7, 2018
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia
7246 Cradlerock Way Columbia, MD
Mr. Harris is an active civil rights leader and a performer known for songs of Joy, hope, and freedom. Arrive at 6:30pm for wonderful homemade Italian food, BYOB. Music will start at 7:30pm. **Tickets are $20 at the door.**

This is a joint venture of UUCC's Social Action Council and Food Insecurity Committee. Proceeds will help food insecurity by filling backpacks and the little free pantry. For more info about the artist, or to contact Mr. Harris, visit his website at [Reggie Harris Music](#).

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**Guided Autobiography**

**Free 10-Week Workshop**

Tuesdays, April 10th-June 12th  
1:00 pm-3:00 pm  
West End Branch Richmond Public Library  
5420 Patterson Ave.

A Wonderful Growth and Self-Discovery Process! This will be a small group with participation limited to 8 people. There is a 10-week commitment as the classes are cumulative and personal sharing is invited. Those interested please Facilitated by First UU Member, Dr. John Countryman  
Certified Facilitator. Contact: [jcountryman@berry.edu](mailto:jcountryman@berry.edu)

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**Neighbor 2 Neighbor** is underway! Each group has a leader who will be contacting you soon if they haven't already to invite you to the first neighborhood meeting. We are updating our database thanks to all of you who have given us your contact forms. We hope you will participate in the meetings and start connecting as neighbors in other ways as you are inspired. A special thank you to all those who have taken on leadership roles!

[Download a Contact Form](#)
Projection Help Needed on Sundays especially the First Sunday of the month
run the slides and help our worship services go smoothly
Contact Diane Woodruff

Religious Hospitality: A Spiritual Practice for Congregations
"Hospitality, true hospitality, is not an obligation. It is not a duty. True hospitality is a spiritual practice, a religious practice. Like meditation or prayer, hospitality connects us with a deep truth and compassion that transcend our selves....
Someone, a long-lost relative of the human family, is coming into our lives. It happens every single day. At church it happens every single Sunday. May you and I be there, with anticipation in our hearts, warm smiles on our faces, our eyes ready to truly meet the eyes of another, and our arms extended, saying, "Welcome, welcome."
-Rev. Peter Morales

Sunday Ushers and Visitors Table Welcomers are Needed! Are You Willing to Serve?
Choose a Sunday and a service, (9 am or 11 am) and come receive training with an experienced hospitality person. Plan to arrive 20 mins
before service starts. Shadow and assist to learn the ropes and then commit to serve one service on one Sunday per month. That's all there is to it. Help us maintain our Radical Hospitality and Welcome! Serve the church and make some friends!
Sign up online
http://richmonduu.ivolunteer.com/hospitality17_18
or contact Ben Wharton

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**Community on Wednesday**

**March's Theme is Perseverance**

**Vespers**

6:00 pm-6:30 pm
A quiet center to our week!

We invite you to join us in exploring what it means to be human, to be in community, and to be connected to the Divine. Vespers is an intimate, contemplative, and conversational half-hour service provided by our ministerial interns. We welcome you and appreciate you just as you are and whenever you can join us. MEETS IN THE GREAT HALL

**Simple Supper**

6:30 pm-7:00 pm
Breaking Bread with Friends!

A simple supper is provided by members of the church. Oftentimes the meal is soup or pasta, with vegetarian options available, salad, and bread. This is a great time to get to know our community better. It's a casual buffet and you can join us anytime right up to clean up time!

***We need folks who are willing to cook or provide supper and folks to help with set up and clean up. MEETS ON THE LOWER LEVEL Sign Up to Help!***

**Ministers Present...**

7:15 pm-8:30 pm
Expand your Heart & Mind
and Gain Understanding!

Adult formation classes on various topics are taught by our ministerial team. The classes are timely, informational, and interactive in nature. Bring your whole self and share in the spiritual growth of our community. Upcoming classes:

**Ministers Present in March**

**March 21st, 28th**

**DREAM WORK with Rev. Sue Sinnamon**

Based upon *The Wisdom of Your Dreams* by Rev. Jeremy Taylor

[not necessary to read or have the book]

**Ministers Present in April**

**April 4, 11, 18 and April 25**


This book, which a UU common read for 2017-18, centers on the stories, analyses and insights of a number of Unitarian Universalist religious professionals of color as they explore how racial identity is made both visible and invisible in Unitarian Universalist communities.

The book can be purchased at the First UU Book Nook, or online at the UUA bookstore and gift shop, inSpirit. [https://www.uuabookstore.org/Centering-P18206.aspx](https://www.uuabookstore.org/Centering-P18206.aspx)