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# Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

## The Spiral

May 30, 2013

This Sunday at WUU: [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

This Sunday's **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. Many WUUs volunteered last February when we hosted the emergency shelter. We began then to realize the need for our community to recognize and assist our most vulnerable citizens. GWOM is preparing to take the work one step further by implementing a new assistance model, with WUU participation. GWOM volunteers will start by helping one or two families to rise from homelessness to self-sufficiency. An estimated \$20,000 will be needed each year to house and assist "Friends in Need". GWOM is asking each member faith group to generously contribute soon so that we can begin working with people. Just as WUU was one of the first members to join GWOM, we are hoping WUU will be one of the first members to financially support this new initiative.

### General Assembly Preparation

**11:30 am, Fahs House**

Head over to Fahs House after services to be heard. WUU's delegates to this year's Unitarian Universalists Association General Assembly want your input! This year we are voting on several issues including immigration and reproductive rights.

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

### **Thursday, May 30**

- 7:00 pm, UURhythmics Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Saturday, June 1**

- 9:00 am, Board / Leadership Retreat, Offsite

### **Sunday, June 2**

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am, General Assembly Preparation, Fahs House
- 11:30 am, Yard Sale Preparation, Sanctuary

### **Monday, June 3**

- 7:00 pm, Compassion Deep Study, Fahs House

### **Thursday, June 6**

- 6:30 pm, Navigators Monthly Meeting, Fahs House

### **Next Sunday: June 9, 2013**

#### **10am Worship Service**

**Rev. Jennifer Ryu**

**"Let There be Color, Fragrance and Music: Flower Communion Service"**

Today we remember the first Flower Communion celebrated by Maja & Norbert Capek, Czechoslovakian Unitarian ministers, in 1923. It began as a way to introduce ritual and color into a drab worship space, but it gained significance during the war and Norbert's imprisonment at Dachau.

\*Please bring a flower today as a symbol of life's beauty and resilience.

#### **Faith Development Program for Children**

This summer, children K-5 are doing a program called "Eco-Connect." Learning from Native American and Australian wisdom, children will gain a deep connection to our Earth and to each other. Middle and High school youth are helping to lead the program.

\*\*Please go directly to Fahs House at 10am. We will meet for the entire hour.

### **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: [board@wuu.org](mailto:board@wuu.org)

### 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. Please register [here](#) or by contacting Ellyn in the office: [office@wuu.org](mailto: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, June 3. We will resume our meetings in the Fahs house at 10am on Monday, June 10.

### Lifespan Faith Development



#### **New Interim Director for Lifespan Faith Development**

Elizabeth Roper (Liz) has accepted the position of Interim Director for Lifespan Faith Development.

She is expected to be with us for two years to strengthen our programs and help us to discern our future staffing needs. Liz is finishing a religious education internship at the UU Church in Knoxville, TN and will start at WUU on July 15.

### **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.

Register [here](#) or by contacting Ellyn in the office: [office@wuu.org](mailto:office@wuu.org) or 220-6830.

### **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 Needs for June**

The volunteers at FISH tell us they are always running out of Pork and Beans. Pick up a few cans on your next shopping day and leave them in the Lil Red Wagon by the Narthex entrance.

**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**

Would you be willing to transport plastics from Fahs to a JCC Recycling Center either the week of **June 9 or 16**? Complete instructions are posted above the bins on the Fahs Patio as well as at the Social Justice table in the Narthex. Sign up at the table or contact [gsc@wuu.org](mailto:gsc@wuu.org). Thanks!

## **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](mailto:lisa@kavitz.com) (preferred) or (757) 784-0952.

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

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

The following positions are still available for our Annual WUU Yard Sale the week of June 2nd through June 8th:

- **SORTING AND PRICING:** Tuesday, June 4th: 5:00 till 8:00 p.m. (2 positions)
- **SORTING AND PRICING:** Thursday, June 6th: 5:00 till 8:00 p.m. (2 positions)
- **HOLD AREA:** Saturday, June 8th: 8:00 till noon (2 positions)
- **FLOOR WALKER:** Saturday, June 8th: 8:00 till noon (1 position)
- **BOUTIQUE:** Saturday, June 8th: 8:00 till noon (1 position)
- **CLEAN-UP AND STRAIGHTEN KITCHEN:** Saturday, June 8th: noon till 1:00 (2 positions)
- **ORGANIZER of BOXES and PAPER BAGS and WRAPPINGS:** (2 positions)
- **PROVIDER OF NUTRITIOUS SNACKS for VOLUNTEER WORKERS:** Friday night June 7th (5:00 till 8:00 p.m.) and Saturday (8:00 till 12:00 noon)

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

Write: Ruth Hopkinson at [ruthhop46@gmail.com](mailto:ruthhop46@gmail.com)

**Donations needed.** They are accepted from Sunday, June 2nd after the 10:00 a.m. service till 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 7th. **BE GENEROUS, PLEASE!** I am looking for small furniture items and boutique items that will sell for \$5.00 or more. Thank-you ahead of time for your generous donations.

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.

### 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](mailto:greg.caldwell@cox.net)) and Dan ([danartmo@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:susan@cardozo.org)

## Future Events

### June & July

- June 2: General Assembly Preparation, 11:30am, Fahs House
- June 7 & 8: WUU Yard Sale, Sanctuary
- June 9: Cafe Conversation (Property 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 25: Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fahs House
- June 30: Cafe Conversation (General Assembly Report), 11:15am, Sanctuary
- July 4: Independence Day, Office Closed

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