



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral

May 23, 2013

This Sunday at WUU: [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.

Join us after services to participate in "talk back" with Rev. Coats.

Faith Development Programs For The Children

Spirit Play (K-2nd): Celebrating & Feasting Our Promise Year

Toolbox of Faith (3-5th): Resiliency, Hard Hat

Heeding the Call (6-8th): Responsible Leadership

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

Thursday, May 23

- 7:00 pm, Covenant Group Facilitators, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm, Membership Team, Activities Room
- 7:30 pm, Board Training, Fahs House

Sunday, May 26

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, May 27

- Office Closed, Memorial Day
- **NO Creative Arts Group**

- 6:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation Potluck, Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 28

- 4:30 pm, Intentional Living Group, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex

Wednesday, May 29

- 7:00 pm, West Virginia Mission Trip Planning Meeting, Fahs House

Thursday, May 30

- 7:00 pm, UURhythmic Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Next Sunday: June 2, 2013

10:00 am Worship Service
All Ages Worship Together
Rev. Jennifer Ryu

"The Ministry of Teaching"

It has been said, "only a kindled soul can really do religious education." Our teachers are people who have beheld the majesty and awe of the world and are compelled to share life's beauty with others.

This morning, all ages gather to recognize our teachers and to "bridge" the children to their new classes.

Share the Plate

The June 2 Share the Plate collection will benefit Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission. GWOM has grown to 20 area faith groups, including WUU, which are working with community partners to assist the homeless.

For information on the Share the Plate program and how to nominate recipients, please email: stp-at-wuu.org.

WUU Family Picnic

Sunday June 9, 4-7 pm
Chickahominy Riverfront Park
(on the James River)
1350 John Tyler Highway (Rt. 5) Williamsburg

Please join us for our annual Congregational Picnic. We'll meet at the picnic shelter next to the swimming pool-rain or shine. A life guard will be on duty, so bring your swimsuits. There are games and activities for all ages and you're welcome to bring your own. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Please bring a favorite potluck food item.

Sign up in the narthex starting on May 19 or you may RSVP to

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WUU-picnic-2013> , or check it out on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/events/381742968610577/> by June 3.

Please include the number who will attend (adult/children)

See you there!

Board Contact Information

Our new Board Members have been installed, and they also have a new email address. If you have any questions or items that need to get to The Board please email:

board2013@wuu.org

Southern Region Oklahoma Emergency Relief Fund

Unitarian Universalists across the Region send our care and prayers to those affected by Monday's devastating tornado in Moore, Oklahoma. As a generous people, we are eager to lend a hand to those whose lives have been so disrupted.

Accordingly, in cooperation with our national Association, the Southern Region UUA is establishing a relief fund through which concerned Unitarian Universalists may make donations. Your gifts will be disbursed to appropriate local relief agencies as soon as possible once things become clearer on the ground. We will advise you with updates as we go.

If you would like to make a donation, here's how:

You may send a check to the Regional office, payable to:

UU Oklahoma Relief Fund
c/o P.O. Box 560246
Orlando, FL 32856-0246

or you make an electronic payment [HERE](#).

Unitarian Universalist History: Our American Roots

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Sunday, June 16, 2013

11:30am--1:30pm

Fahs House

Taught by Rev. Jennifer Ryu, this 2-hour class will introduce newcomers to our beginnings on American soil. We will trace the Unitarian and Universalist strands of our faith up to our 1961 consolidation.

Lunch provided. Childcare available if requested 1 week before class. Please register by contacting Ellyn: office@wuu.org or 220-6830.

Creative Arts Group

Please note that due to the holiday and yard sale there will be NO creative arts group meeting on Monday, May 27th or Monday, June 3. We will resume our meetings in the Fahs house at 10am on Monday, June 10.

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: The Road Less Traveled

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.

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. 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

Plastics recycling transport assistance needed in June. Please sign up at the Social Justice Table in the Narthex or email gsc@wuu.org.

Caring Committee News

One our members who lives in New Town would like to connect more with WUU, but is in need of rides to/from Sunday morning services and Monday night meditation group. If you're able to offer a ride to either, please contact Lisa at lisa@kavitz.com (preferred) or (757) 784-0952.

Please contact the Caring Committee at 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

Week of **JUNE 2nd** through **JUNE 8th**

Can you fill these vacancies in our WUU Yard Sale week?

- Wednesday, June 5th (9:00 till 12:00 noon) for **SORTING** and **PRICING** (1 position)
- Friday, June 7th (9:00 till 12:00 noon) for **SORTING** and **PRICING** (2 positions)
- **CLOTHES SUPERVISION** on Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th (3 positions)
- **FLOOR WALKERS** during Friday and Saturday (2 positions each day)
- **BOUTIQUE AREA SUPERVISION** on Saturday, June 8th (1 position)
- **HOLD AREA SUPERVISION** on Saturday, June 8th (2 positions)
- **JEWELRY PRICING** throughout the week
- **NUTRITIOUS SNACK FOOD PROVIDERS** during Friday and Saturday Yard Sale hours
- **SET-UP YARD SALE SIGN** on Sunday afternoon June 2nd (2 people)
- **CLEAN-UP** and **STRAIGHTEN KITCHEN** on Saturday, June 8th
- **ORGANIZING BOXES, PAPER BAGS,** and miscellaneous **WRAPPINGS** throughout the week

Call: Ruth Hopkinson (565-3298) or (879-9080)

Write: Ruth Hopkinson at ruthhop46@gmail.com

DONATIONS ACCEPTED starting Sunday, June 2nd after church service

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

General Assembly Preparation

June 2, 11:15 am, Sanctuary

WUU's delegates to this years Unitarian Universalists Association General Assembly want your input! This year we are voting on several issues including immigration and reproductive rights.

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 23: Covenant Group Facilitators, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
- May 27: Memorial Day, WUU Office closed
- June 2: General Assembly Preparation, 11:30am, Sanctuary
- June 7 & 8: WUU Yard Sale, Sanctuary
- June 9: Cafe Conversation (House Next Door), 11:30am, Sanctuary
- June 9: WUU Annual Picnic, 4pm-7pm, Chickahominy River Front Park
- June 15: Exploring Prayer Mini Workshop, 9:00am, Fahs House
- June 16: Unitarian Universalists History, 11:30am, Fahs House
- June 21: 3rd Friday Potluck, 6pm, Sanctuary
- June 25: Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fahs House
- June 30: Cafe Conversation (General Assembly Report), 11:15am, Sanctuary

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