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The Newsletter of Reversing Falls Sanctuary

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Whoever you are, you are welcome here.

Wherever you come from, you are welcome here.

Protestant or Catholic, you are welcome here.

Buddhist, Jew, or Muslim, you are welcome here.

*From whatever religious tradition you come, you are welcome here,
and if you come from no religious tradition at all, you are welcome
here.*

If you are a believer, you are welcome here.

If you are not a believer, you are welcome here.

*If you come here often, you are welcome here.
If you have not been here for a long time, you are welcome here.
If you have never been here before, you are welcome here.
We open our hearts to you, and ask only that you
open your hearts to each other.*

>>>>> An Announcement >>>>>

www.reversingfalls.org

For several years Reversing Falls Sanctuary has needed a website. In June, Kathleen Caldwell and Jackie Pike volunteered to create one. The result is impressive. The website features a painting of the building by Brooksville and Philadelphia artist, Paul Rickert, a section about Reversing Falls, links to descriptions of coming events, and more. Visit us soon and often.

Coming Events

Sun., Dec. 1, 4 p.m. *Women's Circle*

Tue., Dec, 3, 4 p.m. *A conversation, with playwright and cast, about the theological, political, and social issues in 1637 and today by the "Trial of Anne Hutchinson"*

Sun., Dec. 8, 2 – 5 p.m. *Painting Exhibition: Annie Poole's Advent Series at 4 p.m. Songs of Advent, Christmas and Chanukah*

Sun., Dec. 15, 4 p.m. Parkers and Ferraras, *The Advent Spiral*

Sat., Dec. 21, 4 p.m. *Solstice Celebration: Endings and Beginnings*

Sun., Dec. 22, 2 p.m. *Cookie Exchange*

Sun., Jan 5, 4 p.m. *Women's Circle*

Sun., Jan 12, 4 p.m. Gerry Bryan and Dick Gregor,
Nourishing/Flourishing

Sun., Jan 19, 4 p.m. *Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration:
The Beloved Community*

Sun., Jan. 26, 4 p.m. Chris Farrow–Noble, *"Family Secrets"*

About Reversing Falls Sanctuary

RFS is more than a community center which offers interesting events.

Central to RFS is:

1. authentic communication,
2. nurturing creativity and the expression of individual gifts,
3. a focus on the inner/interior journey, and
4. community resilience

The center holds because it manages to encourage a special kind of **communication** which goes beneath the surface of things and helps us to explore ourselves, together. It is a place of **inquiry** into life's deeper spiritual and existential questions. RFS's open invitation to all, to participate in the planning and execution of events, serves to **unleash the creativity** of the individual and community.

Team Reports

Since July three teams have been at work providing leadership at Reversing Falls. The **Building Team** has

- > cleared and hauled away brush to make the property safer
- > ripped out the old carpet and sealed the cellar to alleviate mold
- > repaired a leak in the vestry roof and repairs are about to start on the steeple. Next an ozonator will clear the mold from the building
- > windows have been repaired and are being covered with polycarbonate

The **Program Team** has overseen a steady stream of Sunday afternoon programs as well as some on week nights. Among many:

- > Women's Circle continues every first Sunday
- > Labyrinth walks continue monthly at Alice's Field
- > Nourishing/Flourishing series anchored our fall programs
- > Our own journeys took us from Amman, Jordan to Jeju Island, Korea, and from Malawi to the Isle of Iona in the Hebrides, and even on a trek through the stars with the Journey of the Universe
- > At the Solstice celebration the Brooksville Ukulele Band led a musical procession down to the Reversing Falls of the Bagaduce where incense boats floated under the bridge and through the falls – see photo – and we drew a line in solidarity with 350.org.



> Twenty-five members of the RFS community gave of their valuable time and creative energy to produce a staged reading of a play by Gary Vencill, "The Trial of Anne Hutchinson" – well received by a standing-room-only crowd.

How is all this possible? The **Finance Team** has raised funds to maintain and repair the building and to offer needed support to programming.

Fundraising events and initiatives include:

- > The Brooklin Band Concert
- > The Bill Gawley Band Concert
- > An appeal letter – just sent
- > Address database created
- > A Post Office box rented: P.O. Box 64, Brooksville, 04617
- > A logo is being created
- > Grants are being pursued

Photos: Fall Equinox Celebration incense boat from the Richard Paget boatyard floats under the bridge and through the Reversing Falls of the Bagaduce.

Photo by Gail Vencill

Display at Sep. 29 session of Nourishing/Flourishing.

Photo by Gerry Bryan