



# Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

**A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community**

## The Spiral

May 16, 2013

**This Sunday at WUU: May 19, 2013**

### 10:00 am Worship Service

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

#### "Coming of Age"

Every other year our middle school youth participate in the "Coming of Age" program. Today Autumn Elim-Durden, Evan Varney, and Will Friedrichs will speak to us about their values and beliefs as they move into their teen-age years. All ages worship together.

### Celebrate Our Welcoming Congregation Anniversary at May 17th Potluck!

Join us at 6 pm on **May 17th** for our Third Friday of the Month Potluck as we celebrate the sixth anniversary of our formal commitment to being a Welcoming Congregation.

Please bring a dish to share along with your ideas about ways WUU can continue to work for LGBTQ justice. Questions? Fred Gilbertson 253-2633

### Congregational Meeting This Sunday

**Sunday, May 19th, 11:15.** After the morning service, stay for the **Congregational Meeting**. The fiscal year-end financial status and forthcoming year's budget will be presented, along with Board and Minister reports. There will be ample time for questions and concerns. Childcare will be available in the nursery.

**This Weekend and the Coming Week** [Click for entire WUU Calendar](#)

### Thursday, May 16

- 7:00 pm, The New Jim Crow Book Discussion, Williamsburg Baptist Church
- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team, Sanctuary

### Friday, May 17

- 6:00 pm, 3rd Potluck, Sanctuary

### **Saturday, May 18**

- 11:15\* am, Coming of Age Rehearsal, Sanctuary **\*note change in time**

### **Sunday, May 19**

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am, Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

### **Monday, May 20**

- 10:00 am, Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Compassion Deep Study, Fahs House

### **Tuesday, May 21**

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:30 pm, Board Meeting, Fahs House

### **Thursday, May 23**

- 7:00 pm, Covenant Group Facilitators, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm, Membership Team, Activities Room

### **Next Sunday: May 26, 2013**

#### **10:00 am Worship Service**

**Rev. Jennifer Ryu & Rev. Robert Coats, MCC**

#### **"Whom Shall We Remember?"**

On this Memorial Day weekend, we mark the 6th anniversary of WUU becoming a Welcoming Congregation. Hatred and fear of gay, lesbian, transgender, queer and bisexual people have led to terrible violence. Today we remember those who have died at the hands of that fear. Rev. Coats of the Metropolitan Community Church will be our special guest preacher.

### **Lifespan Faith Development**

#### **Exploring Prayer: a Mini Workshop**

Deep within all of us there is a yearning to touch the sacred and be touched by it. Whether we call the sacred "God," "great Spirit," "divine presence," "mindfulness," "enlightenment," etc., we need ways to connect to this reality -and many do this through prayer.

This workshop is for those thinking about ways to pray as well as for those looking to move deeper into prayer. During it we will share pre-prayer activities as well as a variety of ways to pray. Come join us on Saturday June 15, 9:00-11:30 at Fahs House. To register, call or email the office.

#### **Book Study**

Beginning June 2nd, 2013 and concluding July 28th, Pat Hoppe will be leading a book study in her home on Sunday evenings at 6pm. The group is limited to eight people, so call Pat if you are interested at 757-903-7749 or leave a message on her home phone at 757-208-0570. She will give you more information about the structure of the evening and directions to her home when you phone. We will be reading THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED by Scott Peck; each person is responsible for procuring his/her own copy of the book.

**LFD Council:** Rev. Jennifer is gathering a team to establish the LFD Council. Please contact her

directly if you would like to be part of this council whose purpose is to ensure excellent Faith Development programs for our youth & adults. Email [jennifer @ wuu. org](mailto:jennifer@wuu.org)

### Social Justice News

#### **FISH: Meat for FISH in May**

Help out your neighbors by bringing in some canned meat such as tuna or chicken each Sunday in May for our donation to FISH.

**WV Mission Trip:** Space is filling up quickly for our WV Mission Trip to the Appalachian South Folklife Center in Pipestem, WV from August 4 - 10, 2013. If you would like to join us on the trip, please fill out the form on the Mission Trip brochure and drop it off in the box on the Social Justice table in the lobby or contact Dave Wilcox at [sjchair@wuu.org](mailto:sjchair@wuu.org). There is also a box to check on the form if you would like to help out but can't come along on the trip.

### Green Sanctuary News

#### **Film at 2 pm this Saturday at the Kimball**

Seasons with Brian and Julia documents a year of farming seasons in an intimate portrait of one family's struggles as small farmers in Mathews, VA and their commitment to a sustainable lifestyle.

**Plastics recycling transport assistance needed in June.** Please sign up at the Social Justice Table in the Narthex or email [gsc@wuu.org](mailto:gsc@wuu.org).

**Raise your voice for clean energy!** On May 9, scientists reported that the level of carbon dioxide concentration in Earth's atmosphere has reached the dangerous level of 400 parts per million. The safe level of CO2 is considered 350 parts per million. Learn more at: [www.350.org](http://www.350.org).

### Caring Committee News

Our healing thoughts go to Beth Puckett who broke her ankle last week.

Beth Kennedy continues her rehabilitation at Sheltering Arms in Richmond to regain use of her hands and legs.

Please contact the Caring Committee at [caringchair@wuu.org](mailto:caringchair@wuu.org) if you know of a member of the Congregation in need of support, or if you are in need of support.

### Other News

#### **WUU YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE**

Our annual yard sale fundraiser will be held on Friday, June 7 (5-8pm) and Saturday, June 8 (8am-noon) in our Sanctuary. Detailed volunteer and donation information can be found [by clicking here](#).

Please sign up at church on Sunday to be a volunteer or email Ruth Hopkinson at her new email address: [ruthhop46@gmail.com](mailto:ruthhop46@gmail.com) or call 565-3298 (home) or 879-9080 (cell). Do not call after 9:00pm please and do not use the email address listed in the most recent church directory.

Marion Wolfe is the bake sale coordinator, please write to Marion at [marion217@msn.com](mailto:marion217@msn.com) with your food donations. Some suggestions are: individually wrapped: Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, and other pastry items.

#### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY: JUNE 19-23 in LOUISVILLE, KY**

WUU's five delegates will be appointed by the Board, probably in May. Delegates will make their

own travel and housing arrangements, but WUU will refund most of the delegates' registration fees. For those attending who do not want to be delegates, costs can be reduced by volunteering. There are also one-day rates if that's what you choose to do - usually with a free event the night before. Check out GA at the UUA web site, and if you know you want to attend, sign up early to get the most reasonably priced housing! Four WUUs have already expressed interest in attending and we know there are more of you.

For questions or to express interest, contact LindaLaneHamilton@gmail.com (or call our new phone number at 345-2988) or contact Les Solomon at Les.Solomon@gmail.com. Later in the spring we will gather GA participants to preview GA, review the issues, and coordinate our travel where possible.

### **Navigators USA - Williamsburg Chapter 36 - Spring Campout**

Join with Navigators Chapter 22 from Newport News on Saturday night, June 8th, with Friday night June 7th optional in the Newport News Park Campground - group site.

See you in the Great Outdoors! Greg (greg.caldwell@cox.net) and Dan (danartmo@yahoo.com)

### **WUU Auction**

The Auction is only 7 months away! We who paint the glasses for the Auction would love to have your help. First, if you can paint, come and paint with us. Second, painter or not, you can still help by gathering the glasses: donate your extras, collect from your friends, or find them at Yard Sales (but don't spend more than 50 cents/glass). We will have a place at the church where you can leave them. Thank you in advance for your help in this fun project. If you have any questions, call Susan Cardozo at 220-5402, or email susan@cardozo.org

## **Future Events**

### **May & June**

- May 17: 3rd Friday Potluck, 6pm, Sanctuary (Welcoming Congregation Anniversary)
- May 18: Coming of Age Rehearsal, 3pm, Sanctuary
- May 19: Congregation Meeting, 12:30pm, Sanctuary
- May 21: Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fahs House
- May 23: Covenant Group Facilitators, 7:00pm
- May 27: Memorial Day, WUU Office closed
- June 7 & 8: WUU Yard Sale, Sanctuary
- June 9: WUU Annual Picnic, 4pm-7pm, Chickahominy River Front Park
- June 15: Exploring Prayer Mini Workshop, 9am, Fahs House
- June 21: 3rd Friday Potluck, 6pm, Sanctuary

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