



The Spiral

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

May 17, 2012

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This Sunday at WUU: May 20, 2012

10:00 am Worship Service

Rev. Jennifer Ryu and Margaret Sequeira
“Bridging Ceremony”

Each year we mark the transition of our graduating seniors from youth to young adulthood. This year we bridge Caleb Arries, Sicily Stump, and Miranda Wiley. At the request of the seniors we will also mark the transition of our children and youth (nursery to Spirit Play, Fahs House to Middle School, and Middle School to YRUU.) We will also honor the members who have taught in our faith development classes this year.

Faith Development for Children and Youth

All Ages Worship together today for our annual Bridging Service. This service marks the transition of our graduating seniors to young adulthood. We will also bridge our nursery children to Spirit Play, our 5th graders to Middle School and 8th graders to high school. We will also be recognizing our children's programs' teachers and youth advisors.

11:15 am – 1:15 pm, Parents as Spiritual Teachers, Fahs House - Lunch and child care will be provided.

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This Weekend and the Coming Week at WUU

Thursday, May 17

- **5:00 pm, Congregational Wine and Cheese Reception, Sanctuary**
- **7:30 pm, WUU Leadership Meeting, Sanctuary** – All interested congregants are welcome.

Friday, May 18

- **6:00 pm, Kenya Night, Sanctuary**

Monday, May 21

- **10:00 am, Creative Arts Group, Fahs House**
- **5:15 pm, Gentle Flow Yoga Class, Sanctuary** (see “Other News” section)
- **7:00 pm, Multicultural Action Process, Fahs House**

Tuesday, May 22

- **7:00 pm, Social Justice Workshop, Fahs House**

Next Sunday at WUU: May 27, 2012

10:00 am Worship Service
Bob Tschannen-Moran
“Threshold of Death and Life”

Like many others in the congregation, Bob experienced the death of a loved one this year – his mother. A former UCC minister, Bob currently operates a coaching firm called LifeTrek.

Bob Tschannen-Moran has worked as a coach, consultant, trainer, and author since 1998. For more info, see www.lifetrekcoaching.com and www.schooltransformation.com.

Faith Development Programs for Children and Youth
Spirit Play, Younger Elementary, pre-k thru 2nd grade, Celebrating and Feasting Our Sources Year
Windows and Mirrors, Older Elementary, 3rd through 5th grade, Choose to Be UU
Neighboring Faiths, Middle School, Review and Party

YRUU, our high school youth group, will not meet today. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, June 3 at 5:30 pm.

Lifespan Faith Development

Celebrating Our Small Group Ministries: All who have ever participated in a Covenant Group, Odyssey, or the Transitions group are invited to a dinner on **Friday, June 1 at 6 pm**. We will lift up and celebrate what has been done so far and think ahead to our next steps. Please RSVP either online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2L379DD> or on the sign up sheet on the Faith Development table in the entry way. Questions, more information, please contact Margaret Sequeira, Director, Lifespan Faith Development, [dlfd at wuu dot org](mailto:dlfd@wuu.org) or by phone at 220-6830.

Parents As Spiritual Teachers: Please join us for our final session for this year on **Sunday, May 20, 11:15 am -1:15 pm**. Food and child care will be provided. In honor of our bridging service, we will talk about how we mark the transitions of our children and family. How do we honor our children's milestones? We will also talk about plans for this class for next year. Please RSVP to Margaret Sequeira, dlfd@wuu.org or call 220-6830.

Griddle from Pancake Breakfast: We have one electric griddle left in Fahs House from the Easter Pancake Breakfast. Please contact Margaret Sequeira, Direct Lifespan Faith Development if it is yours, [dlfd at wuu dot org](mailto:dlfd@wuu.org) or by phone at 220-6830.

Green Sanctuary News

Our Green Sanctuary Vision for WUU and Williamsburg. At the Living Social Justice Workshop, we shared our visions for WUU and Williamsburg. Images of wind turbines, community gardens, green space, clean air, community recycling, sustainable living, and environmental justice filled the room. Your help is needed if we are to make these visions reality! **Join us Tuesday, June 5, at 7 pm in Fahs.** Bring your energy as we learn about our current projects and commit to new projects that will move us toward our goals. Come share your ideas and insights.

Social Justice News

FISH DONATIONS IN MAY: During the month of **May**, we are collecting canned meats such as **chicken or tuna**. The FISH wagon is located just to the left of the sanctuary doors as you enter. Please be generous!

The next **Multicultural Action Process Meeting** will be held on **Monday, May 21 at 7:00 pm at Fahs House**. We will be organizing our voter registration project in conjunction with NAACP. All interested persons are welcome to attend the meeting; or, you may contact racechair@wuu.org to participate in voter registration training.

Caring Ministry News

We extend our condolences to **Kim Barbarji** on the recent loss of her mother.

Electric scooter needed: If you have an electric scooter or can provide information about one, a WUU congregant is in need of one due to a recent painful foot surgery experience. Please email lindalanehamilton-at-gmail-dot-com (for the caring committee) if you can help.

Please let the caring team know about anything that you would like to have announced in the Spiral. You can contact the team leader at caringchair@wuu.org.

Volunteer Requests

Margaret Sequeira, Director of LFD (Contact dlfd-at-wuu.org or 220-6830)

- Help tomorrow with the coloring pages for the children for the May 20th Bridging Service.

UUA and Southeast District News

Plans are currently underway for the **online streaming of the UUA General Assembly in Phoenix** to be shown in the WUU sanctuary or Fahs House from June 20th to June 24th. Please check the WUU calendar and the forthcoming June newsletter for the times and the events to be shown.

Other News

By now you all have read of the special needs we have for repairing and restoring our physical facilities. The board has set up a **Special Fund** to which some members and friends have already made generous pledges. There are many opportunities to learn about the needs we face and see slides of some of our property damage--and to make donations if you are willing and able.

- Attend the **Special Fund reception today, Thursday, May 17, from 5 - 6, in the sanctuary building.**
- Stay after the service this **Sunday, May 20, for a presentation and question and answer session.**
- Meet or correspond with members of the Special Fund committee (Les Solomon, Linda Lane-Hamilton, Dave Neiman, and Allen Cooke).
- Attend the **congregational budget meeting on Sunday, June 3**, after the service to receive updates on the Special Fund process and learn about next steps in maintaining our facilities
- Read the Spiral and newsletter and, soon we hope, watch our facilities being repaired, painted, patched, and restored

Congratulations to Peter Dewey! The announcement was made a few days ago that the design for the admittance button to FIRST NIGHT WILLIAMSBURG 2013 has been chosen, and the winner is WUU's own Peter Dewey who is a local graphic designer. Way to go, Peter!

Join the Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Crew!

We'll be "hitting the road" once again for our **Green Sanctuary Adopt-a-Highway** cleanup. Our WUU crew will meet **Saturday, May 26 at 10 AM in the Fahs House**. We have a few safety vests not yet spoken for, so we invite you to join in the fun. Pre-registration is needed for planning. RSVP/Questions: rbaldwin-at-widomaker-dot-com

Calling All WUUs!! The Ewell Hall Covenant Group needs your help to support and appreciate the work of Hospice House & Support Care of Williamsburg. Hospice House depends on the local community for support in living its mission. The Covenant group will collect much-needed items from the Hospice House wish list for donation. Please contribute something!

Collection dates: Sundays, May 13 & 20, 2012

Place: WUU Narthex table

Times: before and after each service

Bring it on!!

Soups (small or single serving size)

Juices (single serving size)

Soft drinks (small cans-1/2 size): Coke, Diet Coke, Ginger Ale, Sprite, Pepsi

Tide High Efficiency Laundry Detergent

Chlorine Bleach

40, 60, 75, and 3-way bulbs (fluorescent equivalent)

Paper towel (multi-size sheets)

Disposable drink cups (10 or 12 oz size)-3hot and cold drinks

Disposable plates (microwavable)

Paper napkins

Lavender Pure Essential Oil (available at GNC or health food aisle at grocery)

Bird seed

Comfort pillows are given to each Hospice guest (at-home and House guests). They are custom designed and hand made by volunteers. Help these artisans make beautiful comfort.

Bring it On!!

Old lace doilies

Old hankies with flower or other designs

Old tablecloths (pillow top material)

Polyester pillow stuffing

Cotton/polyester thread (black or white)

Cotton/polyester fabrics

Gentle Flow Yoga classes are underway: WUU congregant Caroline Garrett Hardy is offering yoga classes for WUUs on **Mondays at 5:15 pm through 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.** Two more classes remain. They will be held on **May 21** and **May 28.** The donation (for those who did not already sign up for all five sessions) will be \$5 per individual session, which will be donated to WUU. Ms. Hardy is Yoga Alliance certified (230 hours) in Hatha Yoga and is presently in training for her 500 hour certification. The class will be a gentle vinyasa (flow) yoga class. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat (she has two only two extra ones that can be loaned out.) No shoes or socks are generally worn during yoga exercises. No previous experience is necessary. Questions?? Contact Caroline Garrett Hardy at garrettcg-at-aol-dot-com.

ANNUAL WUU YARD SALE:

Friday evening, June 8 (5 – 8 pm)

Saturday, June 9 (8 am – 12 noon)

DONATION ITEMS:

Drop off at church sanctuary during the following hours:

Sunday, June 3 (after church service and congregational meeting – until 1:00 pm)

Monday, June 4 through Thursday, June 7 (9:00 am – 12 noon; 5:00 – 8:00 pm)

Friday, June 8 (9:00 am – 12 noon only)

Clothing: quality items in excellent condition

Furniture: items that can be transported in a car

Small Electrical Appliances: functioning items only

Books: in good condition, both paperback and hard cover
Outdoor and Yard Equipment: items that can be easily transported
Tools: manual and power (only if in working condition)
Household Items: clean and in good condition
Jewelry
Toys and Baby Equipment: clean and in good condition
Crafts and Sewing Supplies
Sports Equipment
Holiday Items
Office Items/Supplies
Pet Supplies and Toys (no food will be accepted)

Bake Sale with Marion Wolfe: brownies, cookies, pies, cakes and other pastry items individually wrapped

Please note: NO electronics accepted. No perishable food items accepted except for Bake Sale donations.

Co-Chairs: Lola Warren and Ruth Hopkinson

Events Calendar

MAY

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May 26, 2012: Green Sanctuary Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up Day, meet at Fahs House, 10:00 am

May 28, 2012: WUU Offices closed in observance of Memorial Day

JUNE

June 1, 2012: Celebrating Our Small Group Ministries Dinner, Sanctuary, 6:00 pm

June 3, 2012: WUU Congregational Meeting, 11:00 am

June 3, 2012: Final YRUU Session of the current year, location TBA, 5:30 pm

June 8 and 9, 2012: Annual WUU Yard Sale, Sanctuary, (Fri) 5 – 8 pm and (Sat) 8 am – 12 noon

June 10, 2012: WUU Annual Picnic, Chickahominy Riverfront Park, 4:00 – 7:00 pm

June 14, 2012: The Odyssey, Fahs House, 10:00 am

June 16, 2012: Revisioning Faith Development Workshop, Fahs House, 9:00 am

June 20 - 24, 2012: Live Streaming General Assembly Events from Phoenix (see newsletter)