



# **“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	
Choral Response	#123 – “Spirit of Life” (English and Spanish)
Special Music	"We Will be a Shelter for Each Other" words: Tom Long; music: Allen Pote
Reading	from “A Velocity of Being: Letters to a Young Reader” Rebecca Solnit
Sermon	“A Place of Refuge” Dr. Elias Ortega-Aponte
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).

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**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 ngabanye abantu," 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

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## **Share the Plate Recipient for October 2019**

**Meadville-Lombard Theological School**

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## **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](http://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.

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## **First UU Care Team-October**

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

### **Lay Pastoral Care Coordinator:**

Carol Wayne 804-356-8450

Cwwayne5@gmail.com



### **Team Kindness**

Sherry Ceperich 804-683-6003

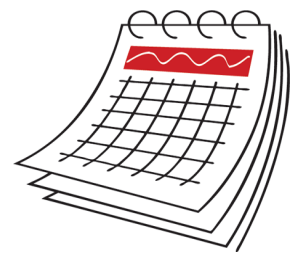
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# The Weekly Calendar



## 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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

<u>Room Location Abbreviations</u>		
C – Conference	B – Alcove B	GH – Great Hall
L – Library	LL – Lower Level	N – Nursery
PH – President’s Hall	LB – Lobby	SA – Staff Area
K - Kitchen	MG – Memorial Garden	

## 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.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:dkpbartle@gmail.com) )

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

## Saturday ~ October 12<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:emailbetsy@gmail.com) or [margaretrush1009@gmail.com](mailto:margaretrush1009@gmail.com) with any questions regarding Tidewater Cluster.

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### *Congregational Covenant*

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

**C**elebrate our differences

**H**onor the UU principles

Be **A**ccountable for our words and actions

**L**isten with openness and compassion

**I**nvoke and welcome all

**C**ommit our time, talents, and financial resources

**E**xpect the best of each other and ourselves

Thus, we do covenant.

