



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral

June 6, 2013

This Sunday at WUU: 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.

Cafe Conversation

11:30 am, Sanctuary

Café Conversation, this Sunday, June 9, in the sanctuary following the service: Join members of the Board and the Building Our Future: Next Steps committee in a discussion of how they arrived at their decisions regarding the property adjacent to WUU.

WUU 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. Please bring a favorite potluck food item.

[WUU Yard Sale News](#)

WUU Yard Sale and Bake Sale

To **ALL** Yard Sale Volunteers:

OUR WUU YARD SALE WILL GO AHEAD AS PLANNED NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER ON FRIDAY. I will allow customers inside as they arrive assuming there is rain. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early. Of course, I have no idea as to how the rain will impact the Yard Sale, but it's important to know that it will **NOT BE CANCELLED.**

Although I need a Yard Sale staff, if you feel uneasy about driving in the rain, then by all means stay home. **BE SAFE!** Just let me know if you will not be at the church on Friday night.

Write to Ruth Hopkinson at ruthhop46@gmail.com

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

Thursday, June 6

- 6:30 pm, Navigators Monthly Meeting, Fahs House
- 6:30 pm, Newcomers Covenant Group, Parker House

Friday, June 7

- 5:00 pm-8:00 pm, WUU Yard Sale, Sanctuary

Saturday, June 8

- 8:00 am-Noon, WUU Yard Sale, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 9

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am, Eco-Connect Kids, Fahs House
- 11:30 am, UURhythmics Rehearsal, Fahs House
- 11:30 am, Cafe Conversation "property next door", Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm, WUU Annual Picnic, Chickahominy Riverfront Park

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

- 4:30 pm, Stewardship Team Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QuiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 13

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House

Next Sunday: June 16, 2013

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

"The L Word: A Revolution of Fatherhood"

First-time fathers have often said they didn't know what love was until they held their child. Today we celebrate that love with stories and music from fathers in our community.

Faith Development Program for Children

"Eco-Connect." meets in Fahs House at 10am.

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 or 220-6830.

Lifespan Faith Development

New Interim Director of LFD

If you missed Sunday's worship service, you didn't have a chance to see and hear our new Interim Director for LFD, Liz Roper. Here is the link to her Video Greeting...http://wuu.org/wordpress/?page_id=12426

LFD Council

LFD Council meets this Sunday in Fahs House. If you are interested in joining the team, you are welcome to come and see what it's all about.

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 or 220-6830.

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!

We only have 5 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, Les Solomon, and David Wilcox; would love to have you to come with us on this adventure to WV. If you would like to join us on the trip or learn more about it, please contact Dave Wilcox at sjchair@wuu.org.

- 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. We have room for 15 people.

- 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.
- When?
 - Sunday August 4 to Saturday August 10, 2013

Click [Here](#) for the mission trip brochure.

Green Sanctuary News

The Ubiquity of Plastic in our Lives

Have you ever stopped to look around your home to note how much of the environment there is composed of plastic? It's everywhere!

We, at WUU, try to be good stewards of the environment by recycling our plastics when possible. The bins at Fahs are often full almost every week. Number 5's are picked up and transported by faithful WUU volunteers to Richmond, where they will be used in the manufacturing of items such as toothbrushes. The rest of the #1-7 plastic is taken by other WUU volunteers to a JCC Convenience (Recycling) Center once each week.

Please consider joining the present group of volunteers to be responsible for transporting the non #5 plastic to a JCC Center (one day of one week) this summer. Sign up at the Social Justice Table in the Narthex. Instructions are posted there and above the bins at Fahs--or email gsc@wuu.org for more information.

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 caringchair@wuu.org

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.

Beth Kennedy has moved to Regency Rehabilitation, 112 N Constitution Dr, Yorktown, VA 23692. She would enjoy your visits and cards.

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

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)

Future Events

June & July

- 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
- July 19: 3rd Friday Potluck and Fundraiser, Sponsored by Joelle Griffin Russell

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