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# Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

## The Spiral

May 9, 2013

**This Sunday at WUU: May 12, 2013**

**10:00 am\* Worship Service**

**Rev. Jennifer Ryu**

### "Where Do I Fit"

Our congregation comprises people who are drawn to different aspects of the UU faith: intellectual clarity, emotional closeness, mystical depth, and social action. Today we will use the work of Corinne Ware to discover our "spirituality types," and then connect them with the various programs at WUU.

Faith Development programs for children:

Spirit Play (K-2nd): Violet Promise, "I love you Sun, I love you Moon"

Toolbox of Faith (3-5th): Atonement, The Level

Heeding the Call (6-8th): Forgiveness

\*During the summer months, we have one service only at 10am\*

### Share the Plate

The recipient of **May 12, 2013**, Share the Plate will be **Avalon Center for Women and Children** serving JCC/Williamsburg . Shelter is available for those suffering from domestic violence and/or sexual abuse. Avalon works to break the cycle of abuse at the center then next provides housing as needed. This second step allows clients further time to recover and establish their independence in the Greater Williamsburg community. Director of Development and Communication Jacquelyn Jamason will attend the service to speak and share material about Avalon's mission and efforts.

[Visit their website](#)

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

**Thursday, May 9**

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, The New Jim Crow Book Discussion, Offsite
- 7:00 pm, Theology Class, Offsite

#### **Saturday, May 11**

- 9:00 am, Worship Team Retreat, Offsite

#### **Sunday, May 12**

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am, Parents as Spiritual Teachers, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Coming of Age, Sanctuary

#### **Monday, May 13**

- 10:00 am, Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation

#### **Tuesday, May 14**

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:00 pm, Worship Team, Sanctuary

#### **Wednesday, May 15**

- 6:00 pm, Finance Committee, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Practice, Sanctuary

#### **Thursday, May 16**

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

#### **Worship Retreat, May 11 9am-noon**

##### **Offsite location in Toano**

What is the purpose of worship? What do the various elements of worship mean? How does worship express our diverse spiritual types and needs? If you want to be part of this conversation, join us for our annual Worship Retreat. Email or call Rev. Jennifer for more information or to register. jennifer @ wuu. org; 220-6830

#### **Parents as Spiritual Teachers, May 12 11:30am-1pm**

All parents are welcome to join this conversation led by Sonja Pearson. Today's topic deals with conflict resolution and respectful behavior management strategies. Lunch and childcare provided.

#### **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. This will be a gathering of LGBTQ and other WUUs, friends, family and allies.

Please bring a dish to share along with your ideas about ways WUU can continue to be a welcoming place, supportive of whoever you are, whomever you love, whatever your image of the holy. Questions? Fred Gilbertson 253-2633

### Next Sunday: 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.

### Save The Time And Date!

**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.

### News From The Board

The property to the west of WUU being for sale, the Building Our Future committee (a committee of the Board) toured the land and its buildings to determine if it would be in WUU's best interest to consider a purchase thereof. Upon receiving a recommendation from the committee, the Board approved the recommendation which states: "... the purchase of this property does not serve the needs of the congregation; in fact, the purchase of the property may distract from our needs for facilities expansion, given that we currently have sufficient land for facilities expansion and parking space." If you wish to know more details, please contact committee chair, Les Solomon, or Board president, Lola Warren.

### Lifespan Faith Development

**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.

### **Exciting Social Justice Program in May: Book Group**

WUU will participate in the 2013 UUA Common Read, "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander. The book group meetings are open to the community and everyone is welcome. Eileen O'Brien, WUU, Professor of Sociology and author of several books on racism, will lead a three-session book group to discuss this groundbreaking new book, The New Jim Crow. The dates are Thursdays, May 2, May 9 and May 16 from 7-9pm. The discussions will take place at Williamsburg Baptist Church, 227 Richmond Road (Park in back, enter southernmost door)

### **Gun Violence Event**

For many of us, the tragedy in Newtown and other events in the last year have elicited strong feelings about gun violence. We would like to hold an event at WUU to provide a space where the Williamsburg community can address the issue in the context of our faith traditions. If you would like to help organize this event please contact David Wilcox and Helen Hansen at [sjchair@wuu.org](mailto:sjchair@wuu.org).

## **Green Sanctuary News**

### **Saturday, May 18 at 2 pm in the Kimball Theatre**

"Seasons with Brian and Julia." A new film which documents a Mathews, VA family--their struggles as small farmers and their commitment to a sustainable lifestyle. Has received excellent reviews.

**WUU Plastics Recycling:** We appreciate Pat Hoppe, Rebecca Hetherington, Beth Pepper, Lisa Williams, Nan Hart and Donna Stanford for taking responsibility for transporting our plastics to the JCC Recycling Centers for the month of May. If you can help in June, please sign up at the Social Justice Table in the Narthex. Instructions are posted there and also above the bins on the Fahs patio.

### **Unclaimed Artwork in Library**

Artists should pick up their works on Sunday or contact Donna Stanford.

### **WUU Art Extravaganza coming in April - 2014!**

To celebrate our 25th year, visual artists, poets and musicians in the congregation are invited to reflect on the Earth and all its inhabitants. Write a poem, compose a piece of music, take a photograph, paint or draw, create! What can you contribute the 5th Annual Celebration of the Earth through Art?

### **WUU Garden**

The WUU Garden behind Fahs House is starting up again for the 2013 growing season. We would love to have some new participants this year, whether you have a green thumb or are just starting out with gardening. If you are interested in meeting then or being involved in some way please contact [susanwalkley@gmail.com](mailto:susanwalkley@gmail.com). Please email if you may be coming to the Garden in case times or dates change.

## **Caring Committee News**

We extend our condolences to Mac Mestayer and also to Jane Reilly. Both of them lost their mothers this week.

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.

## **Universalist Convocation May 17-19, 2013**

Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church is the host site this year and the theme is "Universalist Voices Then and Now". Friday evening, Rev. Gordon Gibson will share highlights of Judith Sargent Murray's diaries and her contributions to Universalism. Saturday morning will feature Chapel Hill Emmy Award winning Historian and noted Civil War Lecturer, Freddie Kiger speaking about Clara Barton and other Universalists of the era. Saturday afternoon, Eunice Benton and UCONCI leaders will host us at Shelter Neck for a historical talk and tour and Sunday morning worship features Rev. Holly Lux-Sullivan speaking on "Universalism: Present and Future". If you can't make it for the whole weekend note the adjusted costs and register for the part of the weekend that fits your schedule. Delicious meals included! See Convocation info at the following address: [www.nmuc.org/Convo/](http://www.nmuc.org/Convo/)

## **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.

## **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](mailto:LindaLaneHamilton@gmail.com) (or call our new phone number at 345-2988) or contact Les Solomon at [Les.Solomon@gmail.com](mailto: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](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

### May & June

- May 11: Worship Team Retreat--Offsite
- May 12: Parents as Spiritual Teachers, 11:30am, Fahs House
- 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

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