

WUU news

Monthly Newsletter of Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists



2016

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Words from Rev. David A. Johnson, Interim Minister

Interim Minister's Letter: "Transitioning Time" (still!)

Are you tired of "transitioning"? Are you tired of hearing updates alerting us to the coming changes in our congregation? Would you rather just doze into a long slumber, and be awakened when it's all over? Tempting as it may be to sleep-walk through the discomforts of change, alertness and full participation will pay off. Please continue to step up to the opportunities – with zest and enthusiasm.

I will be offering two opportunities for personal growth and learning this fall: All are welcome. No homework, and no registration required. Just show up – either for a single session or for as many as you wish:

"Theology for Our Secular Age"

Wednesdays, 4:30 pm – 5:45 pm beginning October 05, Parker House
Rev. Dave Johnson, facilitator

Introduction

- Theology is the process of using language to describe certain kinds of experience; it's what happens when the silence ends.
- Freedom—absence of coercion—is politically necessary but not religiously sufficient.
- What we have in common with other members of our group makes us a kind and helps create a sense of unity. Each member of a kind is also a unique instance; its identity is based on its difference from others, creating a sense of diversity.
- In a secular age, people have options—to believe or not to believe, to be part of a community of faith or not. By most accounts, religion poses the greatest threat to our shared future, rather than providing the greatest source of hope.
- The goal of this course is to sketch a third way between competing fundamentalisms of the left and right; to suggest how we might begin to think about faith and religion, as well as religious community and ethical conduct, in a different way.

Copies of the syllabus are available from the Minister on request.



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Interim Minister's Letter Continued

"Our Spiritual Lives"

Sundays, 12:45 – 1:30 pm beginning October 09, Parker House
Rev. Dave Johnson, facilitator

Introduction

Just what is a "spiritual" journey – or experience – anyway?? How might I know whether I am currently on one, or whether I may have had one in the past? What is the outcome supposed to be (if there are outcomes)? Is spirituality an achievement – perhaps offering self-selected "merit badges"? Why should (or might) such questions matter to me, in getting through the day? These are among the questions we will explore for five Sundays: October 09, 16, 23, 30, and November 02. Join the fun. No homework.

The Board and I are well into planning for my second year (eleven months' duration) as your Interim Minister and consultant to the Board. Thank you for this splendid opportunity, as we prepare for the next chapters in the congregation's history to unfold.

Rev. Dave Johnson, Interim Minister (2015-2017)

Awesome graphic created by UU Pensacola



Share the Plate



The Share the Plate Collection on Sunday, September 11, will benefit Bacon Street. This local non-profit agency provides outpatient prevention, intervention and treatment services to adolescents and their families who are dealing with substance abuse and mental health issues. Their work fits well with WUU values, in that substance use/abuse robs individuals of self-respect and deters spiritual growth; the disease of addiction affects a person's ability to act responsibly, share honest thoughts and feeling about themselves and the community around them. It isolates and cuts people off from life and their ability to care for themselves and others. These aspects make it important that the work of Bacon Street be generously supported by our Share the Plate program. For more information on this organization, visit www.baconstreet.org.

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

September Worship Schedule

REMINDER: On Labor Day weekend (September 04) we will have one service at 10:00 am. On September 11 we return to two services: at 9:45 am and 11:15 am

September 4, 2016

10:00 am

Ben Thacker-Gwaltney, Guest Speaker

**“Doing Politics Without Ruining Karma:
the Stuff of the Golden Rule ”**

Modern political campaigns have learned to use fear and panic to motivate supporters. All sorts of hatreds, revulsions and hard divisions arise as a result. Buddhism can offer a different perspective, one where we continue to work hard to elect representatives and support policies that lessen suffering. At the same time, we don't generate more suffering by viewing others through lenses of polarization.

Our Membership book is open for signing on the first Sunday of each month. If you have completed Pathway to Membership sessions 1 and 2 or are transferring from another UU Congregation, please come forward at the end of the service on September 4th to sign our Membership Book, signifying your commitment to WUU.

September 11, 2016

9:45 am & 11:15 am

Rev. David Johnson, Interim Minister

“At One with Nature and the Inter-dependent Web “

Annual In-Gathering Service and Water Communion

Summer's different rhythms are drawing to a close. Whether you have traveled far and wide, or have remained close to home, the question is the same: What have you noticed more closely? What has surprised you? How is your personal life, and your relationships, more intentional, and more in accord with your values? The turning of the seasons offers an occasion for taking perspective, and realigning with stuff-that-matters (STM).

This is our annual In-gathering service. All are encouraged to bring samples of water from locations which have nourished you and inspired you.

September 18, 2016

9:45 am & 11:15 am

Rev. Travis Harris, Guest Minister

“Black Lives Matter”

Why do “Black Lives Matter?” Black people, compared to whites, are more likely to be killed by police, are incarcerated at much higher rates, and are twice as likely to be unemployed. How should UUs respond to this systemic racism? Join us to hear Mr. Travis Harris' account of how a movement begun in the wake of Trayvon Martin's killing is changing our understanding of racism.

September 25, 2016

9:45 am & 11:15 am

Rev. Dave Johnson, Interim Minister

“The Old Possum: T.S. Eliot's Legacy”

Imagine that we're strolling through Bloomsbury Square in London. We pause at the Faber and Faber Publishing House. Perched in the front window is a well-fed cat named Morgan. Morgan is reflecting on the meaning of life:

*“I once was a Pirate who sailed the 'igh seas –
But now I've retired as a commissioner:
And that's how you find me a-takin' my ease
And keepin' the door in a Bloomsbury
Square.” (T.S.Eliot)*

We will consider the life and poetry of Thomas Sterns Eliot and his profound influence on Unitarian Universalism. In particular, we'll return to Eliot's question: “Where is the life we have lost in living?” Our pianist Dave Robbins will recall Eliot with some of the music from “Cats.”

Registration Now Open!

Building a Vocal Community: The Power of Song in Community

January 27-28, 2017

6-9pm Friday and 9am-4pm Saturday (lunch provided)

William & Mary School of Education, Matoaka Woods Room



In this workshop, Dr. Ysaye Barnwell, a former long-time member of the renowned musical group *Sweet Honey in the Rock*, will lead participants in experiencing the musical traditions of Africa and the Diaspora (including chants, spirituals, ring shouts, and songs from the Civil Rights Movement), and exploring the power of music to bring communities together. No musical experience or talent needed; just a willingness to raise your voice and learn.

For a sample of Dr. Barnwell's style and underlying message, view her December 2015 TEDx talk, [The Power in Vocal Communities](#).

Register now at [Eventbrite.com](#). Contact wmsbgvocalcommunity@gmail.com for more information.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-a-vocal-community-the-power-of-song-in-community-registration-22591287148>

Sponsored by All Together, the Lemon Project, William & Mary Africana Studies Program, William & Mary Music Department, Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.



Glass Painters Group

We need glass painters, no experience necessary. We would love to have you join us. It is fun and sometimes quite meditative and relaxing. We meet to paint wine and beer glasses for the WUU Auction. The meeting time is 1PM once a week on a day to be decided by those who wish to paint. The group meets at my house on 229 West Queens Dr. Please contact me by phone (757-565-0769) or by email lkossodo@cox.net.

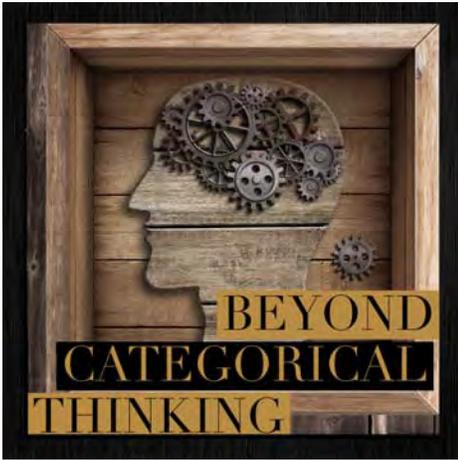
News from the Ministerial Search Committee

COTTAGE MEETINGS

Thank you for completing the congregational survey! As a follow-up, cottage meetings are planned for mid-September through mid-October. In these small group settings, you will have the opportunity to provide in-depth responses and to listen to feedback from WUU members and friends about our congregation's search for a settled minister. Please check the Spiral and narthex for upcoming cottage meeting dates / times / locations.

BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING

“Will the new minister hear me? Will my concerns and needs be met?
Will the minister understand what I’m living with? How will the
community respond to our minister?”



In answering these questions, a picture of the “ideal minister” (categorized by age, gender, gender identity, nationality, physical ability, race, and sexual orientation) comes to mind. With this picture in place, it can be easy to unintentionally exclude ministers who fall into certain categories. At times, as we get caught up in comparing candidates to our “picture,” we can even forget what it is we hoped for in a minister.

On the weekend of October 1&2, Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists will participate in the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. The WUU Ministerial Search Committee invites all congregational leaders, members, and friends to participate in this workshop.

The Beyond Categorical Thinking program is designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. This program includes a three hour Saturday morning workshop followed by a Sunday morning service with BCT workshop facilitators. In the workshop, WUU members will:

- Consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns they have for a new minister,
- Learn more about the ministerial search process, and,
- Explore how thinking categorically about people sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.

Come on Saturday October 1st from 9am to noon in the sanctuary and to Sunday October 2nd services to participate in this UUA-sponsored workshop and worship service, led by Carol Carter Walker and Amanda Schuber.

The Ministerial Search Committee appreciates any and all input from the WUU community. The Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop is another opportunity for everyone in our congregation to be a part of that process. This experience will provide guidance for the search committee in our work.

PROTECTING YOUR HEALTHCARE WISHES

Are you current with your Advance Medical Directives?
Updated your Health Care Power of Attorney lately?
Stored your documents in a safe and accessible place?

MOST IMPORTANT: Do your loved ones know your feelings about quality of life and end of life care, should they be asked to make decisions on your behalf?

We can help ensure your wishes will be honored!

Participate in our presentation and discussion:

- * VIRGINIA ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES
- * HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY

Saturday, September 17, 2016, 9:30 to 11:30am, FAHS House
Virginia Advance Directive forms and other resources will be provided.

Presenters: Cynthia Frezek, MSN, RN, WUU Lay Pastoral Care Associate
Barbara Shefelton, M.Div, BCC, Board Certified Chaplain and Ethics
Consultant, Mary Immaculate Hospital

Free to all age 18 and older. Please reply to cyncfreze@gmail.com, by Sept.15th.



SAVE THE DATE!

Celebration and Dedication Weekend - February 4th and 5th

Please reserve the weekend of February 4th and 5th, 2017! On that weekend, the WUU congregation will celebrate the completion of the Phase 1 addition to our facilities which began with those many visioning circles held in the summer of 2013.

A Saturday night event on February 4 will celebrate the conclusion of three years of visioning, planning, pledging and building. By that date we will already be installed in the new space. There will be much to celebrate!

The following Sunday afternoon at 4 pm, February 5, a service of dedication will be held. Special guests will be invited. The service will be a time to reflect on who we are as a congregation and what our hopes are for this new space. How will the new space enhance our presence in the wider community and further our mission?

Days of Service and Move-In

Before a dedication can take place, some physical challenges await! Many, many hands will be needed to help clear out and transfer items from old locations to new ones. Certain areas must be cleared and others prepared prior to the actual move-in. Parker House will need refurbishing inside and out. There will be ample opportunities for everyone in the congregation to be involved in some way during these Days of Service. Franz Gross is coordinating the Move-in activities. Check the weekly Spiral for dates of the Days of Service and Move-In.





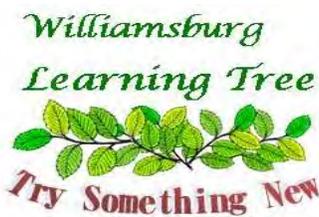
Lay Pastoral Care Associates (LPCA)

Eleven Lay Pastoral Care Associates serve under the Minister's supervision to offer more extended pastoral care to WUU members and friends -- in a confidential setting. They are: David Hopkinson and Jane Reilly (co- chairs); Flora Adams, Laura Bronstein, Martha Elim, Cynthia Frezek, Carolyn Greathouse, David Hamilton, Ruth Hopkinson, Charles Tankersley, and Trena Tankersley.

The 2016-17 LPCA team was selected from applications and interviews, and then trained over 15 hours from May-August 2016 in a model of care patterned after the UU Church of Richmond. As an extension of the minister's usual professional duties of pastoral care (e.g. funerals, acute hospital calls, etc.), LPCAs offer ongoing supportive contacts to UUs in bereavement, long-term disability, declining health, social isolation, emotional upheaval and the like - any life altering situation that calls for extended spiritual and/or relational outreach from a fellow UU. They will supplement both the "first responses" of the Caring Committee and those activities that properly belong in the hands of the minister. LPCAs don't provide "treatment" or expert advice, in fact don't undertake to "fix" another UU's life struggles. Their training is in showing empathic, compassionate and discrete support, in walking alongside their troubled compatriots for as long as it takes.

LPCAs operate as a team under the minister's supervisor and direction. Personal situations attended by each LPCA are shared in confidence in team meetings, so that knowledge, background experiences and ideas can be pooled for maximum benefit of the UU recipient of care. Except in rare matters of urgent health and safety any information received in confidence is held within the team as a sacred trust.

The team receives referrals directly from the minister, from recommendations made by the Caring Committee, and directly from a UU to an LPCA. The minister makes the assignment of pastoral care to himself/herself, to the Caring Committee, or to the LPCA team.



Your Williamsburg Learning Tree program is poised to make a great start on September 3. Class registration opens that Saturday, and our full-color ads start running in *The Virginia Gazette*. We have over 80 fun, educational, and inspiring classes scheduled at convenient times and at convenient places. So sign up and try something new!

Taking a class is SO EASY! Check out the online course catalog, then register and pay online at www.williamsburglearningtree.org. Or call Suzanne (757-220-9975) for a paper catalog and mail-in registration form.

Did you think about teaching a class but just didn't get around to sending in your class proposal? This semester is running through mid-December, so there is still time to send one in and share your knowledge, expertise, or passion with your friends and neighbors! We'll update our online catalog with your class and include it whenever we re-print paper copies. Let's do this!

A Charitable Gift Annuity: A Give-and-Get-Back Option

Phoebe Kent, Endowment Committee Chair

We are all so grateful for the generosity of Mike and Genevieve McGiffert. Their legacy will be seen in our new building with its Genevieve McGiffert wing – and in our brand-new upgraded kitchen facilities. Less obvious, but equally important, is Mike’s gift to the WUU Endowment Fund of a portion of his house sale proceeds.

Little by little – and sometimes by a lot – our WUU Endowment is growing. In time, it will be large enough to provide us with an annual amount – a percentage of its investment earnings – to cover extraordinary expenses or provide added value to our programs and activities.

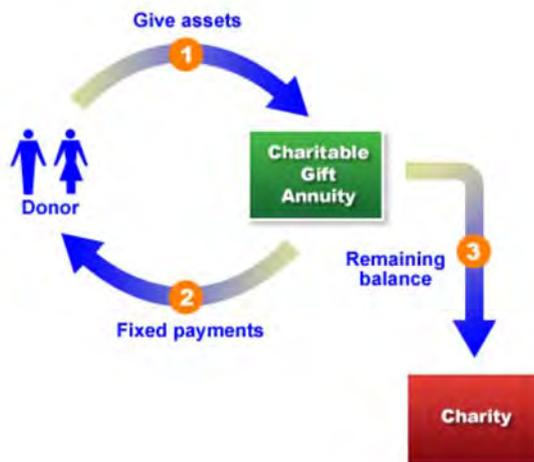
In the meantime, your Endowment Committee members are available to talk to you about your ideas or hopes for making an enduring contribution to WUU through a charitable bequest – your legacy to this religious community. A deferred gift requires no funds now – but is a revocable commitment of future funds. And your thoughtful cash gifts – in honor of a special occasion or in memory of a dear one – all add up. Thank you!

However, EC member Richard Thek is eager to talk to interested members about another method of giving: a **charitable gift annuity**, such as the one he and Regina created with the UUA to benefit them now and WUU eventually.

A life income gift, such as a charitable annuity, has many benefits. It is, quite simply, a contractual agreement between the UUA and one or two donors. With a donation of \$5,000 or more to the UUA, the donor(s) receive a fixed dollar amount for as long as they live or for a set number of years. At the end of the contract, the UUA delivers the remainder of the original gift amount to the beneficiary chosen by the donor, such as WUU.

How much money you receive quarterly from the UUA is determined at the time you make your gift and is calculated as a percentage of the donation based upon your age, the number of annuitants, and the timing of the gift; that percentage never changes.

If you are interested in securing a guaranteed fixed income now that allows you to also be philanthropic and provide for WUU’s future, talk to Richard. He can explain more about charitable gift annuities, including the tax advantages and the ease of setting one up with the UUA. You may reach Richard at 757-585-0808 or at re.thek1@juno.com. He looks forward to talking to you.



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 meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, at noon in the sanctuary. We will be discussing Fast Animal Poetry by Tim Seibles. Come and join us –and bring a friend!

We welcome new members and ideas for new books to read.

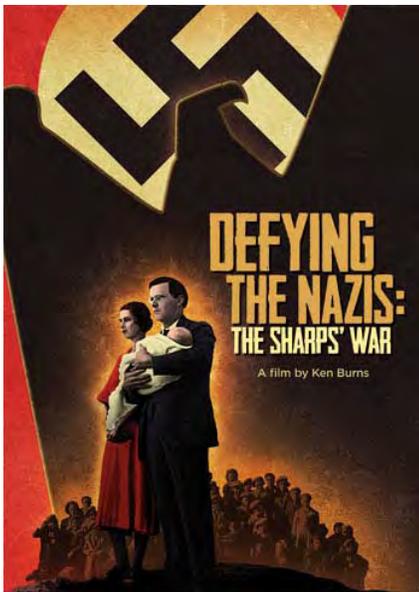


The United Way of Greater Williamsburg is planning for its annual **DAY OF CARING** on Friday, September 16! They so appreciated WUU's volunteering in past years and hope we will consider participating in Day of Caring 2016. As they say, "no team is too small or too large! Last year more than 600 volunteers completed more than 40 projects

throughout the Greater Williamsburg community" and we were a dozen of them!

So, please let me know if you are able to take part. The day usually starts with a communal breakfast and ends with dinner. It would be wonderful if we can assemble a WUU team again. Contact me at sjchair@wuu.org. Thanks, Jessica O'Brien

Join us on Friday, OCTOBER 7th at 6pm for a potluck and showing of:



"DEFYING THE NAZIS: THE SHARPS' WAR,"
A NEW FILM BY KEN BURNS AND ARTEMIS JOUKOWSKY

This documentary which will first air on PBS on September 20 tells the untold story of an American husband and wife who spent nearly two years on life-threatening missions in Europe to save refugees and dissidents from Nazi occupation.

The United States Memorial Holocaust Museum and Unitarian Universalist Association Partner on Screenings and Community Engagement Programs

Here at WUU we will be eating together and screening the movie at 6pm. Please bring a dish to share and watch this important story with us.

Black Lives Matter, Williamsburg has begun an effort to introduce white folk in Williamsburg to the true values and goals of the Black Lives Matter movement. We just began hosting a "Lemonade Stand" on Saturdays in front of Barnes and Noble on Duke of Gloucester Street—from 11-1—where we give out information along with lemonade, water and snacks. The idea is that we will be a presence of white people talking to other white people about Black Lives Matter—hopefully dispelling some of the fear and correcting the misinformation that abounds about this important organization. Come join us. Bring a chair and do some reading beforehand. If you are interested, I can email you two valuable pieces: one with the Black Lives Matter movement's Guiding Principles, and another with eleven common misconceptions about the organization. The next Lemonade Stand will be Saturday, September 3rd.



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Social Justice effort coming up next month

In October we will be vacating Parker House and getting it ready for a new use. We anticipate that GWOM (Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission) will be hosting a Williamsburg homeless family to use Parker as transitional housing. What a great social justice use of our building!

Stay tuned for a request for volunteers to help empty out Parker, uninstall and install some cabinets, and generally turn it back into a residence. This will be a great way to get involved in WUU's Social Justice efforts.

Flooding in Louisiana

The Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge has posted the following regarding the **Flood of 2016**: Unitarian Universalists from outside greater Baton Rouge want to know how to help from afar. Here are our suggestions:

1. **"UCBR Flood Fund"** is receiving funds to assist Members and Friends of our church in flood recovery, especially those without flood insurance coverage. Send to **Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, 8470 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge LA 70806**.
2. Send contact information if you are available to make a trip to this region and assist in the actual cleanup of homes.
3. Financial contributions to the Together Baton Rouge fund at <https://togetherbr.nationbuilder.com/donate> will help anyone who has been affected by floodwaters and who completes the survey at LAfloorsurvey.com.

You can visit their website at: <http://www.peacestones.org/>

Thank you for reaching out with your prayers, cares, and concerns.

FISH

(our local community's food & clothing pantry)

Back to school time!

FISH is requesting items for school lunch:
individually wrapped items such as applesauce, fruit cups, snack bars.



Please make sure packages are sealed and all "use by" dates are current. Thank you all!

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL

For more than two centuries before the Civil War, millions of African Americans lived their entire lives in bondage. It is unknown how many of these enslaved human beings labored, lived and died on the campus grounds of William & Mary. We do know that the College had a substantial financial investment in the institution of slavery, and prospered from dependence on its productivity. The exploited labor of enslaved African Americans built the foundation upon which William & Mary stands, yet, there is no recognition of the contributions of the enslaved people who labored to build and maintain the College.

The Lemon Project was created in 2009 by the Board of Visitors as “a long-term research project under the sponsorship of the Office of the Provost, involving the College faculty, staff, students and the Greater Williamsburg community.” The mission: “A Journey of Reconciliation...to better understand, chronicle, and preserve the history of the enslaved at the College.”

In furthering its mission, The Lemon Project formed the Committee on Memorialization (LPCOM). The time has come to recognize the enslaved and free African Americans who labored to build and maintain the College before the Civil War. Accordingly, the Committee is preparing a proposal that will be submitted to the President and the Provost of the College to hold a national design competition for a memorial to the enslaved. A built memorial will be part of how we remember William and Mary’s unnamed founders. May we include your name on a list of supporters of a memorial?

If you support the idea of a memorial, please go to <https://forms.wm.edu/form/view/27612/9ef27a2ad9a04ad81aa1f5643ac7b0d2>, and add your name to the list of supporters. If the link does not work, please cut and paste forms.wm.edu/27612 into the address line.

Please feel free to forward this email to colleagues, friends, and family who care about William and Mary and its future. The support of all of William & Mary’s constituencies (current students, staff, faculty as well as alumni, and community members) is vital to the success of the project. On behalf of those whose names we will never know, who lived, suffered and died in forced servitude for the benefit of The College of William and Mary, we thank you.

The Lemon Project Committee on Memorialization



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

John Hochella



John joined the congregation twenty years ago and has served in various roles, including board member (RE Chair and Program Cluster Chair), worship committee chair, youth group advisor, Our Whole Lives facilitator, middle school and high school RE teacher, and choir member. He is currently chair of the Williamsburg Learning Tree (WLT). John is a pantheist who values our congregational polity.

John likes to make UU connections beyond Williamsburg. He and his son, Chris, have attended 16 consecutive SUUSIs where John has gotten to know many UU ministers, including Sarah Lammert, Director of Ministries and Faith Development of the UUA. John has attended two General Assemblies.

In 2002, John attended several classes at the Meadville Lombard Theological School as a ministerial aspirant. That was a tough road for a divorced father who had a "day job," so John discerned his calling was to be a lay leader.

Circle Dinners

Circle Dinners are dinner parties of WUU friends and acquaintances of all ages, single or married, who gather for small potlucks. Those wishing to form family dinner circles are urged to sign up as well!

Circle dinners are a great way to meet newcomers and old timers! Circles organized each fall, but new members can be added at any time. Most circles meet together in each others' homes for a potluck dinner, but each year one or two circles organize to meet in restaurants for lunch or dinner. The committee will ask one person to be the first host for their circle. From then on, the circle arranges the date, time, and place for the rest of the dinners. The dinners are designed so that they rotate between homes. Usually the host supplies the main dish and the other members the rest of the food and drink for the evening. Circles stay together for the church year, but reorganize with new members each fall so everyone can meet more people. Look for signup sheets in late August and September.



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If your home is too small, you can use the church for your turn at dinner. Check the calendar with the office and reserve space. If you don't have enough chairs, the WUU folding chairs can be borrowed. We hope to see even more participants this year. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex or check The Spiral for more information

-Virginia Banks

THE VILLAGE - here is a new initiative in Williamsburg that promises to address serious deficiencies affecting local minority youth and students. Are you interested? The next meeting is Monday, September 12th, 6-8pm, location to be determined. Contact me or the organizer, Jacqueline Williams (contact info below) for more information: sjchair@wuu.org. Jessica O'Brien

THE VILLAGE

OUR VISION

The Village is an organization formed to promote unity and education while building a bridge between local schools and parents, to help them get connected with the tools available to aid each child in reaching their full potential. Our goal is to create the blueprint to build villages wherever they are needed.

OUR MISSION

We will work with schools to address the achievement gap disproportionate percentages of expulsion, suspension and incarceration of black youth. We also seek to educate the community on voting at all levels, inviting everyone to be part of the process.

THE PLAN

Our stop the violence initiative seeks to reach our youth early, giving them the support and tools they need to build confidence to keep them off the streets and in school. We will do this by advocating for children and parents, mentoring and tutoring. Our goal is to unite as one community to save lives.

Contact: Jacqueline Bridgeforth-Williams

Email: JackieWilliamsAtTheVillage@gmail.com

Phone: 757-713-2543

WHO?

The village is made up of spiritual leaders, educators, parents, children, community leaders and concerned citizens.

WHEN?

Every Monday
6pm-8pm

WHERE?

8/22 - First Baptist Church
8/29 - First Baptist Church
9/5 - NO MEETING (LABOR DAY)

AGENDA

Prayer
Scripture
Welcome
Review
Speaker
Village Goals
Q&A
Closing Scripture
Prayer

NOTE

This meeting is open to ALL!

Make Plans to Attend Support Local Authors

Williamsburg
**BOOK
FESTIVAL**

Our very own WUU member,
Deborah Jane Wells, will have a book
at the festival as well!

Saturday, October 1, 2016
Featuring *New York Times* bestselling author
Rita Mae Brown



A FREE event for Readers and Writers Celebrating Creativity!

**Saturday, October 1, 2016
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**The Stryker Center
412 North Boundary Street
Williamsburg, Virginia**

Brown will sign books in the afternoon at the Stryker Center,
followed by "An Evening with Rita Mae Brown" in Andrews Hall
at the College of William and Mary from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
The FREE, interactive session is hosted by the college's
Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Department.

[Click here](#) to read VA Gazette coverage.

[Click here](#) to visit event website.



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Office Hours

The WUU office is open:

- ◆ 8am-1pm 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.

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.)



September Birthdays

September Anniversaries

- Linda and Fred Bergmann
- Michael and Ivonne Luchs
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