

WUU news

Monthly Newsletter of Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists



2015

Some Dates of Note

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Multigen Dance Party

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New to UU Orientation

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Navigators Monthly Meeting

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CPR/AED Training

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Office Closed (Veteran's Day)

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The Odyssey

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Fiddlin' 'Round Raisin' Auction

11.26

Office Closed-Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Dinner

11.27

Office Closed

Words from Rev. David A. Johnson, Interim Minister

Transition Musings: Interim Minister's Letter

Thanks much to all those who are enthusiastically participating with me in two workshop series -- which are now well underway:

- Wednesday evening series: "Of Bonds and Binds: Fables for Our Time" (thru April)
- Monday noon series: "Leading Change in the Congregation" (thru November)

In early December I will begin a third series, which will be held on Tuesdays at 12 noon

- Tuesday noon series: "A Relational Vision: I Seem to Be a Verb"

One more opportunity -- which my wife Diann and I will be hosting at WUU later this month: On Thanksgiving Day (Thursday November 26) we will gather for a potluck feast in the sanctuary beginning at 4:00 pm. Diann and I will provide roast turkey and stuffing (without any oysters, clams, anchovies, or other forms of marine life!!). Bring a favorite luscious treat to share. Invite your holiday guests and friends to join you.

If you can join us, please phone or e-mail Diann (913-302-5081; lavande77@wildmail.com) by Sunday November 22, so that we can keep track of who's bringing what, and how many guests to plan for. If you plan to attend and could arrive by 3:30 pm to assist us with setting up tables and chairs, we would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Thanks so much for your ongoing gracious welcomes, as the Tidewater region of Virginia becomes increasingly enticing as a long-term, retirement destination for us. All good wishes.

Rev. David A. Johnson, Interim Minister



November Worship Schedule

November 1, 2015

9:15 am & 11:15 am

Rev. David Johnson

"Candide's Dilemma: Beyond Good and Evil"

Worship Associate: John Hochella

Voltaire's brilliant satire "Candide" emerged during the Age of Enlightenment, in the aftermath of a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami which destroyed Lisbon on the morning of November 01, 1755. "Candide" was burned in Geneva, banned in Paris, and put on the Vatican index. It became the best-selling book of the eighteenth century. We will re-visit Voltaire's story -- plus Leonard Bernstein's musical adaptation -- and consider its implications for today.

November 8, 2015

9:15 am & 11:15 am

Rev. David Johnson

"Compassion: The Paradox of Caring"

Worship Associate: Richard Costello

As part of this fall's series of sermons highlighting Family Systems, we'll reflect on empathy, caring, and compassion. These are admirable virtues. Even so, might there be necessary limits, or signposts, which point toward those qualities of compassion that foster worth and dignity? T.S. Eliot wrote (in "Ash Wednesday"), "teach me to care and not to care." We'll unpack that phrase and consider its implications.

Office Hours

The WUU office is open:

- ◆ 9am-2pm Monday - Friday

Rev. Dave Johnson has office hours:

- ◆ Noon-3pm Monday -Thursday

Austen Petersen, Director of RE, has office hours:

- ◆ Noon-3pm Monday - Thursday.

Sometimes these times change due to meetings, vacation, etc. Feel free to call first (757) 220-6830 to check our availability.

November 15, 2015

9:15 am & 11:15 am

Rev. David Johnson

"Dancing in the PZD

(productive zone of dis-equilibrium)"

Worship Associate: Anne Stevens

A wise person observed: "If you regard yourself as a hammer, the world seems like a bunch of nails." The same is true for congregations in transition. Our ways of functioning are far more important that "the facts of the situation." How might we re-focus beyond problem-solving (i.e., being a hammer in search of nails), and instead ask "better questions"? What is the PZD – in all living systems – and why should we care? How might the framing of open-ended, imaginative questions foster the development of agility, resilience, and a broader range of adaptive responses? I'll suggest how such re-focusing upon questions leads to engaging "the dance of change" in healthier ways.

November 22, 2015

9:15 am & 11:15 am

Led by Dr. Jamie C. Bartlett, Director of Music
"St. Cecelia Sunday"

The Choir will present its annual St Cecilia Service a little differently this year. We will be singing at both the 9:15 and 11:15 services without orchestra. We will be offering up Songs of Praise, Songs of Nature, and Songs of Remembrance. Our song of remembrance will be a work in memory of Martha Connolly, a choir member who passed away in the Spring. Please join us for a celebration of music on November 22, the actual St Cecilia Day.

November 29, 2015

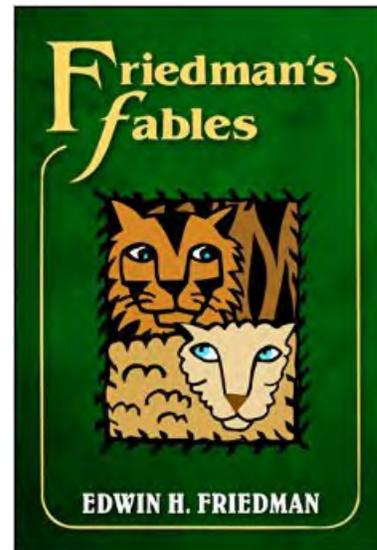
9:15 am & 11:15 am

Ben Thacker-Gwaltney, Guest Speaker
Topic TBA

“Of Bonds and Binds: Fables for Our Time”
Adult Enrichment Series, Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists
Wednesdays, 6:15 pm to 7:25 pm;

This year I am convening a workshop series that builds upon principles of Family Systems. We are focusing upon fables -- because fables convey broader, more enduring truths than “actual” occasions. The fables in this series are by one of the authorities on family systems, Edwin A. Friedman. Each week we read one Fable, and consider questions-for-reflection that Friedman suggested. We are especially alert for implications for our personal lives, our relationships, and the communities of which we are a part. Here is the schedule of remaining dates and titles for this series:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Fable</i>
<u>Part I: The Failure of Syntax</u>	
Wed 04 November	“Projection”
Wed 11 November	“Raising Cain”
<u>Part II: The Demons of Resistance</u>	
Wed 18 November	“The Power of Belief”
Wed 02 December	“Soaring”
Wed 09 December	“Net Results”
Wed 16 December	“Metamorphosis”
<u>Part III: Bonds and Binds</u>	
Wed 13 January	“Intermezzo: Oedipus, Faust, and Cassandra”
Wed 20 January	“Symbiosis”
Wed 27 January	“Attachment”
Wed 03 February	“Jean and Jane”
Wed 10 February	“Cinderella”
<u>Part IV: Reptilian Regressions</u>	
Wed 17 February	“Caught in Her Own Web”
Wed 02 Mar	“The Wallflower”
Wed 16 Mar	“Panic”
Wed 30 Mar	“Burnout”
Wed 06 April	“Narcissus”
Wed 13 April	“Tradition”
<u>Part V: Epilogue</u>	
Wed 20 April	“The People of the Charm” (by Rev. Peter Steinke)



New to UU Orientation Classes

Last Chance to Register

Potential members are required to attend two orientation classes to familiarize themselves with WUU before joining.

Those transferring from other UU congregations are invited to participate to learn about us and make new friends.

The first class will be in Fahs House on Monday, November 2 from 6-8:30 pm, and the second session will be held in Fahs House on Monday, November 9 from 6-8:30 pm. Snacks and drinks will be served. Register at the visitor table or contact communityteamchair@wuu.org with any questions.

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“Leading Change in the Congregation” Adult Enrichment Series

*Mondays, 12:00 - 1:15 pm, brown-bag lunch: Parker House conference room
Rev. Dave Johnson, facilitator*

This series addresses the question: How might congregational leaders manage transitions effectively, amidst the anxiety which always accompanies change? We will build upon presentations by Gil Rendle and Peter Steinke at “UU University,” a series of all-day workshops at recent UUA General Assemblies. Our text for the final session is *Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change* by William Bridges. Come to one session or to as many as you wish.

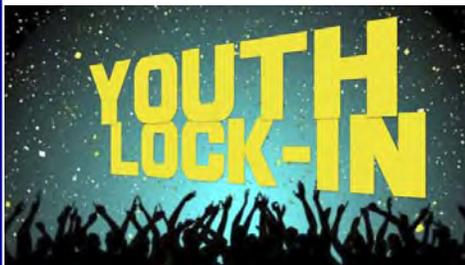
Remaining dates and topics:

DATES

TOPICS

November 02:	Making Better Stories to Live
November 09:	The Emotional Dynamics of Leadership
November 16:	Managing Transitions: Letting Go; Dwelling in the Neutral Zone

UUFP Lock-In



Calling all middle and high school youth. You are invited to a lock-in on November 14th-15th at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula. Join us beginning on November 14th at 3pm for fun, food, and fellowship with youth from Norfolk, Newport News, Williamsburg, Richmond, and Glen Allen. The cost is \$20 which includes ticket to The Laramie Project Play and food. Please send questions or RSVP to Joanne Dingus, Director of Religious Education at jmdingus@verizon.net or 757-867-7363 by November 10th.

BROWN BAG

Lunch Series

A Relational Vision: “I Seem to Be a Verb” An Introduction to Process / Relational Theology Tuesday series: December 1, 8, and 15; 12 noon – 1:15 pm

During my final semester of divinity school, Prof. John Cobb’s course on Process Theology was transforming for my life and ministry. His insights have opened pathways to a compelling worldview that is consistent with my lived experiences. In my 28 years of ministry since then, I have found that many Unitarian Universalists raised in traditional churches or synagogues have come to value Process / Relational theology as a compelling voice echoing our UU Principles and Purposes.

<i>Session / Date</i>	<i>Topics</i>
1 Tue Dec 01	The Relational Vision; The Self
2 Tue Dec 08	Human Experience; God as an Outgrowth of Human Experience
3 Tue Dec 15	God and the Experience of Evil and Power; Spirituality in a Global Perspective

VIDEOTAPE RESOURCE:

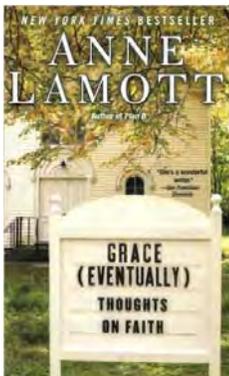
“A Relational Vision: John B. Cobb Jr.” (lectures and interviews), Center for Process Studies, Claremont, CA, 8 parts, 3 videotapes).

OPTIONAL TEXT:

Christ, Carol P., *She Who Changes: Re-Imagining the Divine in the World*, 2003

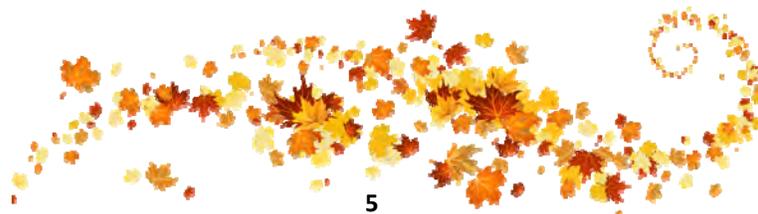
WEBSITE for resources, indexed: <http://www.ctr4process.org/publications/Biblio/Thematic/>

Pathfinders Book Group



The group chooses a book that explores the author’s spiritual journey or understanding of the human condition. Group members bring their lunch and we use the book as a springboard for what always turns out to be a spirited discussion of personal reactions.

Our next weeding is on Wednesday, November 18 in the Sanctuary. We will be discussing Grace Eventually by Anne Lamott. Come and join us –and bring a friend! We welcome new members and ideas for new books to read.



Greetings from the Board President



Have you been on the WUU campus during the past two weeks or so? If not, please stop by and take a look around. Twenty years ago, talk began about building space for our children. For the next 17 years, talks and some planning became serious. Three years ago the Board said, "Now is the time; let's ask the congregation." You agreed. We hired an architect, you pledged the funds, we hired a contractor. Now physical action is taking place. Thanks to all of you who are making this possible! If you haven't had the chance to get involved, now might be the time. Requests come often for help, and the mortgage will be needing to be paid for the next 25 years.

You may wonder when we'll start the process of hiring a new settled minister. What is going on? Why don't we see any action? Action is taking place behind the scenes. The Board and Nominating Committee, following UUA guidelines, have been working at setting the stage for the congregation to select a Search Committee. We will be meeting this month with our UUA consultant, Denise Rimes, to polish the plan. Then you will become involved to elect the Committee. The actual Search Process will then get underway about February or March.

Were you able to attend Dave Robbins' Piano Concert last Sunday? How very fortunate we are to have such a talented and personable pianist. How very fortunate we are to have dedicated members such as Molly and Allen Cooke who came up with the idea of this concert, made all the arrangements from beginning to end. How very fortunate we are to have that special "Epicurean Queen" Marion Wolfe who organized and presented the wonderful intermission refreshments. How very fortunate we are to have such an amazing congregation who work together, play together and just enjoy being part of this great community.

The Stewardship Committee has been reorganizing under the leadership of new co-chairs, Linda Lane-Hamilton and Allen Cooke. Great plans are in the making. You'll be hearing from them soon. You'll be seeing that Stewardship has a broad meaning -- not just filling out a pledge form.

Thinking of pledges, we could use a few more for this year. If you are some of those members who just haven't gotten around to making a pledge, now is the time. Pledge forms are available on the WUU website: go to Give, then select Annual Pledge. There is so much work for WUU to do out in the community and beyond, and in RE for adults as well as the kids. The Board just gave the Mosaic Makers an enthusiastic nod to place a banner outside supporting Black Lives Matter. Have you any idea of the cost of a banner? None of this happens without a price tag. We have this beautiful campus, too, that requires maintenance.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving later this month, how thankful I am for each of you being a part of this amazing WUU community, for the liberal spiritual life I find here, and for all that we, the congregation, do outside our doors.

Warm wishes to each of you for a meaningful Thanksgiving!

Lola Warren, Board President



Richmond Food Not Bombs is running a free clothing store on Sundays. Can you help?

It's getting cold outside! Our Richmond homeless neighbors are in need of coats, jackets, socks, undergear, and blankets. If you have any extras of these items please donate them. You can drop them off in the WUU library before December 1st and Dave Robbins, WUU pianist extraordinaire, will bring them to Richmond. Winter is a hard time of year for a lot of folks.

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

This month we will be getting to know some of the folks that make up our Caring Team and Lay Pastoral Care Team:

THE LAY PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists belong to a religious community committed to caring for one another--to provide a caring and compassionate presence to congregants facing stressful life challenges and crises, whether acute or ongoing.

WUU's Lay Pastoral Care Program consists of two teams:

The Caring Ministry stays in touch with congregants in need of short-term support, with phone calls, visits, cards, and meal delivery. The co-chairs are Liz Snyder and Ellen Graham.

Liz Snyder was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She attended Antioch College, where she met Roy, and graduated from Temple University. She is a retired federal employee who moved to the Williamsburg area in 1996, the year she and Roy joined WUU. They have three children, two daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren. She has held various volunteer posts at WUU, including cochair of the yard sale, chairing B&B twice, and Hospitality committee. She also served as Board secretary. She and Roy have three children, two daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren.

Ellen Graham--Born in Los Angeles, Ellen earned a B.A. in English from the University of Maryland and an M.S. in Journalism from Columbia University. She spent nearly 30 years as a reporter and editor in the New York bureau of The Wall Street Journal, where she met her husband Don Moffitt, also an editor there. They lived in Greenwich Village and Westport, Conn. until retiring to Williamsburg in 1998. Soon afterward, they joined WUU, where Ellen has volunteered as cochair of the yard sale and Bed & Breakfast, and handled public relations for two years. She and Liz became cochairs of the Caring Ministry in 2014. She and Don have one daughter and a 4-year-old grandson.

Ellen and Liz can be reached at www.caringchair@wuu.org or through the WUU office.

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Lay Pastoral Care Associates are trained to offer sustained care to congregants undergoing stressful life challenges. They are David Hopkinson, Martha Elim and Pat Hoppe.

David Hopkinson is a Charter Member of WUU. For 35 years he has been a practicing Clinical Psychologist, now winding down to semi-retirement. Over the years he has served on a ministerial search committee, co-lead the YRUU for several terms, co-founded and served five years on WUU's Endowment Fund and the Committee on Right Relations. He has been a Lay Pastoral Care Associate for almost two years.

Martha Elim joined WUU in 2005. She chaired the Membership Committee (now the Community Ministry) for two years and later became one of the original Lay Pastoral Care Associates appointed by Rev. Jennifer Ryu. She has also volunteered as a patient visitor for Hospice House and Support Care since 2005. In the first half of her career, she served on the faculty at several colleges and universities; later she managed publications for government contractors, retiring from Booz Allen Hamilton in 2004.

Pat Hoppe received a BA and MA in English from William and Mary, and was trained as a crisis counselor in 1987 by the Middle Peninsula Counseling Center therapists in Adner, VA, and by Rev. Jennifer in 2011 at WUU. She retired from teaching college/high school English and moved to Williamsburg, becoming a member of WUU in 2008. Here she has served as the Acting Religious Education Director, in the choir, on the Board, and as a worship associate. In addition to being a Lay Pastoral Care Associate at WUU, Pat tutors student writers and occasionally nannies for two families locally.

David, Martha, and Pat work with our minister, Rev. Dave Johnson, who can be reached through the WUU office or by email (revdaj@aol.com).



To Clap or Not to Clap?

After hearing from a fair number of congregants, it feels appropriate to address the issue of clapping in church. In fact some have asked me specifically to do this in the Newsletter. While there are probably many different views on the topic, let me suggest some ideas for us at WUU.

You needn't feel obligated to clap after the choir sings. We do what we do out of a love for music and the desire to enhance the spiritual message of the morning. If this were a concert setting, then we would welcome your applause, but we don't want our music to break the flow of the service. Sometimes the applause cuts in and breaks the momentum. If you want

to appreciate us you may use the waving hands/ASL sign for applause. Or you can speak to us after the service. Or send us an email. Or even a real letter.

I spoke with Dave Robbins, and he feels the same way. And he likes emails.

During a special service like St Cecilia or when we commissioned the Charter Day 25th anniversary anthem, then maybe it seems like the right thing to do: I don't want to thwart your enthusiasm at all. But please do not feel that you are expected to applaud every week we sing. We don't applaud you for coming to church and doing what you do, we don't applaud Rev. Dave after the sermon (even though we should), so you really needn't do that for us. We appreciate that you support us and encourage us, and we are grateful for your love and inspiration. I just want to be sure that the spirit of the service be the main focus of the morning and that we all play a role in endeavoring to be a part of that whole.

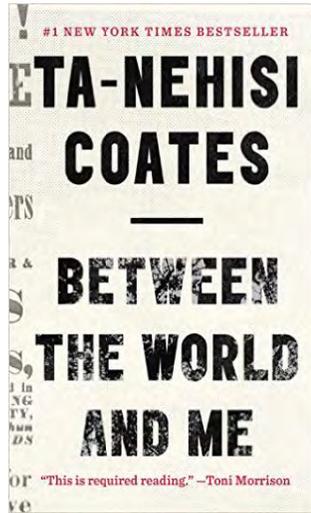
Thanks,

Jamie Bartlett, WUU Director of Music

Book Discussion

Thursdays, November 5th and November 12th, 7pm,

led by Dr. Eileen O'Brien, Professor of Sociology at St. Leo University



These two discussions will take place at the Williamsburg Regional Library, Schell Room. Open to the public—please join us and bring a friend.

Parenting and raising a child is a life-changing event that softens and hardens us all at once, but in the context of white privilege, there exists a vast chasm between the kind of parenting whites are able to do and that which African Americans must resign themselves to if their child is to survive and thrive. Though we share a common humanity, we inhabit completely different worlds, despite living and working side-by-side in America.

Toni Morrison has called Coates the next James Baldwin. In interviews about his book, Coates has been clear he had no intentions of sugar-coating his voice for a white audience. This is a passionate testament about the deeply profound and personal effect that racism has on the most intimate relationships that humans have—their loving families, torn asunder by the cruelty of white supremacy—no matter how much money, status, or education they have achieved.



Share the Plate Williamsburg Area

Meals Wheels

The Share the Plate collection for **Sunday, November 1**, will be donated to **Williamsburg Area Meals On Wheels**. FISH, Inc. is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit agency providing help to the residents of the Greater Williamsburg area. WAMOW provides home-delivered, professionally-prepared nutrition as well as smiles, social interaction and a daily routine to over 100 people who are unable to obtain or prepare a hot nutritious meal for themselves as a result of aging, physical or mental impairment or the inability to shop for themselves. Volunteer drivers have been delivering midday meals Monday through Friday for 39 years. To learn more about WAMOW visit:

<http://www.wmbgmealsonwheels.com/>

For more information on the Share the Plate program and to nominate a recipient agency e-mail stp@wuu.org

All Together Brown Bag Lunch Discussion



BROWN BAG LUNCH

Friday, November 6th at 12 noon, Retired General District Court Judge J.R. Zepkin will be the Presenter at the November Brown Bag Discussion sponsored by All Together Inc. of Williamsburg at Williamsburg Baptist Church, 227 Richmond Road. Bring your lunch.

Judge Zepkin is a graduate of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. He worked in private practice for a decade before being appointed to the bench in 1975. By his retirement in 2005, he had more than thirty years of service as a Judge in the Ninth Judicial District. Having lived and worked in Williamsburg his entire career, he was an eye witness to major changes in and challenges to the Criminal Justice System locally.

A legal scholar and a long time Adjutant Faculty member at The Law School, he taught Virginia Procedure to hundreds of students preparing to take the Virginia Bar Examination. Judge Zepkin will share his reflections and observations in regard to Criminal Justice locally. Given the national climate and discussion regarding race in Criminal Justice we have asked Judge Zepkin to comment on the impact of race on those persons who come into the system locally.

Food For FISH

(our local community's food & clothing pantry)



November is here, we hope to collect comfort and Thanksgiving foods:



Spam, small canned hams, canned sweet potatoes, vegetables and fruit.



Thank you for your generosity!



WUU Youth ♥'s FISH

Each month this year we are asking our WUU young people to donate to FISH, the local group that provides food to families in need. Some children you go to school with may not have enough to eat at home.

YOU CAN HELP!



It's November and Thanksgiving will be here soon!
Let's bring a canned food you would like to see on your Thanksgiving table.

Set it in the green bucket by the front church door and thank you!



Building Our Future Update:

Three years ago, the Board began its work to Build our Future in partial fulfillment of Vision 2017. We are on schedule.

In October, we:

- Signed the contracts needed to begin construction.
- Hugged the big oak tree on the way to Fahs knowing that our campus was going to change with the loss of many trees in preparation for construction.
- Watched as a new construction road to the retention pond and the removal of trees in both retention ponds revealed again just how big our campus really is.
- Watched silt fences going up along Ironbound Road, the new construction road and around the construction site to ensure that there is not soil erosion during construction.
- Gratefully accepted a Benjamin Altshuter Transportation grant for \$5000 to help us defray part of the costs of being in compliance with the new Community Character Corridor, as required by JCC.



To help the WUU community to understand all that is going on, here are two suggestions:

- Take one of the tours offered on Sundays after each service by a member of the BOF team. The contractors are working hard to get the new roof in place before winter weather impedes their work. It may require you to take a tour each Sunday to keep up with the progress!
- Mark your calendar to attend one of the café conversations to be held after the services on November 8. After a brief status report, we will hold a Q&A session.



The Building Our Future teams know that one of the measures of success is the extent to which the construction activities do *not* impede our ongoing mission and programs. We selected E.T.Gresham as the primary contractor with this consideration in mind. Please contact Les Solomon if you have a questions.

Les Solomon
Chair, Building Our Future

Did you see...

Many of the changes around the campus in October were to clean up/beautify the campus and to prepare for the building activities. Special thanks go to:

- **Dave Neiman, Linda and Fred Bergmann, Kathy and Jim Willis, and Les Solomon** for their help at Grounds Day. We worked in the Memorial Garden, trimmed in front of the Sanctuary, removed signs in the way of construction activities, trimmed the trees and bushes along the parking lot and trimmed the shrubs at the main entrance to provide better visibility for entering and exiting at Ironbound.
- **Nan Piland** for donating some contract help to clean up the Memorial Garden.
- **Franz Gross, Fred Gilbertson, and Les Solomon** for helping to remove sidewalk bricks on the way to the Memorial Garden. They were removed to enable contractors to dig the deep trench needed for the new storm sewer line (24" covered culvert) to be installed behind the new building and emptying into the big retention pond.
- **Allen Cooke** for helping to clean up the area around the Memorial Ground after the tree removal for the storm sewer.
- **Dave Neiman and Les Solomon** for installing a new window in one of the Fahs doors.

There will be new opportunities for volunteer help in the next couple of months. Examples:

- Once the work in the retention pond is complete, we need to build a new safety fence around the pond. Dave Neiman and Les Solomon are coordinating the project and will be looking for volunteers.
- We need someone to volunteer to provide a loving touch in the Sanctuary by dusting the furniture about once a month.
- We need someone to touch up the wall paint in the Sanctuary. About 3 hours worth of using the paint roller will do a lot to remove chair scars and scuffs on the walls.

Please contact Les Solomon for details les.solomon@gmail.com



WUU's Fall Auction is fast approaching---November 14th. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need YOUR help to make it possible!

Donations are really sparse so far--please consider donating items for live and/or silent auctions. Handcrafted items, handmade jewelry and artwork, homemade edible treats, and opportunities for unique experiences are great ideas. Tickets to musical and sporting events are a big hit, as well as dinners and outings with members of our community. Do you have a special gift or talent you could share with us? You can find donation forms in the Narthex or through a link found [HERE](#).

Contact Catherine Laarhoven catnye75@gmail.com or Dave Banks dfbanks@earthlink.net if you have a donation or would like to volunteer.

Tickets are on sale now! You can purchase them between services or during business hours in Parker House. Thank you for your help in making this year's auction a success!



Did you know that WUU has an Endowment Fund?

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to ensure the future of WUU as a liberal religious community. The fund grows through the generosity of members and friends who choose to make a commitment of a future gift, such as securities or a certain percentage from your estate. Our WUU funds are invested in the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund (UUSCEF), where it is responsibly managed.

The advantage of a Legacy gift to the Endowment Fund is that it requires no money upfront. Instead you make a commitment of future support, rather than an outright gift: your promise (which can change, if your circumstances change) of future financial support.

A number of WUU members have delineated legacy gifts in their wills. At the Sunday, November 8 services, you will have a chance to hear more about this way of giving. Two Endowment Committee members, one current and one past, will speak briefly about why they chose to make Legacy gifts to the Endowment Fund.

Gifts of appreciation and recognition can also be given to the Endowment Fund. You can honor a friend, family member, or occasion with a gift – for instance, for a birthday or anniversary, in memory of a loved one or in recognition of someone's achievement. And at the November 8 services, the collection will go to the Endowment Fund. We encourage you to fill out a gift form (available before the service) to accompany your plate collection gift, designating whom you would like to honor or recognize. That way we can assure that your honoree is informed of your generosity.

If you are thinking about a Legacy gift, Endowment Committee members would be happy to provide additional information and assistance.

EC members are Linda Foster, Ruth Fraser, Phoebe Kent, Paul Luchsinger, and Richard Thek.

CPR/AED Training-Second Class Added!



WUU has an important new addition that will be installed shortly in the sanctuary, a Phillips HeartStart Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). Come learn how to handle a heart related emergency with us! Our November 8th class is full so we have added a second class on Sunday, December 13 at 5pm in the WUU Sanctuary. The cost is \$30 per person. Please RSVP to Austen at austen@wuu.org or (757) 220-6830 if you would like to attend. There is a class maximum of 12 students.

"The greatest thing
this generation
can do is
lay a few
stepping stones
for the next
generation."

-Charles F. Kettering

Our Book Sales Project and What You Can Do

Our book sales project is one of many WUU activities designed to raise revenue for our budget in a way that is in harmony with our mission. Here is our current status:

- More than 200 books and records have been donated thus far and more than \$1,200 worth of books (about ½ of the inventory) are loaded into the Amazon sales platform. Already we have sold and shipped 4 books.
- I continue to work one-on-one with John Hinckley on the project, though his participation is limited due to his unavailability during many times of the month. He has been actively engaged on the project and he is so appreciative of our work with him.
- Currently, I am running the book sales operation out of our house (following the UUF model) because the items, once sold, need to be ready for shipment ASAP.
- We have very few costs, other than the Amazon commission, shipping costs and time. Payments to WUU from the proceeds of this project will be made each month.
- Any books that are deemed to be unprofitable for Amazon sales will be donated to the yard sale.



Here is how you can participate:

- **Place your donations in the box located in the library.**
 - **Books, CD's or records preferably in "very good condition."** Hardcover books and ones with dust jackets, with few marks, no torn or folded pages sell best. It is hard to make a profit on paperback books.
 - **Collectable and professional books.**
 - **Used small bubble wrap sheets or bubble wrap-lined paper envelopes.** That saves us some shipping costs.
- **Buy from us.** Our current offerings are at the Amazon site. Search on seller name: SalesatWUU.
- **Offer to help.** We have a lot of books to be evaluated and entered for sale.

And here is what we can do for you:

- Provide an itemized list of the items that we post on Amazon with the competitive fair-market value we are using for your donations.
- Know that you are contributing to the WUU budget in a new unique way and that WUU is attempting to maximize the value of your donations!

Thanks for your help!

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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 Ellyn Stephens in the office at office@wuu.org.)



November Birthdays

November Anniversaries

David Hamilton and Linda Lane-Hamilton
Phyllis and Jack Hostetter
Dan Moore and Natalie Miller-Moore
Joelle Griffin-Russell and Penn Russell
Steve and Lynn Savoie

David Benson	David Hopkinson	Penn Russell
Livia Berning	Pat Hoppe	Lynn Savoie
Autumn Elim-Durden	Sally Kellen	Megan Tschannen-
Sean Elim-Durden	Chris Llewellyn	Moran
Robert Field	Joan Lucera	Lola Warren
Cindy Frezek	Kaya O'Brien-James	John Whitley
Jim Hall	Roger Romero	Pat Winter