



# WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

A WELCOMING, WORSHIPING, WITNESSING CONGREGATION

## WUU NEWS

**February 2014**

### **February 2, 2014**

9:15am The Circle: Contemplative Worship will not meet this morning.

11:15am

Charter Sunday: 25th Anniversary  
An All-Ages Worship Service

Rev. Randy Becker

"Looking for Our Shadow and Finding Our Future"

The Place: Gobbler's Nob, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania

The Time: sunrise, February 2

The Cast: One Groundhog

The Plot: How a ritual of the season and a movie about that ritual offer insight into the human condition.

This morning we celebrate the silver anniversary of our congregation with guest ministers, music commissioned for this milestone, and you!

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### **February 9, 2014**

9:15 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship "How We Live Passionately"

Often when we shape our interests around what others need, we wind up selling our chance at happiness for what we think will be secure. But while supply and demand may work on paper, it can build a loveless life in the world.

Rev. Dr. Robin Gorsline, Worship Leader

11:15 am

"How Ready Are We for More Blessing?"

Rev. Dr. Robin Gorsline

Using a Marge Piercy poem and the Christian gospel of Matthew, Rev. Gorsline explores what it means to be a blessing—giving, receiving, being. He will do this in the context of the work of POFEV: People of Faith for Equality in Virginia—getting Virginia ready for equality for LGBT people—and encouraging us to participate in a public Witness for Love on February 14 in Williamsburg.

Rev. Dr. Robin Hawley Gorsline serves as President & CEO of POFEV: People of Faith for Equality in Virginia, a statewide movement for justice. Anne Stevens and Rev. Jennifer Ryu will be today's worship leaders, and Rani Wachter and Neill Wilson will provide the music.

11:15 am Children's Program:

K-2nd grade-- "The Tiger and the Lame Fox" (Spirit Play)

3-5th grade-- "Solomon I" (Bibleodeon)

Middles-- "Contact" (Popcorn Theology)

## February 16, 2014

9:15 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship, "Our WUU Covenant"

Nan Hart and James Gerald. Worship Leaders

In entering into our Covenant, what do we, as individuals, gain? What do we give up? What service do we owe those we have entered into covenant with?

11:15 am

"Walking with Prophets"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

With so much bad news in the air, it is tempting to fall into a deep pessimism about the state of the world. Reading the poetry of Isaiah, Hosea, and Jeremiah can renew our vision of liberation and justice, for they were truth-tellers and hope-tellers. They also had some radical ideas about the meaning of covenant, using the word to talk about mission to others.

11:15 am Children's Chapel: "Solomon" with Pat Hoppe & Scott Varney. All children please meet in Fahs House.

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## Feb 23, 2014

9:15 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship, "The Old Testament Covenant"

Charlotte Lorentson and Rev. Jennifer Ryu, Worship Leaders

What was God's contract with the Israelites? What did they owe God? What did God owe them? How does this, if at all, translate into your personal spiritual relationship?

11:15 am

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

"WUU: Community or Congregation?"

People in the UU world have been talking about our future "beyond congregations." Are we a movement or a denomination? What does it mean to be a UU outside of a church building? How does our being a covenantal, rather than a creedal body, affect our response to these questions?

11:15 am Children's Program:

K-2nd grade-- "Learning by Heart" (Spirit Play)

3-5th grade-- "Women in the Bible" (Bibleodeon)

Middles-- "Contact" (Popcorn Theology)

## MINISTER'S CORNER

By Rev. Jennifer Ryu



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO WUU!

Anniversaries and birthdays ask us to stop. They ask us to "rest for a moment on the forming edge of our lives." If we say yes, resisting "the headlong tumble into the next moment," then life rewards us with "awareness and gratitude...laughter and silence, memory and hope." (quotes from our hymnal #435)

WUU's 25th Anniversary is our chance to stop and rest. At times, in the whirlwind of planning, it was hard to feel restful, but now that everything is in place for Saturday & Sunday, I can feel the awareness and gratitude rising!

Now, in these more restful days, we all have a chance to look back. At times we will struggle to remember the exact dates, the names, even the precise order of events. But primarily, we will remember the feeling of homecoming. We will remember precious moments of holding brand new babies and the hands of those who were dying. We will remember crying during the middle school ceremonies, and those soaring harmonies of We Shall Overcome. We will remember marching for justice, serving meals, building houses, donating socks and underwear. We will remember the arguments and the broken hearts--the setbacks and the disappointments. And we will remember how we persevered, taking one more hard-earned step around the Spiral.

In these moments of restful remembering, we also wonder what the next 25 years will look like. Williamsburg is growing, and other faith communities are responding by opening up their franchises here (did you get the postcard from Water's Edge?). Not everyone will be looking for a Christian church. Some are looking for a religious community they don't even know exists. Wouldn't it be great, they ask themselves, if there were a religious home that encouraged everyone to think critically about their faith? Could there be a church that preached the truth in all the world's religions? Are there people of faith speaking out against racism, homophobia, economic inequality, mass incarceration, and environmental justice?

WUU is just that place, but we don't have room right now for everyone who would come here. There isn't enough room in Fahs House for 10 more kids; there isn't enough room in Parker House for 10 more teens. We have an opportunity at this crucial milestone to set the foundation for the next 25 years.

What will WUU look like in 2039? Who will be at that 50th anniversary party, "resting, for a moment on the forming edge" their lives, looking back in awareness and gratitude for everything we, in 2014, are about to do together?

## Share the Plate for February 2, 2014

### BE A CHALICE LIGHTER

On Sunday, February 1, 2014, as part of our 25<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, Share The Plate will go to the South East District's Chalice Lighter program. You can convert this one-time offering into a year round pledge of support by becoming a Chalice Lighter. Up to three times a year CLs receive a call in the mail requesting a donation for a congregation that wishes to expand its programs, call a minister or build an addition. We then send our pledged amount--\$25 is the suggested amount although any amount is accepted—to the Southeast District and the selected congregation receives a grant of about \$25,000. WUU has received two such grants in the past and will apply for another when BOF moves ahead, however we need 20% participation to win a grant. Please consider completing an application on line at [www.seduua.org/chalicelighters.html](http://www.seduua.org/chalicelighters.html) or see Wayne Moyer, WUU's Chalice Lighter Coordinator.

## From the Board President:

Once again, I am amazed at the busyness of WUU. I often think of congregations having a bit of down time after the holidays, but such is not the case with ours. What we are not in the midst of doing, we are planning to do. I sense a special excitement in the air. The sanctuary has been filled to capacity. The anniversary committee is working diligently to make our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner a very special event. We have so many of our former ministers and friends coming to celebrate with us. An orientation class for prospective new members just completed; I have high hopes that many of them will soon sign the book and become full members.



The Board and its committees have been working behind the scenes to keep WUU moving on our mission toward our Vision 2017 goals.

We're hearing about the exciting next steps the congregation is taking as we consider expanding our facilities. Thanks to you who contributed to the fund that allows these next steps. Soon we will have an architect meeting with the congregation in a variety of focus groups to get a detailed understanding of what we need and want. Watch for information from the Building Our Future Task Force on how you can participate.

The Finance Committee keeps fine-tuning the preliminary budget so that by the time all pledges are turned in, a final budget can easily be put in place.

You have heard from the Stewardship Committee about the need for all of us who are able to commit a portion of our income to WUU so that we can complete all those 2017 Vision goals, taking us further on our mission. The Board hopes you will be generous as you consider how much WUU means to you and what it has to offer others outside our doors.

After receiving word from the immigration arm of the NSA that our request to hire Lizzie Roper, a UK citizen, as our interim Director of Lifespan Faith Development was denied, the Personnel Committee is regrouping and has formed a new search committee for the director position. We have high hopes for success there, too.

The Governance Committee, that keeps the Board running in its ongoing work, planned a combined Board/Ministry Team leader retreat to consider how better to help all members become involved in the mission process. They are now planning a retreat for the Board to examine itself as it approaches the end of its year and beginning of the next. Board turn-over takes place the end of April.

After all the festivities of our turning 25 have come and gone, another big event will be upon us – **the Annual Congregational Meeting. Save this date and time – Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 – immediately following the service.** You will hear more about all the characters in action and stops along our journey toward reaching our goals. AND, if you are a voting member, you will be asked to vote for new officers and a bylaw change. More information about that meeting is on its way to you, if you have not already received it. Your presence is important. A light lunch will be served. Childcare will be provided.

Whew! You must agree that WUU certainly is busy. Yet there is much waiting to be done. Come, join in at least one part of the work WUU is about -- getting out into the world with our principles, our sense of justice, and our liberal religion – all of which is so sorely needed. Some people think being 25 to 50 years old is the best – there is maturity, knowledge, and energy. Let's make WUU's next 25 years be our best; let's get moving even faster to transform the world to be its best.

See you around the campus and beyond!

Lola Warren

Sunday, February 23, 2014  
The UUA "COMMON READ" Café Conversation  
2pm - 4pm, Fahs House  
Rev. Jennifer Ryu & Wayne Moyer  
*["Behind the Kitchen Door"](#)*

Every year, we join UUs around the country to read and study one book. In this year's selection, author Saru Jayaraman reveals how restaurant workers live on some of the lowest wages in America and how poor working conditions—discriminatory labor practices, exploitation, and unsanitary kitchens—affect the meals that arrive at our restaurant tables. *Behind the Kitchen Door* invites Unitarian Universalists to intentionally consider their practices in restaurant dining. It makes visible the lives of people who are subject to discrimination and oppression based on economic status, race, ethnicity, gender, and/or immigration status. **All are welcome to this discussion--even if you don't get around to reading the book!**

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT IN WILLIAMSBURG?

Are the workers there treated fairly? According to media reports, the answer is: probably not. Especially during the cold winter, we have to wonder how they and their families fare. This nationwide challenge is faced by The [Restaurant Opportunities Centers United](#), another UUSC partner, that works with restaurant workers throughout the country to bring fair working conditions — living wages, paid sick days, equal chances to advance — to all restaurant workers, many of whom are immigrants. Current industry standards keep people in poverty, deny workers their full rights, and contribute to the stagnation of the U.S. economy.

UUSC applies an analysis of race, class, and gender, recognizing the role of systemic discrimination in perpetuating injustice and human rights violations.

We, at WUU, can keep in mind that our religious voice should be heard both far and near. When local efforts to insist on fairness for workers rise to the surface in our community, we can stand with those efforts. We are the local voice of UUSC. Be proud to be a WUU.

Kit Fournier



### 30 Days of Love

The Thirty Days of Love is a period from 1/18 to 2/16 of intentional action, service, education, and reflection to focus on this essential work. Will you commit to join us on this spiritual journey for social justice? Check the [Standing on the Side of Love](#) website for more information.

### An Urgent Call from North Carolina—Come to Raleigh Feb. 8

We'll be travelling to Raleigh, NC on 2/8 to stand beside our friends as they fight for justice with a Mass Moral March. Contact Robin Allman of UUSC in Glen Allen at (804)-741-0975 to reserve a space on the bus. They will be leaving Richmond at 6am and return at 6pm. If you plan on participating in the March, whether you'll be riding the bus or not, please drop us a note at [sjchair@wuu.org](mailto:sjchair@wuu.org) so that we know who will be there and make sure you have the most current information about the March.

## Plan to BE a “Secret Friend”

If you would enjoy getting to know another person through this program of pairing an older member with a younger person in the UU community, this is perfect for you.

Those who want to be a secret friend will fill out a form .... And they agree to send a letter to their secret friend at least three times.

Children who want to participate need to have their parents complete a permission form....forms will be available starting January 26<sup>th</sup> both on the web and at the LFD table in the Narthex. Please submit your forms by February 9<sup>th</sup> in the box provided in the Narthex. Secret friends will all get their notifications by February 17<sup>th</sup>.

In April there will be a reception after the 11:15 service where each friend will meet his or her pen pal....and we will eat lunch together! It will be a fun “reveal.” Questions? Contact Pat Hoppe, Acting Director of Lifespan Faith Development at [dfld@wuu.org](mailto:dfld@wuu.org) or by phone at 220-6830.

The Board of WUU and the Committee on Right Relations would like to invite anyone who has unresolved feelings regarding last year’s departure of Margaret Sequeira to a discussion on Sunday, February 16, 2014. As we move forward to hire a new Director, we feel it is important to prepare ourselves to welcome a new person by resolving any past issues.

We will meet in Fahs house immediately following the late worship service. Child care and a light snack will be provided. With the assistance of the Committee on Right Relations, Rachel Delbos and Charles Tankersley, who are both members of the Board and the Personnel Committee, will hear your thoughts, answer your questions, and provide as much information as they possibly can.

Charles Tankersley, Chair, Personnel Committee

## YRUU-Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (Teen Group)

Feb 2 at 4pm...Parker (go bowling or make Valentines...your choice)

Feb 9 No YRUU (Conference in Charlotte,NC)

Feb 16 at 4 pm.. Help with Homeless Shelter

Feb 23 Laser Tag (permission slips and info in email)

March 2 at 4 pm ....Mohammud Barbarji speaks about Muslim religion

March 9 NO YRUU (Pat in NY)

March 16 at 4 pm..... Discussion and Planning session



## Denominational Relations February 2014

Save Saturday, March 29 on your calendars for the 7-congregation Tidewater Cluster Gathering at the UU Fellowship of the Peninsula (Newport News). If you are a board member, committee chair, participant in any of the programs at WUU including music and the homeless shelter, or a WUU member or friend who wants to widen your experience with Unitarian Universalism, please consider attending. And if you are NEW to WUU, join us in this second annual gathering of congregations.

It will be a full day, starting with registration at 9 and ending mid-afternoon.

Jim Key, former Southeast District president and now moderator of the UU General Assembly, is our keynote speaker. We will have workshops that help committee members share information and, after lunch, a favorite-hymn-sing-a-long. Workshops include presidents' circle, social media, RE, capital campaign, music (led by WUU), social justice, fundraising, and more!

Watch the Spiral and newsletter for further announcements. Do you have questions? Talk with Linda Lane-Hamilton or email her at [lindalanehamilton@gmail.com](mailto:lindalanehamilton@gmail.com). UUFP is arranging for registration—stay tuned for more information. Cost is \$15.

We know there is strength in numbers. Our strength can come in combination with our cluster congregations—Richmond, Glenn Allen, Fredericksburg, Rappahannock, Norfolk, and Newport News.

Linda Lane Hamilton, Chair Denominational Relations

### WINE GLASSES AND WINE GLASS PAINTERS NEEDED

Did you see the neat wine glasses and beer mugs for sale (as containers for free wine) at the auction? Weren't they neat? Did you ever wonder where they came from?

During the year some members of the congregation get together and have a good time painting glasses and socializing. The painting takes place this year on Thursdays starting at 1:00 PM at Pat Winter's (609 Indian springs ct). The painting supplies and glasses are furnished.

The group is looking for members who would like to try their hand at the medium or who have some experience with the process. We teach one another and you are free to paint just about anything you wish.

If you are interested in finding out more about the group or are interested in trying your hand at it, call or e-mail :

Lucile Kossodo 565-0769. Or [lkossodo@cox.net](mailto:lkossodo@cox.net)

or

Pat Winter 229-1080 or [pwint29@verizon.net](mailto:pwint29@verizon.net)

## Did you see?

This month...

Several folk have been working to tidy up the campus in preparation for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Actually the bad weather has hampered a few more projects that were on our list in preparation for this event. Nevertheless, thanks to:

**Linda and Fred Bergmann** for touching up the paint in the sanctuary and narthex.

**Trenna Tankersley** for cleaning up the library.

**Dave Banks and Fred Bergmann** for spreading the new gravel in the parking lots.

Thanks to the **Campus Improvement Team (CIT)** for helping to decide upon our projects for 2014. With improving weather, we will paint the exteriors of Fahs and Parker, repair some pathways in the Memorial Garden as top priorities, and power wash the sidewalks.

Thanks to **Richard Thek** for agreeing to join CIT to focus on safety issues.

Les Solomon, Chair, Campus Improvement Team

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## More Big Steps Taken to Build Our Future

The Building Our Future Committee didn't take much of a break during the holiday season. Key milestones:

**Exceeding our goal** of having \$30,000 in the Next Steps Restricted Fund so the remainder of our exploratory work could be completed.

**Reviewing the proposals** from 3 local architectural firms in response to the Request for Proposals we submitted in December. Also we planned for the interview process, conducted the interviews, deliberated the proposals, and prepared our recommendation that will be given to the Board on Tuesday and, if approved, announced to you as soon as possible.

**Rewriting the BOF charter** for the Board's review to take into account the organizational structure that we believe will work best for WUU.

**Recruiting new subcommittee members** for the two key committees that we will need to form to complete the rest of the exploratory work.

**Publishing the weekly newsletters.** Our editor and key photographer is Donna Stanford.

If the Board approves our recommendation for an architectural firm, the next few months will be exciting with congregational meetings and focus group meetings that will involve many of our members, as well as continuing with our regular activities. There will plenty of opportunities for you to be involved and heard! Please pay special attention to the *Building Our Future* Newsletters so you can mark your calendars.

Les Solomon Chair, Building Our Future Committee

## COFM HOMELESS SHELTER - FEBRUARY 16-23

On-line registration is ongoing at:



<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA4AD28A0FE3-cofm>

Last year almost everyone participated in some way:

- Volunteering for one or more shifts.
- Making food to deliver to the church.
- Donating money at any time with the notation COFM shelter.
- Donating a service or entertainment for our guests.
- Anything else you would like to do to make our guest's stay comfortable.

Thank you for participating in this important social justice mission. Thank you to all the volunteers who have committed to making this year's COFM shelter possible.

We look forward to working together to help shelter and feed our neighbors who are in need.

*Helen Hansen and Kathy Suslik, co-chairs. Shelter Project*

## WITH YOUR GIFTS, HELP WUU THRIVE AND BLESS THE WORLD

Our annual drive, asking for your pledges of support for the 2014-15 WUU operating budget, has begun. For the church year beginning on July 1, 2014, we are seeking \$331,000 in pledges and gifts from our members and friends. Your gifts to the annual pledge drive provide at least 80% of what is needed to meet our obligations to the congregation and to the wider community, as outlined in the WUU 3-year budget. We are grateful for your support, which keeps our chalice burning and makes WUU programs and outreach possible.

Some of you have already made a pledge following requests to members of various committees and groups, and we thank you! For those who have not yet had the opportunity, pledge forms along with information about the proposed budget, will be available in the foyer before and after worship services on Sunday mornings throughout the month of February. If you are not able to pick up your pledge packet following a service, a member of the Stewardship Committee will contact you. We plan to report weekly progress, and intend to end our appeal for pledges quickly. But that depends on hearing back from you promptly.

Instructions for donations to the 2014-15 operating fund are also available in a link on the [www.wuu.org](http://www.wuu.org) home page. Online donation is welcome and encouraged.

Thank you for all of your gifts and for helping to nurture and sustain the community we have created together.

Peter Mellette, for the Stewardship Committee

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



## Michael and Cheryl Coirin

Michael is a native of Virginia, growing up on the Eastern Shore of VA. He joined the Marine Corp out of high school and four years later went to work for the MITRE Corporation, a Federally Funded Research and Development Center where he still works today (34 years and counting) as a Department Head. MITRE is a non-profit, formed and operated in the public interest.

Michael has three children (Amber, Jamie, and Courtney). Michael plans to retire from MITRE in about a year and focus on building a financial planning business. Cheryl discovered the UU denomination through Michael who has been a UU for about 25 years. Michael introduced Cheryl to the UUs for the first time here in Williamsburg a couple of years ago. As fate would have it - it was one of those very different services where the entire congregation was standing during the service and doing the chicken

dance (wait until next week honey - each Sunday is very different)!

Cheryl grew up on Long Island, has lived in Virginia for more than 20 years, and in Williamsburg with Michael since August. Cheryl has two children (Ian & Ivy). Michael and Cheryl were married by Jennifer at Warner Hall in Gloucester on August 3 of this past year (their friends and family were very impressed with Jennifer and the wedding ceremony she wrote especially for them!). Michael and Cheryl met on [match.com](http://match.com) where Cheryl listed her religious affiliation as "member of the reality-based community". Not having had an interest in any organized religion she was exposed to before meeting Michael, Cheryl has enjoyed learning about UU and has appreciated the openness, acceptance, and inclusiveness of the UUs.

**Vanessa Jones** grew up in York, Pennsylvania and went to Bucknell University to study theatre and



English literature. She attended the University of Iowa for a Master's in Literary Studies, and it was there that she decided she never wanted to live in a cold climate again. When she met a Canadian who would become her husband, she convinced him to move south, and they first settled in Raleigh, NC before moving to D.C. and then to the Williamsburg area. Vanessa, her Canadian-turned-southerner husband Jesse, and their son Lyon love to travel and always have a ticket to somewhere (usually warm). Vanessa spent several years teaching college and high school English literature before getting a job at the National Zoo in D.C. running the children's classes and summer camps. She has been singing all her life, first in musical theatre and then in choruses, and she now owns Music Together Williamsburg, teaching music and movement classes for babies, young children and their grown-ups. Vanessa began attending WUU in the summer of 2013, and she is grateful to Jennifer and the WUU community for helping her to develop a spiritual path and a more open and compassionate heart and mind.

## WUU February CALENDAR

### Sat Feb 1, 2014

- 5:00 pm, 25th Anniversary Celebration, Williamsburg Hellenic Center

### Sun Feb 2, 2014

- 11:15am Worship-"Looking for Our Shadow and Finding Our Future", Sanctuary
- 4pm YRUU, Parker House
- 7pm Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

### Mon Feb 3, 2014

- 10am The Gayle Henion Arts Group, Fahs
- 5pm Stewardship Team Meeting, Fahs
- 7pm Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary
- 8pm DRE Search Team Meeting, Fahs House

### Tue Feb 4, 2014

- 6:30pm Compassion Deep Study, Fahs
- 7pm QiGong Practice, Narthex

### Wed Feb 5, 2014

- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thu Feb 6, 2014

- 6:30pm Navigators Monthly Gathering, Fahs
- 6:30pm New UU Covenant Group, Parker
- 7pm Beginning Meditation, Sanctuary

### Sun Feb 9, 2014

- 9:15am The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30pm Annual Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 2pm A Year to Live, Fahs House
- 7pm Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

### Mon Feb 10, 2014

- 10am The Gayle Henion Arts Group, Fahs
- 7pm Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

### Tue Feb 11, 2014

- 7pm QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7pm Worship Team, Fahs House

### Wed Feb 12, 2014

- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thu Feb 13, 2014

- 10am The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 1pm Spiritual Journey Covenant Group, Fahs House
- 7:30pm Leadership Team Meeting, Fahs House

### Sun Feb 16, 2014

### COFM Homeless Shelter Week February 16-22, Sanctuary and Fahs House

### Regular Groups and Activities (except those listed) will not take place this week

- 9:15am The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Worship, Sanctuary
- 4pm YRUU, Helping with Homeless Shelter

### Wed Feb 19, 2014

- 6pm Finance Committee, Parker House

### Thu Feb 20, 2014

- 6:30pm New UU Covenant Group, Parker

### Sun Feb 23, 2014

- 9:15am The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15am Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30pm Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House
- 2pm Book Discussion "Behind the Kitchen Door", Fahs House
- 4pm YRUU, Laser Tag
- 7pm Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

### Mon Feb 24, 2014

- 10am The Gayle Henion Arts Group, Fahs
- 7pm Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

### Tue Feb 25, 2014

- 7pm QiGong Practice, Narthex of Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Board Meeting, Fahs House

### Wed Feb 26, 2014

- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thu Feb 27, 2014

- 1pm Spiritual Journey Covenant Group, Fahs
- 7pm Membership Team, Activity Room

**WUU Celebrates the Earth Through the Arts**  
**--Visual and written works on display in Sanctuary, April 1 through May 4**

For the fifth consecutive year, the month of April will be a celebration of the Earth through the Arts. In honor of our congregation's 25th Anniversary (2014) we are expanding the exhibit to include musicians, writers of prose and poetry, as well as our visual artists.

The April art exhibit began, and continues, as a Green Sanctuary project co-sponsored by the Social Justice Team and the Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group. In the spring season of awakening and renewal, we especially remember our 7th UU Principle, "respect for the interconnected web of all existence of which we are a part."

This is a time for our own WUU artists to share their original works which express this 7th Principle. We also invite our WUU writers & musicians to interpret this Principle in their own way. All ages are encouraged to participate. As the congregation celebrates Earth Day in April, our Sanctuary will feature beautiful works of art and a book of poetry and prose created by our own WUU artists and writers.

The reception on April 5 will be an opportunity for us all to enjoy the visual arts displayed on the walls, to hear from some of our writers, and perhaps, listen to some original music.

Registration forms will be available in the Narthex in late February and must be returned by March 16. The artwork and written contributions are due March 30. Just one piece per person will be accepted due to space limitations in the Sanctuary.

Check the Spiral and the March Newsletter for details or contact Donna Stanford. Email [office@wuu.org](mailto:office@wuu.org) for more information.





WUU Adopt a Highway picks up trash along Ironbound Road



WUU members join other Virginia Unitarian Universalists for Lobby Day in Richmond, sponsored by the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.



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## TIME SENSITIVE

## CELEBRATE ! CELEBRATE !

Don't forget to acknowledge a friend or relative's special day! 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 Jessica O'Brien at [newjb2001@hotmail.com](mailto:newjb2001@hotmail.com).)

## February Birthdays



### February Anniversaries

Jane and John Nichols  
Lisa Williams and Beth Pepper

Jo Solomon  
Jessica O'Brien  
Richard Wolfe  
Dick Calver  
Nancy Carnegie  
Ruth Hopkinson  
Phoebe Kent  
Kathryn Ayres  
Jacques van Montfrans  
Vicki Hall

Roger Baldwin  
Bob Winther  
Tom Payne  
Mary Buchanan  
Priscilla Caldwell  
Kathy Ayres  
Daniele Longo  
Debbie Haynes  
Ellyn Stephens

