



“A Place of Refuge”

Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte

Sunday – October 6, 2019

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Order of Service

October 6, 2019 at 9:00am and 11:00am

Please silence your electronic devices upon entering

Welcome & Announcements

Greet Your Neighbor

Introduction of Visitors

Gathering Music

“So Glad I’m Here”

Prelude

“Welcome In!” lyrics & music: Lucy Holstedt

Opening Words

Lighting the Chalice

Opening Hymn

#360 – “Here We Have Gathered”

Responsive Reading

#490 – “Wild Geese”

Mary Oliver

Meditation

Reflection and Pastoral
Prayer

#123 – “Spirit of Life” (English and Spanish)

Choral Response

“We Will be a Shelter for Each Other”

Reading

words: Tom Long; music: Allen Pote
from “A Velocity of Being: Letters to a
Young Reader” Rebecca Solnit

Sermon

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Special Music

“Ubuntu” words & music: Mark Hayes

Offering (Share the Plate)

Meadville-Lombard Theological School

Extinguishing the Chalice

Benediction

Closing Music

“All You Need is Love”

words & music: John Lennon,
Paul McCartney; arr. Alan Billingley

Sunday, 10/13 (10am-11am): Congregational Meeting to Consider a Capital Campaign. Info sessions on Wednesday, 10/2 (6:30pm), and Wednesday, 10/9 (6:30pm).

Music Notes: Ubuntu is a philosophy from South Africa that celebrates the human spirit and focuses on people's allegiances and relationships with each other. Ubuntu is embodied in the Zulu saying, "Umuntu ungumuntu ngabanyeabantu," which means "A person is a person by and because of other people."

Music today by: First UU Singers; Erik Bowers, bass; Kate Watts, flute; James McDonald, percussion. Accompaniment: Jamie Kilpatrick

Share the Plate Recipient for October 2019

Meadville-Lombard Theological School

Text Message Contributing

Text the amount you want to give to **804-409-6057**. The initial contribution will include saving your credit card information. Find full instructions (beginning soon) for Text Message Contributing at richmonduu.org/giving. Until then, find full instructions on the counter of the administrative assistant's desk. Have additional questions? Call Rev. Sherman at 804-355-0777.

First UU Care Team-October

Contact First UU Care Team for a little touch of nice.

Lay Pastoral Care Coordinator:



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Team Kindness

Sherry Ceperich 804-683-6003

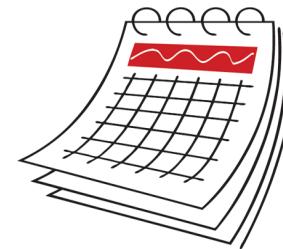
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The Weekly Calendar



Today ~ 10/06/19

9:00am - Sunday Service & Nursery - Great Hall
9:00am - OWL Retreat - LL:M
11:00am - Sunday Service & Nursery - Great Hall
12:30pm - Homecoming Cook - Out

Monday ~ 10/07/19

6:30am - *Faith that Works - PH
6:00pm - One Voice Chorus - GH
6:30pm - Tai Chi - PH
6:30pm - Kabbalah Class - B

Tuesday ~ 10/08/19

6:30am - *Faith that Works - PH
10:00am - Staff Meeting - L
5:00pm - Violin Class - GH
5:30pm - Membership Team - SA
6:00pm - Leadership Dev.Comm. - L
6:30pm - Men Meeting - B
7:00pm - COM - C

Wednesday ~ 10/09/19

6:30am - *Faith that Works - PH
11:00am - Daytimers - (Off Site)
6:00pm - Vespers - G
6:30pm - Capital Campaign
Info Meeting - L
6:30pm - Wed. Meditation - N
6:30pm - Protest Choir Reh. - GH
7:00pm - UU Singers Reh. - GH
7:00pm - Men's Group I - B

Thursday ~ 10/10/19

6:30am - *Faith that Works - PH
10:00am - *Art Show Set-up - PH
6:30pm - Zen Meditation - N
6:30pm - 1st UU Presents Audition
- GH

Friday ~ 10/11/19

6:30am - *Faith that Works - PH
6:00pm - *Art Show - PH

Saturday ~ 10/12/19

6:30am - *Faith that Works - PH
8:00am - Tidewater Cluster Mtg -
GH/Lobby/SA/N/PH/L/B
9:00am - One Voice Board mtg. - LL:3
9:30pm - QUUilters Mtg - Away
7:00pm - Dances of Univ. Peace - PH

*Outside Event

Room Location Abbreviations

C - Conference
L - Library
PH - President's Hall
K - Kitchen

B - Alcove B
LL - Lower Level
LB - Lobby
MG - Memorial Garden

GH - Great Hall
N - Nursery
SA - Staff Area

Current and future First UU RVA leaders—read this!

Special leadership workshops next spring—registration required this fall!!!

- Are you a First UU RVA committee chair or active committee member?
- Are you a board member or in other elected positions?
- Are you interested in growing into more engagement and leadership roles?

Then you have a rare chance for leadership training in an unusual situation—all day with other leaders/emerging leaders from our UU cluster congregations. There will be 30 or more UUs in this leadership series—will you be one of them?

These leadership classes are taught not by our local leaders, but by our denomination's experts in leadership training, coming to us from all over the Southern region for these workshops, which begin in March 2020 on the first Saturday for four consecutive months. Each session will be held at a different congregation.

More details may be found in First News. Or contact Rev. Jeanne or Rev. Sue if you are interested. Scholarships available. Tuition is around \$130 for all four workshops—and attendance at all four is required by the UUA.

Opportunities at Greene Elementary School ~ Mentoring

What better way is there for contributing to the well-being and success of a child than to provide a stable, consistent supportive relationship. We have such an opportunity at the Greene School.

If you can see meeting one on one with an elementary aged child, **for about one hour each week** for the whole school year, this could be a most rewarding experience for that child and you.

If you would like to learn more about this, please contact Joel Blum at jokerblum@gmail.com.

Reading to Students

The Greene School team is looking for a few classroom readers. We have two second grade classes in need of people who would be able to come in to read once a week from 8:35am - 9:05am. We also have a second grade reader who would like to share a class. Richmond Public Schools require background checks before beginning. Readers are responsible for choosing the books they read.

If interested, please contact Debbie Bartle (dkpbartle@gmail.com)

This year's Tidewater Cluster gathering is coming to First UU!

Saturday ~ October 12th

The Tidewater Cluster is a collection of UU congregations including Fredericksburg, Glen Allen, Richmond, White Stone, Williamsburg, Newport News, and Coastal Virginia (formerly known as Norfolk). Once a year, we come together from different parts of Virginia to be in community with each other to grow, care, and act!

This year's theme is "Be the Change." We will explore the interconnectedness of environment, race, and justice.

Dr. Charlene Sinclair, founding director of the Center for Race, Religion, and Economic Democracy (C-RRED) will deliver the keynote speech. There will be exceptional programming to choose from, including:

Reducing our Carbon Footprint; a discussion of Environmental Justice in the Commonwealth; a Book Club; Leadership development; special programming for Youth (new this year!); as well as musical and spiritual practices including Protest Choir, Drumming Circle, Qigong, and more! The assembly is open to ages 5 and up. Families welcome!

Paid registration includes workshops, breakfast, and lunch. Prices go up October 8th.

Visit <https://tidewateruu.org> to register and view the complete list of workshop sessions & schedule.

Feel free to contact Betsy Shaver or Margaret Rush at emailbetsy@gmail.com or margaretrush1009@gmail.com with any questions regarding Tidewater Cluster.

Congregational Covenant

We, the members of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, in support of our community, promise to:

Celebrate our differences

Honor the UU principles

Be Accountable for our words and actions

Listen with openness and compassion

Invite and welcome all

Commit our time, talents, and financial resources

Expect the best of each other and ourselves

Thus, we do covenant.

