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THE NEWCOMER WE NEED TO KNOW

Welcoming others is never easy but is always essential. The wisdom literature of religion and philosophy are replete with the stories of why it is good to welcome the stranger. The Hebrew figure Abraham, rose to his values and welcomed strangers warmly. Only later does he discover he had "entertained angels unaware." The Christian story of Joseph and Mary seeking humble shelter in Bethlehem results in the birth of Jesus with stars, angels and Magi all come to the stable. Wonder what their landlord thought of that. Buddhist monks greet strangers to their temples with the greeting: "Welcome friend, from what noble tradition do you come?" The lesson is clear – to welcome the stranger warmly is the best choice.



So how has it come to be that strangers are so very unwelcome in so many places in our country? Despite being a nation built on the waves of immigrants who came to its shores, the last wave seems always to be resented. In 19th century New England, the same persons whose starving grandparents avoided starvation by the grace of native compassion resented Irish immigrants. Irish in New York burned the colored orphanage. In Los Angeles, African American residents de-

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SUNDAY WORSHIP &

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

10:00am and 11:30am (unless otherwise noted)

December 4th, Rev. Jeanne Pupke "To Save or To Savor?" E.B.White once asked if life was to save or to savor. Are we to enjoy life or save it from its failures? Rev. Jeanne examines our capacity to do each and the balance that is so hard to master.

December 11th, Rev. Jeanne Pupke, and Dexter Ramey (Multi-generational) "Las Posadas" Join us for our annual holiday pageant. Our children will perform "Las Posadas," representing a traditional Mexican holiday celebration.

December 18th, Rev. Jeanne Pupke, "Tarnished Truth: Dr. King and the Challenge of Poverty" In taking up the cause of the poor, MLK defied many who felt it was both too controversial and too large a problem to solve. What do we know of his insights and what can they teach us today?

****7:00pm** December 24th, Rev. Jeanne Pupke, "At Home in the Heart of Christmas"** Our Christmas Eve service recalls the spirit of Christmas for people of all beliefs and welcomes all to celebrate the goal of peace.

****10:00am only** December 25th, Intern Minister Aija Simpson and Rhonda Wingfield, "On This Day"** A time for singing, A time for wondering, A time for worshipping.

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meant Asian residents buying property in their neighborhoods. The pattern is so very clear, yet we seem never to learn. Welcoming others is essential work.

In December Spanish speaking peoples reenact the search for the stable in Las Posadas. Going from door to door children will ask in song if they are welcome within and a ritual reply will be sung until, upon gaining entry, the commemoration and celebration follow. Large star piñatas are hung to the delight of children, some of whom will soon feel the chill of unwelcome lent to the "undocumented" in our land.

Despite the call of all moral teaching to uphold the practice of welcoming, the kindness of hospitality and the inclusion of all in the human family, we are not yet where we might be. As we enter a holiday time full of religious reminders, may we focus on the universal truth that all are inherently good and worthy and therefore, all should be welcome.

VESPERS

Vespers is a shorter, reflective service held Wednesdays at 5:30pm Join us after for Simple Supper, prepared by church members. Donations accepted and appreciated for supper.

December 7 "Rememberance" Aija Simpson
December 14 "Accepting Sadness" Aija Simpson
December 21 "Flickering Lights" Aija Simpson
December 28 "Leftovers" Rev. Jeanne Pupke (No simple supper)

SHARING & CARING: CARE COMMITTEE NEWS

In October, Chris Hockman, Donna Crawford, and Gary Bartle all lost their fathers. Sherman Logan lost his step-father. Joel Dugan lost his brother, Al. Desiree and Wendy DeGroat both lost their grandmothers. Our condolences to you all.

Ann Marie Swartz and Kathy Kahlson both are continuing to recover from fractures and could always use an encouraging word.

Noel Watson, Leslie Stokley, Maury Johnson have all returned home from hospitalizations and are doing well. Beth Kimbriel's father was also in the hospital and now is in rehab.

We also have some happy news to report: Congratulations to Karin Ferguson and Chuck Savage on their recent engagement. Ruth Petrov welcomed a granddaughter, Arleigh, this month. Congratulations to Ginny and Brian Deasy on the birth of their son, Michael Lawson Deasy, on November 14th.

Please call Judith (358-0222) or monthly coordinator Janet Goin for December to let us know of any help you may need.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Have you ever noticed the very small, black sign on the patio wall on Blanton Avenue, "Entrance to church is in the back". Did you wonder why? Why is the entrance to our church in the alley? I wasn't here when the church was built so I don't know firsthand, but our historian, Pat Vaughn, says there are two stories.



Story One: This property had houses on it and was purchased separately and surreptitiously by members and then sold to the church. The houses were moved so the church could be built. The neighborhood was so angry about the way this was done that to placate them we agreed to the unobtrusive entrance.

Story Two: This was an activist, integrated church in the early 70's, which did not please the city powers that be. So, to keep our visibility low, we were not allowed to have our entrance on Blanton. Of course they didn't come right out and say that. They used some excuse about the steps being dangerous. Funny how no other churches had to move their entrances to the back because of dangerous steps.

And so for 40 years, folks have had to search for the entrance, and too often have driven past and missed us entirely. That is about to change. For me, one of the most exciting parts of our capital campaign building renovation is the new front entrance on Blanton Ave. It will be welcoming and beautiful, a proper reflection of this congregation.

Please keep this in mind when you are thinking about your capital campaign pledge. Along with all the other wonderful improvements, we deserve a beautiful new front door. The city needs to know we are here, and our visitors need to be able to find us easily. Won't it be grand when you tell someone your church is on Blanton Ave. and they say "Oh, the one with the lovely open entrance?" And you can say, "Yes, that's it, that's my church."

Happy Holidays!

In Friendship,

Fricka Raycroft, President

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YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENT

Support the Youth in preparation for their first annual Rock and Wrap Lock-in! Pledges and donations are being taken now! On Dec. 17, the Youth will stay up all night, wrapping gifts from the annual Mitten Tree purchases and rocking the night away---in rocking chairs! The goal is to stay up from 8pm to 8am, either rocking or wrapping, and earning money! For every hour they are either rocking or wrapping, they earn their sponsor's funds. Proceeds go to the YRUU fund for activities and teen attendance at General Assembly.

If you are unable to pledge, why not make a donation? The Youth will be accepting your pledges and/or donations for the upcoming event on Sundays, Dec. 4 and 11, during coffee hour. Become involved, and help make this a successful event for our teens! Please direct questions to Rhonda Wingfield at Rhonda@richmondUU.org.

HOLIDAY FUUN NIGHT

Join family and friends for our annual, festive

HOLIDAY FUUN NIGHT

Sat., Dec. 10, 5:30-7:30

Bring a generous Potluck dish to share! After dinner, enjoy a variety of holiday crafts, gift making, and caroling!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thoughts for the Journey: What Do I Want For Christmas?

Each year as the giving season dawns, we all look to find more meaning and purpose in our lives. Perhaps you draw your family closer. Maybe you share more meals at home or seek to create new rituals. Some of us will vow that this year the season will truly be about giving. Inevitably, we begin the list making and wishes, from the youngest to the eldest among us.



In growing up, my family celebrated gift-giving. I was always aware that it was done in a spirit of mindfulness and moderation. My siblings and I were not encouraged to ask for more than three items. Those three items represented the gifts from three wise men to the baby, Jesus. Even though I did not grow up with the habit of long list-making, I must say that it did not deter my wishing; and one of the things I wished for was the time when I could make a long list!

The time has finally come for me! This is the year! Gifts can be placed under the tree in the Douglasdale Studio, in my church mailbox, my email box, or outside my office. I'm counting on you to be the Religious Education Santa! Here is the list. It does not reflect an order of importance.

One Teacher for Pre-K class at 10:00 a.m.

Three substitute teachers

One Teacher for Grade 1-3 at 10:00

Extra tissues for classrooms.

Childcare volunteers for special events.

Volunteers to help the RE Committee sponsor FUUN Nights in Jan.-March (2 hrs. of time).

Volunteers to provide snacks for the classroom (email reassistant@richmondUU.org, please.)

Volunteers to discuss assisting with Adult Religious Education needs.

Volunteer to take some classroom posters to Kinko's to be laminated.

Volunteer to help clean/organize the RE Supply closet.

Volunteers to grille at Wednesdays at the Grille for summer 2012.

I'm looking forward to having a full stocking! Many thanks in advance for giving of your time, energy, and talents!

In hope,

Rhonda Wingfield, Acting Director of Religious Education

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My Little Corner of the World

I hope this finds each of you in a festive holiday mood, or at least tolerating the buzz around this time of year. I'm looking for a little balance, to be honest! No Black Friday for me. Chris and I raked leaves and helped our friends Grace and Andrew prepare their baby room. This time of year becomes really hectic – maybe we try to rush winter out with lots of “stuff” going on.



I'm getting ready for my yearly pilgrimage to Chicago. I leave January 3rd and return January 28th. I've checked and the weather promises to be...cold...again. I'm taking three classes, and am already turning in assignments, reading, and creating a little pile of necessities to take. (Silk long underwear – check.)

My classes include UU Polity, Ecology and Theology, and Ethical Wisdom. The first few days are spent in Convocation with my fellow students. It will be great to see them! As you may or may not know, Meadville will physically move to a new space in December, and the school will be located in the Spertus building on the Loop. Sounds warm!

It's a long journey, this path to ministry! I need to thank some folks who have become known as my Ministerial Development team. They are familiar with my journey, listen, advise, question and I am darned lucky to have them. In no particular order they are: Helaine Meadows, Bill Judd, Jeff Clark, Janet Goin, Sally Lewis and Gretchen Garber. Thanks to each of you for your interest in this path I am on.

And I would be remiss if I didn't say a special holiday thanks to my co-workers here at First UU, and all of you. Thanks for your continued support!

Have a great holiday!

Peace, y'all...

Pat

Director of Membership

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SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

I find it easier to access the sacred in the winter. There is something about the lengthening night, the chill in the air, the light sparking in the darkness. It is not that the change in weather brings about some magical increase in the presence of the holy in our lives. It is rather that, somehow in the dim light, I can see God more clearly. I can experience the spirit in a way that is not closed, but farther away, in the bright light and glorious warmth of the spring and summer.

The darkness of winter is dotted with major holidays for many members of our congregation. People prepare to celebrate Christmas, Hannukah, Solstice and more with the gathering of family and the giving of gifts. Gifts that come wrapped in shiny paper and gifts of food, of hospitality, of comfort. As we are blessed to give and receive these gifts among those we love, it is impossible to forget people who do not currently have these gifts to give, or who will not be receiving them this holiday season.

The church has many ways to help make sure that we are all blessed this winter. Just by walking into the lobby after service you can find out how to:

- Give to the food bank.
- Donate warm coats to the kids at Greene school.
- Participate in the Mitten Tree project that is highlighted below.

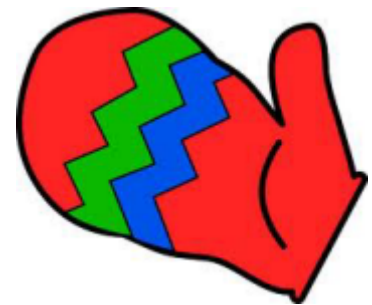
Contact me if you have any questions about how to get involved in these or any other projects that help insure that every member of the beloved community will have a warm, safe, joy filled holiday season.

MITTEN TREE

Christmas---its meaning and celebration has puzzled me for years. As a child I had loved the biblical story of Christmas, but as a young adult I rejected it as unscientific. The materialism and conspicuous consumption of the season grated on me.

Still, I felt the loss of Christmas left a hole in my life and heart. Having a child of my own made my dilemma worse. What would I teach him about Christmas? Learning to embrace Christmas, for my son's sake and my own, has been a process for me. Over time I found great joy in the season. The renewal of longer days following the solstice - as light over takes darkness - is key to my nature based spirituality. I can embrace biblical stories as symbolic of the hope and love that every newborn brings to a family.

The Mitten Tree project, which was begun by a former member of our congregation, provides Christmas gifts to the residents of Parkwood house, an assisted living facility for people with mental disabilities. This project allows me to live my Unitarian principles and is the tradition that gives true meaning to my Christmas. It affirms the worth and dignity of every person - even society's cast offs. It celebrates the belief that they are part of us and we are part of them. It allows us to show our love by granting simple wishes to those who have so little. When my son was young, we enjoyed shopping together for our Mitten Tree person. As a young adult, he moved onto the task of "wish interviews" at the home with me. Seeing him live our principles through the Mitten Tree has been one of my greatest Christmas gifts.



JOIN US FOR A PRE-CHRISTMAS
MONEYLESS YARD SALE DEC. 11

What better way to fight the intrusive influence of consumerism on the holidays than by giving and receiving through First UU's unique Moneyless Yard Sale? The next one is coming up soon on Sunday, Dec. 11 between the two services and after the second one. Please join us!

Technically, the Moneyless Yard Sale is a quarterly exchange of goods among members and friends of First UU's congregation. But more to the point, it is a community-building event that is simple, fun, and beneficial on several levels. For some, it provides an incentive to reduce clutter and downsize; it helps others find needed items they otherwise might not be able to afford; and it diverts serviceable items from the community's landfills—recycling at its best!

Now well into our third year, the Moneyless Yard Sale team invites you to bring any quality, usable items you no longer need and take with you whatever strikes your fancy—all free of charge. If you have an item too large for a back seat, feel free to bring a photograph with your contact information. Want to volunteer to help out? Great! Call 282-8637 for more information.



PEOPLE FIRST ~ A GRASSROOTS FORUM TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY

You are invited to hear community members from around the region share experiences of being unemployed and underemployed. On **Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30pm** in First UU's Great Hall, a panel will talk about the need for jobs and access to jobs in the Richmond region. After the panel presentation, the audience will have time to share their experiences.

Job creation continues to be below the pre-recession job levels, how is this affecting our community members? Who are the faces behind the statistics and how can we all help our leaders understand the experiences people are having in this economy. How are people surviving and what can be done to move people from surviving to thriving and building a sustainable life for themselves and their families.

To build a sustainable community we need fair wages, access to quality affordable healthcare, transportation, childcare, housing and a choice of quality food and consumer goods. At the closing of the forum, you will be able to participate in action steps to get messages to key decision makers.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

GOT COATS? GOT CLOTHES?

The weather is cooling which is our signal for collecting winter clothing for "unwinterized" children at Greene School. This year we are hoping to get not only coats, but hats, gloves, scarves and boots for children from ages five through ten - twelve. Some of the older students could use larger sizes, but primarily sizes 5 - 12 for both boys and girls would be appropriate.

The clothing will be available at the PTA meetings. There is a large box in the coat closet at church on the right near the back. It is labeled Coats for Greene School, and any winter item can be placed in the box. (It would be helpful to place boots under other garments.)

If you feel inclined to make a donation, it would be great to do so before the weather gets colder and know that your generosity is helping to keep youngsters warm and well as we head into winter. If you are passing along garments from your own children, grandchildren or neighbor's children, please examine the garment and empty any pockets and wash the garment/s if needed.

The level of appreciation for donations from the last two years has been great and we hope to continue the giving program that warms our hearts as well as young bodies!

FOOD JUSTICE

Our November 5th Growing Greene Community Workday was a rousing success. We had 40 participants on site, half of those from First UU. Ten other UU's participated by contributing plant material, food, money, or professional expertise. Be sure to take a look at the photographs from the event posted in the middle studio. We built and planted a raised bed, planted and dedicated an apple tree, planted 100's of bulbs, native plants, and other plant material, and installed a cobblestone border around the native bed. And we're just getting started...

On Saturday, December 3rd, the Growing Greene Community Workday will be held from 10-noon and will focus on building and refurbishing food related infrastructure at the school. We will build compost bins, repair and amend four existing raised beds, and build two new ones. We're on the prowl for bird feeders, and also have a "Wish List" posted at the Growing Greene table in the church lobby on Sunday mornings. Take a look and see if there isn't something sitting around your home that might be put to use at E.S.H. Greene. A complete list of activities and sign up sheets are also posted at the Growing Greene table.

Meanwhile, don't forget the food bank. While, the gardeners among us are now planning our spring gardens, winter can be a long and hungry time for many families. Canvas bags, designed and decorated by First UU children and youth are available in the lobby for you to fill and return with your donations for FeedMore.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIMPLE SUPPER SCHEDULING

Please note that there is no Simple Supper December 28th. January 4th is our first Simple Supper of the year!

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Plan ahead for your January classes!

YOGA: Suitable for beginners to intermediate level. Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31. Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar. 6, 13. 7:00-8:15. Instructor: Lori Speagle. Fee \$40.

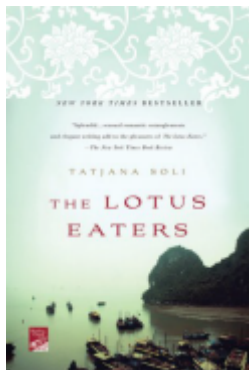
FAITH LIKE A RIVER: Themes from Unitarian Universalist History. Wednesdays, Jan. 11, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22. No class Jan. 18. 6:45-8:45. Facilitator: Aija Simpson. Fee: \$25.

ALCOTT BOOK GROUP

The Alcott Book Group will meet on Sunday, December 18, at 4:30 pm at the Positive Vibe Cafe, 2825 Hathaway Road, Richmond, VA 23225-1725 (804-560-9622), just north of Forest Hill and south of the River.

The group is enjoying its new members and invites others to join.

The book for this month is *Lotus Eaters*, by Tatjana Soli.



SIP 'N SUP SIGNUPS!

Sip 'n Sup is an ideal way to get to know other members of the church in more depth in an informal setting. Each year members and friends of the church are invited to sign-up for Sip 'n Sup in late November or early December. A schedule of dinners is devised so that each participant or couple has an opportunity to eat and enjoy the company of as many different folks as possible.

A Sip 'n Sup dinner will be scheduled to occur once a month for four or five months (from January to June). Your commitment to participate in Sip 'n Sup involves hosting 8 or more persons (including you) one evening in your home and providing the entire meal, beverages, etc. Then the other three or four evenings you will be a guest at someone else's home. It's a great deal! Many participants are couples, but remember: two singles make a couple. Two people make the hosting lots more fun.

The secret to a successful Sip 'n Sup year is your commitment to hosting; when everyone does his or her one evening, Sip 'n Sup is a lot of fun. The main purpose of Sip 'n Sup as a host is to enjoy the company of your guests, so, when you are hosting, pick a menu that can be prepared ahead of time or can cook unattended, so you can be a part of the merriment. Gourmet cooking is nice, of course, but certainly not required!

The deadline for sign-up this year is Wednesday, December 7. If you would like to sign-up to be included or need more information, contact Howard Fabry at hfabry@verizon.net or call him at 379-4355. A sign-up sheet will also be available on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVOLUTION KEEPS EVOLVING!

Tuesday Dec 13 7PM

Mark Reimers will present some of the current active discussions in evolution, such as how complex systems evolve, whether mutations are truly random, recent human evolution, and how the 'selfish genes' make caring possible.

INTRODUCTION TO LATIN/CLUB DANCING

This class is for those with little or no experience! Singles, couples, and same-sex couples welcome. Thursdays, Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23. 6:30-8:45. Facilitator: Mike Recant. Fee: \$15. Singles/\$25 Couples.

See further details for all classes in the Programming Catalog online at the church website, under the heading GROW.

Register by emailing Rhonda@richmondUU.org, dropping your registration in the Adult RE Registration box in the Middle Studio, or call the church at 804-355-0777.



THE INVISIBLE WEB OF LIFE: HOW BACTERIA SUSTAIN, TWEAK AND THREATEN US.

Sunday Dec 11 12:45 (after 2nd service)

The panel of Dr. Ernie Wilson, Ronnie Childs, and Mark Reimers will describe how bacteria are the invisible foundation of the intricate web of life as well as occasional threats. We'll discuss their role in food production, maintaining ecosystems and how the one hundred trillion bacteria in and on your body work in health and disease.

Have you seen this banner?

We're looking for one of our banners,; it says "Civil Marriages." The color is blue and white. Please return to the office or call Sherman Logan.



ATTN: CROCK POTTERS

If you brought a crockpot to the Thanksgiving potluck, and think you have the wrong lid, please let Barbara Jones know. In addition--if you know who made the chocolate/peanut butter cookies at the same affair, she'd love the recipe!

Book Nook

The First UU Book Store is located in the Middle Studio and continues to provide our readers with many choices. Join 1st UU members and friends for coffee and conversation after each service then, browse through the variety of items displayed for sale on the "Book Nook" tables or check out a book from the "Lending Library." Plan ahead for RE Classes, for special titles and copies of sermons you would like to hear again or share with someone.

A New Edition of 1ST UU's "WRITER'S GROUP FOLIO" for \$5.00

"STANDING OF THE SIDE OF LOVE" T-Shirts \$16.00 and \$25.00

KROGER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE for \$25.00

CD COPIES OF SERVICES MAY BE ORDERED for \$2.00

MONTHLY BOOK RAFFLE: \$1.00 PER TICKET

ICGR Calendars for 2012 are now available: \$15.00

SHEPHERD'S CENTER IS COLLECTING ALL OF THOSE UNWANTED CALENDARS THAT YOU GET IN THE MAIL FOR 2012 TO BE USED FOR A PRISON INMATE PROJECT. DROP THEM AT THE BOOK NOOK.

At anytime during the month, you may donate your unwanted books for all ages and suitable for resale at the Book Nook. They should be in good condition with appropriate subject material: books that entertain and inform us, that inspire us and that increase our conscious awareness for the world we share.

The profits generated from the monthly Raffle and the Recycled Book Sale will go toward the purchase of new titles for the Book Nook.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING.

First UU Presents



By Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope & Jamie Wooten

Directed By Larry Landon

- Featuring -

Helaine Meadows – Caitlin Orrison – Fricka Raycroft - Jana Frances-Fischer
Robert Meadows – Emily Verilla – Pat Owen - William Beattie – Greg Provo
Adam Harrison - Teresa Garrison – Brandon Hylton

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 10 & 11, 7 pm

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At The Foot of the Carillon

Preparations for the New Years' Day Service

"RELIGION, THE CHURCH AND US" is the sermon theme for January 1st. As a part of the Service we will hold our regular New Year Ceremony of Dying and Borning, in which we celebrate those who have died or have been born in the world, in our families and friends, and in our church membership during 2011 CE.

To help us, you are asked to give us the full name and date upon which member died, or a child was born in our church family. Please do this by December 27th or later if necessary. Send the names and dates to our church office, care of our Administrative Assistant, Desiree Woodson (desiree.woodson@richmondUU.org) or call 804-355-0777 or fax 804-358-7364.



DIDJA KNOW?

Otis Manson, a Richmond architect of notable reputation, was commissioned by the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond to submit drawings for a suitable house of worship in what was then the (John) Mayo Addition. This neighborhood had proved to be a popular choice for three of Richmond's churches (Trinity Methodist Church, First Presbyterian and the synagogue of the German and Dutch Jews of the Sephardic Ritual) seeking to relocate uptown from the Shockoe Creek section prior to 1822. The fourth religious edifice to be erected in the Mayo Addition was Manson's simple structure with long shuttered windows that would serve as a meeting house for the Universalist's congregation until its doors closed in 1875. Otis Manson died April 8, 1862 and was buried in Shockoe Cemetery. The stone that marks his grave reads in tribute:

*He was the first scientific architect
Richmond possessed.*

*He served the City faithfully as a
volunteer soldier in the Corps d'Elite in
the war of 1812 and for many years was
a member of her Council.*

*He died as he lived respected and beloved
by all who knew him.*

Rev. John Robinson became the minister for the 1st Unitarian Church of Richmond, January 1, 1904. Two years later on February 18, 1906, a new building had been completed and dedicated on the corner of Floyd and Harrison. A. J. Russell, an architect from Boston, had been contracted to design the new chapel. I have found a number of buildings credited to A. J. Russell in the Boston area but as of this date I have been unable to find any biographical information.

Ulrich Franzen was born in Dusseldorf, Germany, January 15, 1921; emigrated to the United States in 1943 and became a naturalized American citizen in 1943. He holds a BA at Williams College, Williamstown, Mass. and a MA at Graduate School of Design; Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.; served in the United States Army (1942-1944).

Franzen resided and worked in New York, NY with his wife, Josephine Burgess, and their three children, Peter, David and April. It was there that this young man, with a mildly rebellious streak, formed an architectural firm that achieved a reputation for a unique style of modernistic design that is sensitive to the social context. He said;

*"Architecture is the servant of its time and significant designs are
the experiments of an era. The buildings that are designed become
footprints of our own socio-cultural history, reflections of the ideas
and concerns of an era, and not those of an individual."*

Ulrich Franzen and Associates hold a long list of credits and awards for architectural accomplishments that are too extensive to list in this column but I would like to draw your attention to one of his creations; *The First Unitarian Church, 1000 Blanton St., Richmond, VA. (1972).*

Pat Vaughn

For this month's calendar, check out the calendar on the website by clicking here:

<http://richmondUU.org/about-2/rfuu-calendar/>

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