

# Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community
The Spiral

June 20, 2013

This Sunday at WUU: June 23, 2013

10:00 am
Dr. Vincent Patton
"Serving Humanity"

Unitarian Universalists have made significant contributions of serving humanity throughout our country's history. Our Seven Principles are more than words, they represent a validation of our faith's strong core values and support for humankind. Today's sermon illuminates many of those examples.

Faith Development Program for Children
"Eco-Connect" meets in Fahs House at 10am

#### **General Assembly**

#### GA Party at WUU, June 22

We're having a UUA General Assembly party on Saturday, June 22. Social time begins at 7 so bring a dessert to share and your own drinks (we will provide coffee and hot water). We will live-stream the Service of the Living Tradition from 8:30 - 10, thanks to technological assistance from WUU Dave Wilcox.

Members of the Peninsula UU Fellowship in Newport News have also been invited to attend. For more information about GA, go to <u>UUA.org GA 201</u>

Questions? Write Linda Lane-Hamilton at lindalanehamilton@gmail.com.

# General Assembly Cafe Conversation, June 30

Rev. Jennifer Ryu, Lola and Dave Warren, and Les Solomon are away attending the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. Please join us for a Cafe Conversation on Sunday, June 30 at 11:30am to share in what they learned.

#### This Weekend and the Coming Week Click for entire WUU Calendar

#### Sunday, June 16

- 8:30 am, UURhythmics Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am, Eco-Connect Kids, Fahs House

# Monday, June 24

• 10:00 am, Creative Arts Group, Fahs House

- 7:00 pm, Compassion Deep Study, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

#### Tuesday, June 25

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

#### Thursday, June 27

• 7:30 pm, Ministry Team "Big Calendar" Meeting, Fahs House

Next Sunday: June 30, 2013

10:00 am Rev. Jennifer Ryu "Handle with Care"

This morning we honor the people who provide lay pastoral care & caring ministry support. We will also explore why it's so hard to ask others for help. Where did we get the idea that we had to do it all by ourselves?

Faith Development Program for Children:

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\*\*Stay after the service for a Cafe Conversation with reports from your General Assembly delegates\*\*

#### **Building Our Future-Step By Step**

**Building Our Future Checklist:** 

- ✓ Read the new Building Our Future Newsletter emailed on Monday, June 17.
- ✓ Checkout the Bulletin Board in Fahs House, designed to help keep our families informed about this important work.
- ✓ Begin to plan for your involvement in a Summer Visioning Circle. You can start by pondering these questions:
  - What is special or meaningful to you about the current UU campus and facilities that you might want to see either preserved or enhanced?
  - In the next five years, what changes would you like to see that would help WUU function better? What will WUU look like-inside and out? How will this changed space enhance our congregational values and mission?

Les Solomon <u>wuu.bof@gmail.com</u> Chair, Building Our Future Step By Step

#### **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:**

Join the WUU West Virginia Mission Trip! (July 1 Deadline!)

We only have a few more spaces available for people to join us for the WUU Mission Trip to the Appalachian South Folklife Center in Pipestem, WV from August 4 - 10, 2013. Our team members; Jonathon, Nathan & Caleb Arries, Autumn Elim-Durden, Debbie Haynes, Paul Luchsinger, Jessica O'Brien, Jennifer Ryu, Lou Seyler, Les Solomon, and David Wilcox; would love to have you to come with us on this adventure to WV. We would especially like to invite our youth and will do everything we can to make sure that cost is not an obstacle. If you would like to join us on the trip or learn more about it, please contact Dave Wilcox at <a href="mailto:sjchair@wuu.org">sjchair@wuu.org</a>

before July 1!

**Who?** We have room for 15 people. This is an all congregation trip and is a great opportunity for families with youth 13 and older to do service work together. **What?** Work projects will be chosen based on our skill levels, local needs, our expectations and the weather. Possible projects include home repair, painting, maintenance, yard work, cleaning, etc. We will work for six hours each day. We will also be learning about Appalachian culture and history as well as the impacts of mining in the area. Optional activities such as rafting and state park visits will be discussed.

There's more information on the web: wuu.org/trip

#### **Lifespan Faith Development**

#### **Eco-Connect for Kids**

# Opportunity for Adults to connect with our Youth

Do you like working with children? Do you like to share your knowledge? In order for our Eco-Connect program to be fun and successful we like to have four adult volunteers for each Sunday (now through Sept 1). If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please contact Susan Walkley at susanwalkley-at-gmail.com.

# Steps of the Soul's Journey: Living Soulfully in the 21st Century 7pm Fahs House, Begins July 26 for 8 sessions Facilitated by Adam Gieseler

When? Sunday August 4 to Saturday August 10, 2013

Isn't there a way to live soulfully? To live in harmony with nature instead of acting as if at war? To live a life of meaning instead of for a banal career? Share your story, and your own hopes, in this seminar-style discussion of what it means to be mature in this modern age, guided by Bill Plotkin's Nature and the Human Soul. Meets on Fridays beginning July 26 for 8 sessions. \$18 book fee. Only room for 12 participants, to sign up contact Ellyn in the office office@wuu.org or 220-6830 or sign up here

#### **Green Sanctuary News**

## **Highway Cleanup Cancelled**

The Adopt-a-Highway cleanup scheduled for this Saturday, June 22, has been cancelled due to lack of available volunteers. We'll try again in July. Watch this space.

#### **Plastics**

Will you help our faithful volunteers by taking your plastics to a nearby JCC Convenience (Recycling) Center this summer? Vacations and summer activities mean travel for lots of WUUs. It's getting harder to find volunteers to transport the plastics collected on the Fahs patio to a JCC Recycling Center. You may still bring #5's to WUU.

Help is needed for the weeks of July 14, 21 and every week in August. (Please sign up at the Social Justice Table in the Narthex or contact gsc@wuu.org.)

#### **Caring Committee News**

We've had a request for temporary use of an iPad for an ailing member. If anyone has one that they are currently not using and would be willing to loan, please contact Michelle at <a href="caringchair@wuu.org">caringchair@wuu.org</a>

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 <a href="mailto:lisa@kavitz.com">lisa@kavitz.com</a> (preferred) or (757) 784-0952.

Please contact the Caring Committee at <a href="mailto:caringchair@wuu.org">caringchair@wuu.org</a> if you know of a member of the Congregation in need of support, or if you are in need of support.

#### **United Way of Greater Williamsburg Needs Volunteers**

The United Way of Greater Williamsburg is looking for anyone who can help us at our resource center over the summer. The guest coordinator will help assist at the United Way's resource center. To learn more please click the link **Here** 

#### **Sanctuary Flowers**

Mary Turnbull, our flower provider extraordinaire, is taking the summer off. This is an opportunity for you to celebrate an occasion or milestone, remember a loved one, or show someone how much they are appreciated. Consider making arrangements to provide flowers for a Sunday service, or make a donation to the flower fund and we will make the arrangements. Contact Ellyn in the office, office@wuu.org or 220-6830.

#### **Future Events**

# June & July

- June 22: GA Live-Streaming Party, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
- June 25: Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Fahs House
- June 27: Ministry Team "Big Calendar" Meeting, 7:30pm, Fahs House
- June 28: Campus Walk Around, 5:30pm, Meet in Sanctuary
- June 30: Campus Walk Around, 9:30am, Meet in Sanctuary
- June 30: Cafe Conversation (General Assembly Report), 11:15am, Sanctuary
- July 4: Independence Day, Office Closed
- July 19: 3rd Friday Potluck and Fundraiser, Sponsored by Joelle Griffin Russell
- July 26: West Virginia Mission Trip Potluck, 6:00pm, Sanctuary
- July 26: Steps to the Soul's Journey Class, 7:00pm, Fahs House

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