



WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

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WUU NEWS

July 2014

July 6, 2014

10:00 am *"The Good Citizen"*
Rev. Jennifer Ryu

What does it mean to be a citizen of a nation and a citizen of the world?
This morning we welcome delegate Monty mason who will present the congregation with a special recognition for our 25th anniversary.
Guest Musician is Donna Taylor , cellist

July 13, 2014

10:00 am *"In the Pursuit of Happiness"*
Rev. Sherman Logan

There is a fundamental human desire for happiness; however we live in a world where sorrow and setbacks are common. What makes us truly happy? How can our pursuit of happiness lead to the happiness of others?
Guest Musicians are the New Beginnings Choir, led by Rev. D.K. Logan.

Stay after services for a Luncheon to welcome Rev. Sherman, the gospel choir, and Austen Petersen, our new Director of Religious Education.

July 20, 2014

10:00 am *"Filled with Loving Kindness: The Act of Practicing Compassion"*
Rev. Sherman Logan

Compassion is a Latin word that literally means 'to bear or feel the suffering of another'. Every time we meet another human being we have an opportunity to practice compassion. What does it mean for us to live compassionately?
Guest Musician this day is Brother Sun!

July 27, 2014

10:00 am *"Mending Fences"*
Rev. Sherman Logan

At some point in our lives, we all seek forgiveness, however; we often find it hard to forgive each other. How can we begin to move towards reconciliation and restore our relationships?

WVA Mission Trip - August 3rd - 9th



There are still some spaces left on our service trip to the Pipestem area of West Virginia. Come join us on this Social Justice project where we meet personally with people who have asked for assistance. Accommodation is included and meals that we fix ourselves are planned beforehand with care.

If you cannot come but would like to support our effort, please buy a "coupon" to help with the expense of buying food and/or sponsoring a teen. The cost of the accommodation is approximately \$225 each and last year we were able to defray that whole amount for each of our teenagers. Someone from the Mission Trip will be outside the Sanctuary each Sunday in July to offer you the opportunity to buy a coupon. Please consider contributing. For more information, contact Jessica O'Brien at newjb2001@hotmail.com

Greetings Friends,

I am the Rev. Sherman Logan, a candidate for Unitarian Universalist Ministry, and I am excited to spend the next few weeks serving as your summer minister. It is an honor and privilege and I feel extremely blessed that Rev. Jennifer and your Board have extended to me this awesome opportunity to minister to you, the wonderful members here at Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists. I look forward to working alongside Rev. Jennifer and all of you.

I was born in Richmond VA, the older of two children. My sister, who is also a minister and my mother live in Henrico County. I currently live in Sandston with the love of my life, my wife Franka. We are parents to five beautiful children, Wendy 41, Charmaine 39, Liza 38, Jennifer 31, and Sherman III 28 (and a Jack Russell Terrier, Max). We are also grandparents to a beautiful precocious two year old, Kayla and expecting our second grandchild in December.

I received my elementary and secondary education in the Richmond public schools. Upon graduation from high school I went on to attend the University of Virginia in Charlottesville where I earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

After graduating from UVA, I began a twenty-year career in Retail Management. In 2001, I left the retail business and went to work for Trinity Baptist Church in Richmond as the Director of Economic Development. My primary responsibilities were managing the church's financial operations, directing Capital stewardship campaigns, overseeing church expansion projects, church membership growth, and development programs.

While at Trinity, I answered the call to ministry and enrolled in the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University. There, I earned the Master of Divinity degree in 2005. I was granted my license to preach in 2004 and was ordained as a Baptist Minister in 2006. In addition to my duties as the Director of Economic Development, I was also appointed as an associate minister of the church.

In September 2008, I was hired by The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond as the Church Business Manager. In addition to my duties as Business Manager, I also lead the Christian Theist small group; conduct Wednesday Vespers services and our monthly Friday night services. I have also had the privilege to lead Sunday services and preach on numerous occasions. I have also preached here at



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists as a guest minister, as well as in other UU congregations.

While serving as Business manager at First UU, I became immersed in the UU culture, attending every GA since 2009, participating in numerous workshops, taking classes at Meadville Lombard Theological School and Star King School for the ministry. I became a UU in 2010 and started my Journey toward becoming a UU minister. I was granted candidate status in 2011, and I am scheduled to meet with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee this December.

One of the requirements as a Candidate for UU ministers is to serve as an intern in a parish setting. However since I am an ordained minister, I was granted a waiver from the internship requirement. Personally, I felt that it would behoove me to gain more practical experience by serving in another UU setting. This experience would enhance my knowledge and help better prepare me for UU ministry.

In the coming days and weeks I look forward to meeting you all and learning the wonders of your life and faith stories. I also look forward with great anticipation to forming new relationships, and working alongside with each of you as we continue to do the transformative ministries of this congregation. I am eternally grateful to Rev Jennifer and the fine folks here at Williamsburg UU for graciously allowing me this opportunity.

Peace and Blessings
Rev. Sherman

Children and Youth Activity this Summer!

“The Bursting Bush” is the script by Vanessa Jones that the youth and children are working on this summer each Sunday morning at 10 am in Fahs House.

We begin with a worship time each Sunday with the children in Fahs House. Parents--please sign a registration slip that will show us who is on board with the performance on September 14th.

We read through the script June 15th and will have tryouts for speaking parts on July 22nd. We will brainstorm with the children about the animals and plants they wish to see on stage and begin the process of making the masks, trees, bushes, and all the different items needed on the 22nd and the 29th.

We will continue to make props and plan costumes and rehearse the songs each Sunday morning. Several people have already signed up to be present as “helpers” in our efforts. We need three adults each Sunday morning, so if you did not have an opportunity to check with Pat Hoppe yet, please see her standing on the sidewalk outside the sanctuary so that you can see the kids in action. We need lots of adult participants to make this musical happen. Thanks to all the folks who have said they would help!

If you have questions, or if you wish to sign up with a phone call, contact Pat at phopping @ cox. net



Share the Plate for July 6, 2014

Community Resources Center

The Share the Plate collection for Sunday, July 6, will be donated to the Community Resources Center, sponsored by the United Way. The CRC provides information and referral services to an average of 1500 clients per month. The agency offers assistance, either directly or through community partnerships, with housing and rental assistance, shelter, utility payment assistance, minor car repairs, food, clothing, household needs and a host of other services. Partnerships with the faith community provide important support in meeting the needs of hundreds of families each month. The Community Resource Center also offers a mobile food pantry, to augment FISH services, assisting 100 families with meat and fresh produce. In addition, CRC operates three re-entry homes, housing 10 males re-entering back into the community, and, also, four houses where homeless families are assisted in transitioning from homelessness to complete self-sufficiency.

For more information on the Share the Plate program or to nominate a recipient agency, email stp@wuu.org

News from the Board

"Sumer is icumen in, Lhude sing cuccu!" (Summer has come in, Loudly sing, Cuckoo!) Summer – a time to relax, to enjoy the warmth of the sun, to put an end to some activities and pursuits, while beginning and planning for new ones. Yes, summer has come in; sing loudly!

Your Board is singing loudly this summer.

We are cheering and hope you will join us in celebrating the success of us all: Late news---With all of our pledge commitments for the coming year, we have exceeded the budgeted income from pledges! Let's give each other a pat on the back and a big thanks. Together, as a congregation, we can do great things, moving forward on our mission to serve!

Last month we presented to the congregation a statement of strong support of the Building Our Future Task Force and its work.

- During our recent meeting, the Board once again reviewed, with Roger Guernsey, chair of the Design/Build Team, two things: the preliminary facility expansion plan and the continuing process as the congregation explores expansion. The Board is in full agreement that the Design/Build Team and the architects have focused on the most needed improvements to our facilities in the preliminary plan, improvements that will provide needed space for us to better carry out our mission and realize Vision 2017.
- The Board thanks and congratulates the Building Our Future Task Force and Design/Build Team for their continued intense work and it wholeheartedly supports the entire process as it takes WUU through the next stages to our congregational meeting on September 21st when the congregation will determine if we move to building.
- We urge everyone to continue reviewing the preliminary plans, talk with members of the DBT, submit questions and comments to them. Input from everyone is needed and welcomed.
- At our August meeting, the Board will review the plan again, along with all the questions and comments the congregation has put forward, and the results of the Financial Feasibility Study. We will then submit to the congregation a proposal that will

be considered and voted upon at the September 21st congregational meeting.

By the time you read this, we will have met with Fred Gilbertson, the chair of the Nominating Committee, to learn how that committee operates and discuss ways to enhance the nominating process. Suggestions from those of you who have been nominated for office or participated on the committee are welcome.

We also will have considered our Vision 2017, determining if it is time for an update of it. You may be hearing more of this soon.

Next month, with the Stewardship Committee joining us, WUU's Stewardship program will be studied to ensure the current Board and Stewardship Committee are in tune with the program set in place three years ago and that steps are in place to achieve the ultimate goals.

As August arrives, the Financial Feasibility Study will have been completed, Austen Petersen will have been with WUU for a month, our "summer minister" Sherman Logan will be halfway through his time with us. It is also time for the Board to make a major decision: to build or not to build, that will be our question. What shall we propose the congregation? Please keep your thoughts, questions and concerns going to the Building Our Future Task Force and its Design/Build Team. What you have to say will be a major portion of what is studied by us as we make that determination.

For the Board, summer is not a time of relaxation, but it is a time for pursuit of beginnings and enhancements. We'll be singing loudly, hopefully melodically. Please visit us at a meeting: 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in Fahs.

Lola Warren,
Board President





PHOTO: l-r: John Whitley, David Stanford, Susan Whitley, Charles Swadley Wayne Moyer, photographer, walked *The DOG*, also.



Moral Mondays

On Thursday, June 12, on DOG St. in Williamsburg, five folks STOOD UP and MARCHED for MEDICAID EXPANSION in support of Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy VIGIL FOR HEALTH CARE. A resolution requesting the Virginia General Assembly to SUPPORT MEDICAID EXPANSION and a tragic story of a family LOSING everything because they had no health insurance were presented by John and Charles respectively.

WILLIAMSBURG MORAL MONDAYS are being observed on DOG St each Monday @ 11:45 am-12:30 pm to support the MORAL MONDAYS in North Carolina and Richmond. All are invited!

More Social Justice News

There is so much going on that we have a separate newsletter specifically for social justice news! Would you like to receive our monthly SJNews?

Send an email to the Office Assistant, Ellyn Stephens at OFFICE @ WUU.ORG



Worship Corner

The monthly Worship Associate (WA) meeting will be held July 8th at 7 PM in the Fahs House. We will be setting the WA schedule for our September services. If you can't attend, please e-mail worship@wuu.org with your availability for being WA in September and October.

Worship Workshop

Saturday, August 9, 2014, 3:00pm to 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Have you always been curious about the people who help the minister to lead Sunday services? Would you like to know more about perhaps joining this team? This workshop is open to all interested in finding out more about why we worship, why we structure the service the way we do, and what lies ahead for the coming year. ALL current Worship Associates are required to attend.

Did you see?

This month...

Our Memorial Garden team began to make plans make the circle more handicapped accessible and to beautify the space. We hope to have the work done by early September, including leveling the interior surface (currently drops by more than a foot), installing a new surface inside the circle and placing a beautiful new teak bench at the center. Thanks to Nan Piland and Ruth Frasier for their leadership on this project.

We have terminated the janitorial contract and have been looking for a new company to provide better service.

We are making a dutch door in our nursery. This will enable our nursery staff to provide better security for our infants and toddlers while providing for better airflow in that area.

Jim Hall installed new wi-fi thermostats in Fahs and in the Sanctuary. With this new technology, many problems can be fixed without having to make a trip to the campus and, more importantly, we anticipate energy savings by being able to better manage the heating and cooling settings for the occasion rather than trying to anticipate what the heating and cooling requirements are.

Dawn Traver painted Austen's new office.
Thanks!!

We still have several small projects just waiting for a volunteer or two. Please contact les.solomon@gmail.com for details.

Jobs remaining from last month's list with no takers:

- Installing a drainage tube under the brick sidewalk on the way to the Memorial Garden.
- Weeding the garden in front of the sanctuary.
- Building a crawl space door for Fahs.
- Repairing some furniture in the nursery.
- Removing some debris from the Fahs playground.
- Installing a few electrical switches in the Sanctuary.
- Building/repairing some bird houses on the campus.
- Cleaning out the storage shed.
- Removing the brush in the auxiliary parking lot to the dump (requires pickup or trailer)

Here are some new jobs in need of volunteer work:

- The Memorial Garden teak benches need cleaning and oiling.
- The patio should be power washed

Les Solomon, Chair
Campus Improvement Team (CIT)

From the Stewardship Committee

An essential element of Stewardship is generosity. Generosity inspires gratitude.

Many of you gave of your time and talents throughout the year, and your efforts have been acknowledged in recent services and Congregational meetings.

Money is also essential in sustaining our congregation. Many of you have answered the call and given to WUU for this year's canvass, pledging over \$319,000 (so far) to pay for 86% of next year's budget. Continued on next page 

Honoring and thanking donors for their generosity is a privilege and an important aspect of stewardship. So thank you to the following people who have made a pledge to support WUU for the 2014-15 budget year beginning July 1:

Don & Melissa Ackley	Fred Gilbertson	Bobby Oliver
Fred & Joan Adair	Ellen Graham & Donald Moffitt	Joanne & Rebecca Parker-Braxton
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Susan Fournier	Wayne Moyer	Carolyn Wilson & Jack Bachner
Patricia Fowler	Dave Neiman	Neill & Heather Wilson
Ruth Fraser	Jane & John Nichols	Pat Winter
Carl & Marjy Friedrichs	Bob & Judy Norton	Bob & Jacqui Winther
Christopher & Molly Gareis	Adele Oberhelman	Marion & Richard Wolfe
Susan & Bill Geary	Eileen O'Brien	Barbara Worthen
Adam Gieseler	Jessica O'Brien	Bonnie Youngberg & Jim Boden

Thank You!

WUU Photo Directory

Our photographer extraordinaire, Jim Henion, will be taking photographs of each WUU family/friend to include in the 2014-15 photo directory.

What do you need to do? All you need to do is plan to stay after the service a bit with your family and pose for the photo. These will be candid photos and are only for the directory. It is your choice as to whether you dress up fancy or go WUU casual.

Please join Jim & Bret after services on **July 6 and July 13** to have your photo taken.

We will post more dates and reminders in The Spiral as they are confirmed.

Thank you to Jim Henion and to Bret Veverka, who has been assisting Jim.

Sunday, July 13

Luncheon on the Patio

This particular Sunday will be quite a full, energetic, and joyful day as we welcome Rev. Logan to WUU as our Summer Minister.

We also welcome his sister's gospel choir, New Beginnings Choir, traveling from Richmond.

Just those things would have been reason enough to celebrate (Daeynu!), but there's one more reason to stay after services--this will be Austen Petersen's first Sunday with us!

Bring your favorite DESSERT to share. Jessica O'Brien and Rev. Jennifer will prepare the main dish.

Of course, any delicious contribution to the welcome table will be most appreciated.

"daeynu" is a Hebrew word meaning, "it would have been enough" and is a song that is sung at the Passover Seder.

Food For FISH

(FISH is our local community's food & clothing pantry)

More children are home for summer now and need easy, nourishing foods that they like.

So, cereals are needed and some powdered milk packets in case no fresh milk in the refrigerator for them.

Also canned veggies and fruits and cups of fruits are good for the hot months.

Please watch the "sell by" dates labels.

Look for the red FISH wagon in the Narthex and fill it up!

Thank you for your generosity!

WUU July Calendar

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

- 7:00 pm, Brene Brown Book Group, Fahs

Thursday, July 3, 2014

- 6:30 pm, Navigators Monthly Meeting, Fahs

Friday, July 4, 2014--Office Closed for Holiday

Sunday, July 6, 2014

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, July 7, 2014

- 10:00 am, Gayle Henion Arts Group, Fahs
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Fahs House

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

- 5:30 pm, BOF Religious Education for All, Fahs
- 7:00 pm, BOF Outreach, Fellowship, Mission, Fahs House

Thursday, July 10, 2014

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Sanctuary

Sunday, July 13, 2014

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Luncheon for Everyone, Patio
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, July 14, 2014

- 10:00 am, Gayle Henion Arts Group, Fahs
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

- 12:00 pm, Lunch Book Group, Fahs
- 6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting, Fahs
- 7:00 pm, Brene Brown Book Group, Parker

Thursday, July 17, 2014

- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Fahs

Sunday, July 20, 2014

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, July 21, 2013

- 10:00 am, Gayle Henion Arts Group, Fahs
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

- 7:00 pm, Board Meeting, Fahs House

Sunday, July 27, 2014

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am, Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, July 28, 2014

- 10:00 am Gayle Henion Arts Group, Fahs
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

Wednesday, July 30, 2014

- 7:00 pm, Brene Brown Book Group, Fahs



The Austen Petersen Countdown...

Just 6 more days until Austen arrives!!

On July 7th, our new Director of Religious Education will walk into her office in Parker House, and we will welcome her officially on Sunday, July 13th.

After she settles in, we will begin scheduling a series of small and large group meetings with her and the WUU Congregation.



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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.

(To add your name and month to the birthday and anniversary list, contact Jessica O'Brien at newjb2001@hotmail.com.)



July Birthdays

Steve Brecker	Dave Neiman
Eva Burke	Beth Pepper
Emily Dabney	Ben Puckett
Mary DeLara	Bodhi Wolverton-Diggs
Rachel Delbos	Fred Bergmann
Martha Elim	Dulci Russell
Joe Fisler	Rebecca Wheeler
Ruth Fraser	Sally Fisk
David Hamilton	Rani Wachter
Charlotte Lorentson	Sage Wilkins
Glen Morgan	



July Anniversaries

Art and Joan Cone (in memoriam)
Anne and Paul Luchsinger
Les and Jo Solomon
Rani and Brian Wachter
Chris and Dave Wilcox
David Benson and Tony DeRosa