

# WUU news

Monthly Newsletter of Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists



2015

## Some Dates of Note

8.2

10 am Rev. David Johnson's  
first service at WUU

8.6

6:30 pm Navigators  
Monthly Meeting

8.9

11:15 am Parents as  
Spiritual Teachers

8.13

11 am The Odyssey

8.17

7:00 pm PFLAG

8.20

7:30 pm Leadership Team  
Meeting

8.23

11:30 am Rainbow Potluck

8.24

7:00 pm Board Meeting

## Words from Rev. David A. Johnson, Incoming Interim Minister

### Transition Musings: Interim Minister's Letter



I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving as your Interim Minister. I am one of about two dozen Accredited Interim Ministers serving full-time in UU congregations in the US and Canada. Here's an overview of my background; then a few **FAQ's** (frequently-asked-questions) about the specialized work of transition ministry.

I have enjoyed several distinct careers: Mathematics, geology, oceanography, government service, settled ministry, and transition ministry. With each new venture I incorporate the best wisdom and resources from my past. Thus my journey resembles a telescope rather than a ladder – with overlapping yet distinctive approaches to wisdom. My careers in scientific research focused upon STT – “stuff-that’s true”. According to scientific methodology, “the truth” should be testable by empirical evidence, argument, and critical evaluation. By contrast, ministry focuses upon STM – “stuff-that-matters”. To be sure, there is much overlap between STT and STM. Yet STM engages human concerns that are not amenable to the rules of evidence that are appropriate to scientific inquiry. Thus, there’s an important distinction between truth and wisdom.

Here at WUU I am beginning my 29<sup>th</sup> year of full-time ministry. I previously served fifteen years as settled minister at Shawnee Mission UU Church in Kansas. In 2002 I shifted emphasis to the specialized work of transition ministry. WUU represents my ninth congregation-in-transition.

A few FAQ's about the specialized work of Interim Ministry:

### ***How is interim ministry different from called (or settled) ministry?***

Interim ministers (IM's) are hired as consultants to the Board, rather than being called by the congregation. Thus an IM's tasks are primarily consultative. While we IM's do engage in aspects of ministry which parallel the work of a settled minister, the IM is an invited guest, rather than a stakeholder in the system. For this reason IM's avoid identifying with, or becoming partisan advocates for, any particular issue, strategy, or outcome.

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## August Worship Schedule

**August 2, 2015**

**10:00 am**

**Rev. David Johnson**

**"From the Ages of Rocks - to the Rock of Ages"**

**Worship Associate: Pat Hoppe**

It was nearly fifty years ago, on a dark and stormy night far out in the North Atlantic, when I learned an important lesson - one that still applies as I begin serving WUU as your transition consultant (interim minister).

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**August 9, 2015**

**10:00 am**

**Rev. David Johnson**

**"Lands of Oz, Re-Visited: The Great Humbug?"**

**Worship Associate: Eva Burke**

Over a century ago, L. Frank Baum wrote of Dorothy's journey from her flat-land Kansas home to the enchanting Land of Oz. While there Dorothy and her dog Toto encountered an intriguing cast of characters. What does this myth of journeying, and the longing for home, suggest about our religious / spiritual lives?

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**August 16, 2015**

**10:00 am**

**Nicki Royall Peet**

**"Dishonor My Soul"**

**Worship Associate: Carolyn Greathouse**

An exploration of the concept of forgiveness from Christian, Jewish, Islamic and Buddhist perspectives in light of recent stunning acts of forgiveness in the media.

Nicki is an ordained Baptist minister living in Williamsburg. She has worked for over 20 years in the nonprofit sector as an Executive Director on behalf of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. She is also the author of two books "You Don't Need a Repeat Cesarean " and "The Shaman's Daughter."

(Today Rev. Dave Johnson will be preaching at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver BC)

**August 23, 2015**

**10:00 am**

**Rev. David Johnson**

**"Jacob's Insight: Tinkering as the Pacemaker"**

**Worship Associate: Richard Costello**

The Jacob in my title is not the Old Testament patriarch; he's a Nobel-prize winning French biologist, Francois Jacob, who offered profound insights about how evolution functions: Evolution is not an engineer (or intelligent designer), but rather a tinkerer and bungler: experimenting with the "adjacent possible." What does this have to do with congregational life and transitions? I'll suggest some possibilities.

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**August 30, 2015**

**10:00 am**

**Rev. David Johnson**

**"Pentimento: How My Mind is Changing (Or: A Stroke of Opportunity??)"**

**Worship Associate: John Hochella**

On a morning in December last year, I suffered a mild stroke. At the time I was exploring the San Andreas Fault zone, and thought that I might be in the midst of an earthquake. In hindsight, this event has led me to unexpected landscapes of the mind and heart which now stand out in bold relief. Over the months since this un-planned event, I have decisively shifted my priorities. I will share some of these landscapes, and consider how my "stroke of opportunity" has challenged and empowered my life and ministry. I am re-claiming and building upon the roots / foundations / relationships which have brought me safe thus far; while engaging new voices, experimenting with new improvisations, and traversing new landscapes.

***I've heard that an interim minister is like a substitute teacher. Is that a fair comparison?***

A generation ago, interim ministers were primarily place-holders. The expectation was: Keep the wheels turning smoothly, and don't change a thing. In that respect, the substitute-teacher analogy seemed to fit. During that earlier era, interim ministry was either:

A victory-lap, for ministers approaching retirement. Or:

A half-way house, for ministers recovering after a negotiated resignation. Or:

A consolation prize, for ministers who preferred a long-term settlement, but interim ministry emerged as a "second-best" option.

***Why is interim ministry important? Can't we just find our next "real" minister?***

For several decades, congregations in all denominations have realized that ministry-transition is a window of opportunity for reflection and discernment. Thus emerged ***intentional interim ministry***, with specially-trained IM's to coach congregations through important focus points of self-reflection. Whenever a church short-circuits this process, the incoming settled minister may become an un-intentional interim.

***What are the congregation's five focus points during interim ministry?***

The Interim Ministry Network recommends five focus points for the congregation. In brief, these five are:

**HERITAGE:** Articulation and affirmation of a shared past, its ongoing meaning and the sense of purpose that it can provide.

**MISSION:** Who are we? Where are we going? Who and what are we called to be? How will we know that we have succeeded in that mission and vision?

**CONNECTIONS:** Being aware of the many and varied communities that the congregation and its member participate in, and by their active engagement, help shape.

**LEADERSHIP:** Reviewing the membership needs and its ways of organizing new and effective leadership.

**FUTURE:** Re-vision of the congregation's historic purpose, reinterpreted and updated in light of current realities and circumstances.

***How does the interim minister work with a congregation in engaging these focus points?***

In supporting the congregation's work on the "focus points", the IM serves as observer, coach, diagnostician, and cheerleader. The IM's role centers on process: Fostering clear and timely communications, clarifying roles and responsibilities, identifying congregational norms (i.e., the "cultural DNA"), noting places of ambiguity or conflicting purpose, fostering the congregation's self-understanding of its mission / vision, and promoting a healthy balancing. In brief, the process tasks of the Interim Minister are: Joining the system, analyzing / interpreting, connecting, focusing, clarifying responsibility, evaluating, and exiting. The over-arching approach for the IM is: observe, describe, and frame questions that are clarifying, provocative, and open-ended, rather than to resolve perceived problems.

***How do IM's "carry out the normal responsibilities of congregational ministry", plus the specialized work of interim ministry? How do you avoid burn-out?***

I set limits. I review regularly the process-oriented tasks for which I am responsible, and "give the work back to those to whom it belongs", rather than rescuing anxious situations. That's often a challenge. And I devote one evening per week to music (choral singing).

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***What particular perspectives do you bring?***

1. Ask questions -- lots of them!! “What are your norms, un-written agreements, and preferred ways of being together?” “Why is this so?” “What do these patterns suggest about how your congregation deals with change?” “What are your greatest sources of pride and achievement?” “To what degree is there strong congruence between your stated mission / vision, and your preferred ways of being together?”

2. Affirm and build. Identify what is already working well, and probe for ways to strengthen it. The proponents of Appreciative Inquiry remind us: “Most human searches are a success. Not only do we seem to find whatever it is we are looking for, but when we search for what is BEST about a human system, the positive qualities tend to multiply. The active surfacing of good news is not an avoidance of reality; it is the best way to improve reality.”

3. Think systems. I’m a proponent of the systems approach (e.g. Peter Senge; Edwin Friedman / Peter Steinke / Roberta Gilbert; Margaret Wheatley; William Bridges; Ron Heifetz.) The challenge is one of discernment: When is a situation a problem – and thus amenable to a technical solution? When does a situation require adaptive learning, rather than a “quick fix”?

***Why did you shift to this specialized form of ministry?***

I’ve discovered renewed vitality and focus in interim ministry. I’ve found it to be energizing – and also humbling. The energizing element derives from the terminal nature of my work: I am **pre-fired!**. This clear boundary reminds me that I can’t just go on-and-on: There is important potential in each new day. The humbling element comes in knowing that I probably will not be around to see results from our work together. That recognition brings a crucial element of grace into interim ministry.

***Why do you consider golf as a spiritual discipline?***

Ever since my dad taught me to putt on sand greens in Texas, I’ve been hooked. Golf is a mind-game, far more than requiring physical prowess. It involves the Buddhists’ focus upon the present moment. My library includes two books by Michael Murphy (founder of the Esalen Institute): *Golf in the Kingdom* (1972) and *The Kingdom of Shivas Irons* (1997) which I commend; they enliven the links. I must confess -- to golf purists -- that I believe in forgiveness; thus I may occasionally play “winter rules” in other seasons.

All good wishes for the summer.

Rev. Dave Johnson, Interim Minister, WUU

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**Come join our SUMMER MISSION PROJECT - Fridays and Saturdays, August 14/15 & August 21/22**



This summer the Social Justice Ministry has been looking into projects closer to home than our previous WVA sites. Eureka! We’ve been asked to help the Williamsburg Public Housing Manager, JaLauna Burton, with a public housing project. **Gazebos** have been donated for the residents’ use and are being installed at four sites this week. Our project will be to paint the four structures and add landscaping to beautify the sites. Can you help? Adults and teenagers are welcome to join us. Please contact Jessica O’Brien, Social Justice chair, at [sjchair@wuu.org](mailto:sjchair@wuu.org) with the days you are available. Let’s get these gazebos spruced up!

Happy August!

We did it! We made it through the month of July without a minister. Jennifer left us moving at a good speed and Dave Johnson is on his way to take up the reins.

Thanks to all of you who have helped during this month to keep us on track:

- the RE program getting our young Hogwarts ready to face the obstacles of life;
- Ministry teams planning new and exciting ways of taking us along the WUU Mission's path,
- the Worship Team ensuring this month's inspiring worship services,
- the Staff who filled our every need,
- and all of you who worked at other tasks, supported and participated.

Special thanks go to two very special members who have been working way above pay scale -- it's all volunteer work, you know:

- Peter Mellette. His innumerable hours, calls, emails made on our behalf, addressing one glitch or minor setback after another to finalize the details of the mortgage and title papers, have at last resulted in success with WUU to have the new mortgage in hand. By the time you read this, hopefully Peter and the other Trustees, Ellen Graham and Roy Snyder will have signed the documents.
- Roger Guernsey. Again through innumerable hours, calls, emails, Roger has worked back and forth with our architect and contractor, pouring over minute details, charts, drawings, specifications, checking contracts, getting ready for the remainder of the bids to be requested. Those, too, should be very near completion by the time you read this. Then Roger and his Design Build Team (Franz Gross, Nan Piland, Sally Fisk, Dave Neiman, and Les Solomon as ex officio) will soon be able to let us know what's "in" and what's "out" of the construction plan. Keep reading their newsletters for late information.

The Board retreat in May resulted in many Action Items for us to address this year. Some are already completed, some are scheduled for later in the year, but one is truly urgent: ensuring that our communication methods contain information that is sufficient, appropriate, timely and easily found on our Website, on our Facebook pages, and in the newspaper. The office staff cannot do it all; this is a responsibility of the congregation. Therefore, please see the "help needed" notice in this Newsletter. With people returning from summer vacations, they may be searching to find a church home or, like all of us, wanting to know what's happening in WUU. Please consider your skills and interests in relation to this need.

Now we begin our official "Interim" work in preparation for a new settled minister in 2017. The Board and Transition Team are ready and eagerly anticipating our work with Dave Johnson as he leads the congregation through this time.

I know you are anxiously awaiting news of the Ministerial Search Committee. The Board and Nominating Committee will be working with Dave Johnson this next month to develop the plan of nominating candidates for that committee. I hope to have more information for you next month.

In the meantime, enjoy the final days of summer before the fall rush begins. If you have questions or comments for the Board, please let us know by emailing me at [president@wuu.org](mailto:president@wuu.org) or the entire Board at [board@wuu.org](mailto:board@wuu.org).

Peace to each of you,  
Lola





## Share the Plate

**HOSPICE HOUSE**  
& Support Care of Williamsburg

The Share the Plate contribution on **Sunday, August 2**, will benefit Hospice House. For over 30 years, many thousands of patients and their caregivers have been served. Since 2002, Hospice has maintained a four bed facility to provide short-term residential care and end of life support to persons living in Williamsburg, James City County and upper York County. Use of this residential care can also provide a respite for caregivers.

Staff and volunteers work in close collaboration with local healthcare providers to assure patients and families receive needed services. All services are provided without charge, thanks to the philanthropic support of individuals, businesses, foundations and congregations. Jackie LeClair, Hospice Director of Operations, will attend the service to offer more information. Visit [www.williamsburghospice.org](http://www.williamsburghospice.org). Please be generous.

**Here's a tip for Share the Plate contributors:** If you're not able to attend on Share the Plate Sunday, or forget your checkbook or decide afterwards you'd like to do more, we assure you late donations are welcome, up to a couple of weeks after STP Sunday. Just make checks payable to WUU, with STP on the memo line and deliver to the WUU office.

For information on the Share the Plate program or to nominate a recipient agency, email [stp@wuu.org](mailto:stp@wuu.org).



**MOSAIC MAKERS**

*Leading Vital Multicultural  
Congregations*

Are you uncomfortable when talking with people who don't look like you? Or who were raised in a culture you do not understand? Perhaps you feel awkward and afraid of saying something stupid? You are not alone. This is why Jennifer established the Mosaic Makers Team last year after the WUU Board adopted this resolution:

*WUU is an open, welcoming congregation with no intentional barriers to membership to exclude individuals based on race, color, sexual orientation, economic resources, or degree of education. Yet there are sometimes unintentional barriers, which act as obstacles to growth and diversity. Thus, for WUU to increase its role as a vital, effective force for liberal theology and social justice in our community, the WUU Board resolves that we:*

*Raise the importance of multiculturalism within our congregation so that our questions and actions are viewed through this prism.*

Mosaic Makers Team members will work with our various Ministry Teams to explore ways of implementing this resolution. Please meet with us during coffee hours to learn more: Jessica O'Brien, John Whitley, Steven Sharp, Melanie Williams, Lou Seyler and Wayne Moyer.

## Building Our Future: One Step at a Time

Though July appeared to be a slow month (very few meetings), it is the sub-contractors who had the primary action. They have been reviewing the specifications that Guernsey Tingle Architects prepared so they can submit their final bids. Your Design Build Team will be meeting with Chester Kramer (E.T.Gresham Construction) and the GTA Team in early August to review the bid submissions and to make the final decisions.

On the table under the BOF graphics in the foyer are two new documents for your review:

- The Final Permit Review Drawings
- Project Manual

As anticipated, we have run into some minor snags:

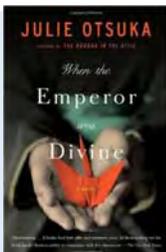
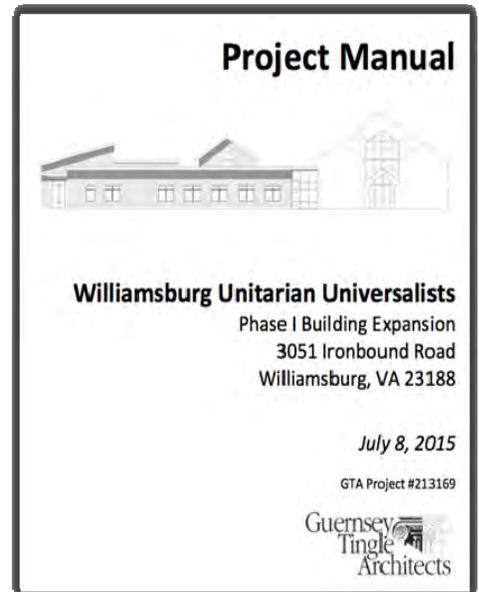
- Peter Mellette has been working to resolve who owns a very small strip of land between WUU and the school property. It involves about 1,300 square feet at the back of the property, but this has held up finalizing the mortgage settlement.
- We have learned that the Department of Historic Resources wants more work on the archeological survey. Our surveyor, who wrote the regulation for the State, is working with GTA and DHR to resolve this issue.

So we continue to move forward, one step at a time, with a few side steps. Our schedule remains unchanged. The critical dates:

- **September:** Move in the equipment and prepare the construction site. Mark your calendars for September 20 Ground Breaking.
- **November/December:** Complete the basic exterior construction before winter's bad weather begins.
- **May:** Complete all of the *new* building construction and begin renovations for the Gathering Hall and Commercial Kitchen. Complete site work including paving and landscaping.
- **June:** Occupy the new spaces!

Les Solomon

Chair, Building Our Future



### The Third Wednesday Pathfinders Book Group

August - When the Emperor was Divine --Julie Otsuka  
Join us on August 19 at noon in Fahs House, all are welcome!

Do you know every WUU? Neither do I.

That's why we want to include a brief member biography in every newsletter.

Maybe you'll discover someone who shares your background, interests, or hobby. Maybe you'll learn something new about someone you already know. Or maybe you'll be moved to reach out to someone who needs to hear from you.

Please help us strengthen the WUU community by sharing your story. Together, we can weave a growing web of friendship, support, compassion, and love. Melissa Ackley, [ackleymw@gmail.com](mailto:ackleymw@gmail.com)

## Spotlight on Glen & Melinda Morgan



Melinda Alford Morgan and Glen Morgan met in the fall of 1963 – she a freshman and he a professor of music at Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA.

After her graduation, Melinda moved to Boston, married, raised a son and a daughter, and eventually became a reading specialist. During this time in Boston, Melinda became a Unitarian Universalist as a spiritual home to raise her children that was different from the fundamentalism of her family.

In Williamsport, Glen raised his children and moved to London to pursue his musical career in teaching, conducting, composing and playing French horn. He literally walked into the Trinity School of Music and was hired to set up the first electronic studio at the school. After his retirement he returned to Pennsylvania and continued to worship in the Methodist church.

In 2009, Melinda and Glen reconnected on Facebook and thus began a romance that had gone unacknowledged all those years. After living in Pennsylvania for a couple of years and continuing to attend the Methodist church, they decided they needed a different lifestyle and came to Williamsburg and the Unitarian Universalist church.

Melinda felt at home again in her chosen church and Glen discovered that this was the spiritual home he had been looking for. In August of 2013, they were married at WUU and became members. They have taken part in circle dinners, covenant groups, Arts group and other discussion groups. Glen has composed songs that have been performed at WUU. They look forward to continued growth in spirit at WUU.



### **Save the Date!**

United Way Day of Caring 2015 is on September 18th. Once again, we will put together a WUU team to serve our community on the annual Day of Caring. This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to join together in service. Contact Jess Hench at [jesshench@gmail.com](mailto:jesshench@gmail.com) if interested. More information will come soon!



**Harry Potter!** We have 8 weeks of fantastic Hogwarts themed fun! Have you wondered how each lesson relates to the different Unitarian Universalist sources and principles? Here's a list!

- ◇ 2-August            Transfiguration                            4th Principle
- ◇ 9-August            Divination                                    4th Principle
- ◇ 16-August           Potions                                        1st Source
- ◇ 23-August           Defense Against the Dark Arts        1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th Principles
- ◇ 30-August           Quidditch & House Cup                1st & 2nd Principles

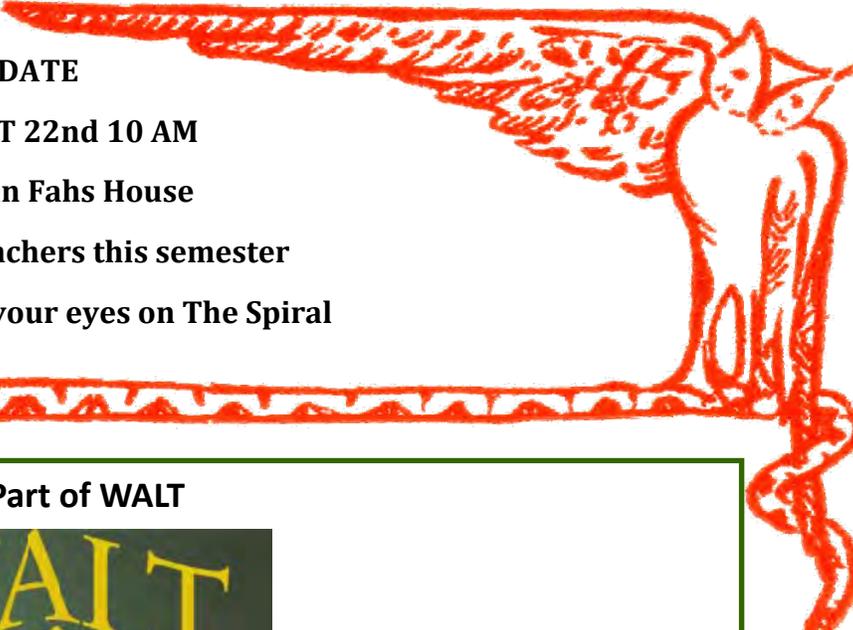
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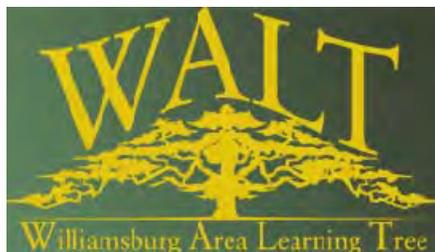
**Teacher Training in Fahs House**

**We are accepting new teachers this semester**

**More details to come, keep your eyes on The Spiral**



**Be Part of WALT**



One unique way WUU serves our greater community is through the Williamsburg Area Learning Tree (WALT). This WUU outreach program brings people together to share in ideas, interests and understanding. By offering a schedule of more than 65 assorted classes twice a year, WALT creates community awareness of WUU and brings people together to learn from each other. The classes offered range from Adventures in Sailing to Yoga and represent the many talents that are a part of our community. If you would like to host a WALT class this Fall by sharing your interests or talents or if you have any ideas for enhancing WALT, please contact Jill Whitten at [WALT@wuu.org](mailto:WALT@wuu.org) or 220-9975.



### **Save the Date!**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula (UUF) is holding their fourteenth annual retreat at **Pocahontas State Park** the weekend of **October 9-11**, and they have invited the folks from WUU to attend! It'll be a great few days of food, fellowship and fun, enjoying workshops, games, music and other activities; the natural beauty of the park and lake; worship indoors and out; evenings at the campfire; and, of course, delicious meals! You can come Friday evening and stay through Sunday morning for the full experience (including lodging in one of the cosy cabins) or just spend Saturday at the Retreat! More information to follow. You can also visit this link: <https://uufp.wordpress.com/2015/07/10/coming-this-fall-the-fourteenth-annual-retreat/>



### **“Compassion in Action: Dalai Lama Awakening Vol 2:”**

On Friday, August 7, at 7 p.m., Be sure to head over to Unity Fellowship Church at 624 Queens Creek Rd, Williamsburg where there will be a special screening of "Compassion in Action."

Tickets \$10, seniors and students, \$8.

50% of proceeds to the Worldwide Tour; no one is turned away.

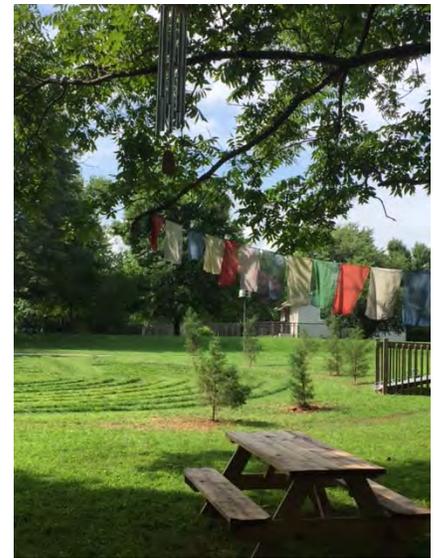
Tickets are available at the door.

This documentary includes illuminating insights about the essential problems of our world today and how we might solve them, shared by the Dalai Lama and revolutionary thinkers. This program is produced and directed by Khashyar Darvich. For More information visit this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1666072006963236/>

## Did you see:

- The **Navigators** replanted 7 cedar trees (that would have been lost to construction) to their new location in the Parker Park (near the labyrinth). Could it be that these are 7 cedars for 7 UU principles or just chance?
- **The new opportunities in Parker Park**--A new picnic bench, prayer flags (a gift from **Jennifer**), beautiful baritone chimes in the tree (a gift from **Deborah Wells and Wilson Abney**), the new fire pit (thanks to the **Navigators**), and the Crepe Myrtles in full bloom near the parking lot, with the labyrinth and cedars just behind Parker.
- **Patrick Dollar** for offering to stain the new picnic tables.

A note about closing the Sanctuary. Sometimes the patio doors are unlocked on Sunday morning. There is an Allen Wrench above the door to be used to lock the doors.



### Food For FISH

(our local community's food & clothing pantry)

Summer is here, so we need to help stock the FISH pantry with easy-to-fix foods for kids home in the summer.

Suggestions are:

Cold cereals, peanut butter and jelly, breakfast bars, small cans of ravioli, spaghetti, macaroni & cheese and puddings.





## HELP WANTED: WE HAVE A CRITICAL NEED

We need an energetic team of at least three people to take WUU further into the marketplace through our Webpage, our Facebook pages, and the Gazette newspaper. Each team member will have responsibility in one of these media. They will work as part of the WUU Ministry Teams, under the guidance of the minister or his/her designee.

### Qualifications:

- Interest in making sure that these media reflect current WUU events and information
- Somewhat good knowledge of the congregation
- Knowledge of how to work with at least one of these media
- Willingness to spend the time needed to accomplish the needs of these types of communication
- Ability to work with staff, the Leadership Team and the Board regarding events and information
- Ability of at least one team member to attend Leadership Team meetings on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month.

### Salary and Benefits:

Salary: In line with all other volunteer positions: ZIP! NADA! Don't you wish!

Benefits: Great satisfaction!

- Doing something urgently needed for your WUU family
- Getting to know your WUU family in many ways
- Receiving many thanks from your WUU family
- Knowing that you have helped spread the good news of UUism and WUU, specifically, beyond our doors

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Board President, Lola Warren, at [president@wuu.org](mailto:president@wuu.org) or by phone at 757-254-3520.



A BIG thank you to **Dr. Jess Hench** and **Patrick Dollar** for all their hard work around campus this month! Have you noticed our newly stained picnic tables! Thanks to Patrick, they're ready for the August sunshine! Jess and Patrick also shoveled 2 yards of mulch to make the walkway to Fahs House more safe and beautiful for everybody. Thanks, Jess and Patrick!

## Stewardship is the Lifeblood of Our Community – Thank You for Your Support

Stewardship is our way of supporting each other in our search for truth and in being a light to the world.

My term as chair of the Stewardship Committee ended in June. Over the last two years, I have learned a lot about stewardship though working with a dedicated committee and through your participation in the Wi\$dom Path workshops.

Thank you for the opportunity to reach out to each of you as we build the infrastructure needed to support the WUU mission. With your support we have kept the annual canvass strong during a capital campaign and a ministerial transition.

As always, let one of the Stewardship Committee know if you have any thoughts, questions or concerns. If you don't call us, we may be calling over the next couple of months to check in with you.

Peter Mellette, for the Stewardship Committee (Dave Banks, Nancy Carnegie, Martha Elim, Peter Mellette, Ben Puckett, Trena Tankersley)

### FISH, INC.

220-9379

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Williamsburg, VA 23185

July 6, 2015

Mrs. Richard Sherman  
Mrs. Roger Sherman  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
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Williamsburg, VA 23188

Dear Hanni and Carol,

We are half way through 2015 and the thank-you's to the wonderful volunteers who have help bring the FISH Clothes Closet from Spring well into summer by working with us each Tuesday are long overdue. You have such willing helpers at Williamsburg Unitarian Universalist Church who come faithfully each May to help process clothing for our neighbors in need. It is wonderful to be able to count on such folks each year.

We are very grateful for the support your church provides to FISH in so many different ways – from the workers who show up each May to the donations from your entire church family of food, clothing, blankets, and winter jackets. Without such support FISH could not fulfill its mission to our community.

Our heartfelt thanks to all and we look forward to working with you again next May.

Have a wonderful Summer.

Sincerely and on behalf of everyone in the Clothes Closet,

Mary Kafes

WITH YOUR LOVE



HELP US GROW  
& BLESS THE WORLD



One of the letters of thanks recently received. See more on the bulletin board in the narthex.



A special thank you to **Pat Hoppe** for proofreading and editing the WUU Newsletter each month.

*Thank You!*



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## TIME SENSITIVE

## CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!

Looking for a way to acknowledge a friend or relative's special day? Why not make a contribution to the WUU Endowment Fund in their name? We will then send out a letter acknowledging that the WUU Endowment Fund has received a gift from you in the name of that special person. What a unique way to recognize an occasion! For a Memorial Gift Form, contact [Endowment@wuu.org](mailto:Endowment@wuu.org).

(To add your name and month to the birthday and anniversary list, contact Ellyn Stephens in the office at [office@wuu.org](mailto:office@wuu.org).)



## August Birthdays

## August Anniversaries

Don and Melissa Ackley

Priscilla and Greg Caldwell

Raga and Martha Elim

Susan Fournier and David Cunningham

Bob and Megan Tschannen-Moran

Fred Adair

Linda Bergmann

Linda Cifelli

Janie Dickson

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