



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral

July 25, 2013

Service of Remembrance

We will hold a service exploring the tragedy of Trayvon Martin's death, on Thursday, July 25th, at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary. We will be joined by Mr. Clarence Wilson, President of the York-James City-Williamsburg Chapter of the NACCP, who will offer his views while we will begin a congregational discussion of racism and racial profiling as suggested by President Obama.

-Social Justice Ministry

This Sunday at WUU: July 28, 2013

10:00 am

James Gerald

"Owning Your Religious Past"

Faith Development Program for Children:

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

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

Thursday, July 25

- 7:00 pm, Service Honoring Trayvon Martin, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Adult Education Planning Meeting led by Rev. Ryu, (see Lifespan Faith Development section below), Parker House

Friday, July 26

- 6:00 pm, West Virginia Mission Trip Pot Luck, Sanctuary
 - All are welcome, bring a dish to share
- 7:00 pm, Visioning Circle, Lane-Hamilton Residence
 - (must be signed up to attend-contact office)

Saturday, July 27

- 10:00 am, Visioning Circle, Fahs House (must be signed up to attend-contact office)

Sunday, July 28

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am, Eco-Connect for Kids, Fahs House
- 11:15 am, Visioning Circle, Parker House (must be signed up to attend-contact office)
- 11:30 am, Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House
 - All are welcome, bring a dish to share

Monday, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 30

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Iftar Dinner, Sanctuary
 - All are welcome, please RSVP to (757) 597-6990 (HR Rumi Forum) by 7/29

Thursday, August 1

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

Next Sunday: August 4, 2013

10:00 am

Ben Thacker-Gwaltney & Lou Seyler

"Compassion and Security in the Shadow of the Drone" ?

This century's terror attacks on US soil have shifted our defense strategy to one of shadow and darkness. Communication surveillance and drone fly-bys may be the new method by which we convince ourselves we are safe. What does a community that embraces open-ness and compassion do to respond to this climate of fear? Can we integrate the shadow and put it to the service of human flourishing?

* Religious Education (Eco-Connect) for children today starting at 10am. Please proceed directly to Fahs House.

Share the Plate

August 4th is Share The Plate Sunday. This month the plate will go to the Olde Towne Medical Center (OTMC). Located at 5249 Olde Towne Road, the OTMC provides medical and dental services to over 4,700 uninsured and underinsured patients in the Greater Williamsburg area annually. "The majority of our patients are employed, but their employers either offer no health insurance or offer insurance that is not affordable. Since our uninsured patients pay for their services on a sliding scale, based on family income, OTMC can never be self-sufficient. Although OTMC receives financial support from local governments and grants, we rely on special events and the support of local organizations and individuals to expand our effort to provide quality health care.

Rides for Visiting Students Needed

We have a group of 18-20 Turkish students from Istanbul University who are in the area working for the summer that would like to attend the Iftar dinner and program that we are hosting this coming Tuesday, July 30 at 7:30pm. They are staying at the Pineapple Inn 5437 Richmond Road in Williamsburg and have no means to get here. How can I help you ask? If you can provide rides for this one time event please contact the office (220-6830 or office@wuu.org) and let us know how many students you can drive.

Building Our Future Checklist:

- ✓ Continue to sign up for the Visioning Circles, in the foyer on Sunday morning or by contacting the office at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org
- ✓ Have a question about the Visioning Circles? Ask a participant. Stop by the table on Sunday to see the list.
- ✓ Take a look at the campus maps available on [wuu.org / about us / building our future / our campus](http://wuu.org/about-us/building-our-future/our-campus). The maps show the topography, property lines, and buildings. Also, available, 1996 and 2009 aerial photos

Les Solomon wuu.bof@gmail.com
Chair, Building Our Future Step By Step

Many Opportunities Not to Cook in the Month of July at WUU

West Virginia Mission Trip Potluck, Friday July 26 6pm

Enjoy food and fellowship while you meet the members attending the West Virginia mission trip and hear about their plans and what they hope to accomplish. Bring the kids as this is a family event!

Rainbow Potluck, Sunday July 28 11:30am

Rainbow Luncheon/Potluck: Is a welcoming group of LGBTIQ, family members, friends, and other straight allies who gather together to share good food and supportive friendship. Bring a dish to share. If you have any questions please get in touch with Bobby Oliver at slimstar@hotmail.com. I hope you can join us for this inaugural event in the life of our Welcoming Congregation.

Iftar Dinner and Program, Tuesday July 30 7:30pm Join the Hampton Roads chapter of Rumi Forum for an Iftar Dinner and Program. Iftar is one of the religious observances of Ramadan and is often done as a community, with people gathering to break their fast together. Please RSVP to hroads@rumiforum.org or (757) 597-6990 by Monday July 29.

Social Justice News

FISH Needs

The volunteers at FISH report that they can always use canned vegetables of all kinds

Still Time to Join the WV Mission Trip!

Our team has lost another member, leaving us with a group of ten traveling to WV. If you can join us, please let us know - we need your help! We will be traveling to the Appalachian South Folklife Center in Pipestem, WV from August 4 - 10, 2013. If you think there is a chance you can come with us, please contact David Wilcox at sjchair@wuu.org for more information.

Our team members; Jonathan, Nathan & Caleb Arries, Autumn Elim-Durden, Jessica O'Brien, Jennifer Ryu, Lou Seyler, Les Solomon, David Wilcox, and Kaliska Wiley will be working on projects to support the local community while learning about Appalachian culture and history.

Thanks to your generous donations of food and youth scholarships, the WV Mission Trip coupon tree is covered with "leaves"! Please join us this Friday for a potluck to enjoy food and fellowship while you meet the team members and hear about our plans and what we hope to accomplish. Bring the kids as this is a family event! There's more information on the web: wuu.org/trip

Special Service Honoring Trayvon Martin

The Zimmerman trial is over, the verdict announced. What can we learn from this epic trial? How can we honor the memory of Trayvon Martin and other black youths who have been killed? How do parents of black teenage boys deal with their daily fears? We will hold an evening service on Thursday, July 25th, to honor the memory of Trayvon and to consider the white fear that led to his

death. We will meet at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary for an hour of prayerful reflection. We look forward to joining you there.

Hampton Roads PRIDEFest 2013, OUT in the Park, August 10-Opportunity to Volunteer

This marks 25 years that an annual pride event has been celebrated in Hampton Roads for the LGBT community, LGBT supporters, and everyone who wishes to Stand By the Side of Love. Again this year, the event will be held at Norfolk's Town Point Park. The date is Saturday August 10 from Noon Until 6. Last year, more than 15,000 people attended and this year is expected to be even bigger and better. There will be food and beverage available, with vendors and non profit organizations from near and far. Open to all ages, there will be family-friendly activities, music, exhibitions, and fun for all.

There will be a shared table with WUU, UUFP, and UC Norfolk and we have opportunities for you to let others know about our welcoming congregation. If you have time to help between 12 and 4 please contact Fred Gilbertson at fredgilbertson-at-msn.com

Lifespan Faith Development

Adult Education Planning--July 25, 7pm, Parker House

Rev. Jennifer will convene a planning session on Thursday, 7/25 for anyone who would like to give input, teach, or lead a class in the new church year. What kind of faith development classes would you like to attend? We will meet in the new Parker House meeting room.

Book Study Group

The Book Study Group that meets at Pat Hoppe's house on Sundays at 6 pm extends an invitation to new members who wish to explore THE PORTABLE JUNG which is edited by Joseph Campbell (author of THE POWER OF MYTH). The group's first meeting will be on September 8th at 6 pm. In order to register for the book study, call Pat Hoppe at 757-903-7749. She will send directions to her home and order a book for you if you need one.

Steps of the Soul's Journey Class to be Rescheduled

Steps of the Soul's Journey: Living Soulfully in the 21st Century will be rescheduled as not enough people signed up. Everyone that was interested will be contacted once the class has been rescheduled and sign ups will be publicized in The Spiral.

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 two adult volunteers for each Sunday (now through Sept 1). If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please contact Jen Smith at deyatthebeach-at-aol.com

Understanding the Doctrine of Discovery Study Group

The Doctrine of Discovery (DOD, also called the Doctrine of Christian Discovery) is a principle law developed in a series of 15th century Papal bulls and 16th century charters by Christian European monarchs on the basis on which much of the rest of the world was explored and colonized by Europeans. It contained a theological justification of colonization that later became a nationalistic one.

Learn about the historical impact of the Doctrine of Discovery (DOD) on the world and how we as Unitarian-Universalists can help repudiate the DOD. Discover connections of the DOD to immigration issues. Understand the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as an antidote to the effects of the DOD.

Session 1: The Doctrine of Discovery - Hidden in Plain Sight

Session 2: Native Voices on the Doctrine of Discovery and Immigration

Session 3: How Are We Called to Respond?

We will meet at Fah's for the first session and in the sanctuary for the last two on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm on August 14, 21 & 28th.

Please register for the sessions (1, 2 or all 3) at the following link:

[Register Here](#) or by calling the office at (757) 220-6830 or email office@wuu.org

Green Sanctuary News

Plastics

ONLY BRING TO WUU #5 OR BOTTLE-SHAPED #1 AND #2 PLASTICS

Regretfully, James City County no longer is accepting plastics for recycling except the #1 and 2 that have a bottle necked shape. However, you can continue to deliver #5s to the bins behind Fahs house because we take turns driving them to Whole Foods in Richmond that contracted with a company that will transform #5s into toothbrushes, et al. Whole Foods recycles corks too. If you do not have curbside pickup, you also can bring your bottle shaped #1s and 2s for us to deliver to James City County convenience centers. Thanks for your cooperation, and we will notify you if the situation improves.

Caring Committee News

A memorial service for **Gayle Henion** will be held at WUU on Saturday, August 31 at 4:00pm

Rides Needed

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

Last call for fundraiser orders from Wildtree!

You can view the entire catalog at www.mywildtree.com/joelle. Just be sure to place orders directly with Joelle, by phone (757-291-5262) or email: joellegriffin@juno.com

The last day to accept fundraiser orders is THIS FRIDAY, JULY 26. Take advantage of this opportunity to donate a portion of your grocery budget right back to WUU!

Soma Bra Donation Event

Please help Soma Intimates and the National Network to End Domestic Violence support women in need by cleaning out your top drawer during the Soma Bra Donation event. Bras collected will benefit local domestic violence shelters in your community. We have a bag in the sanctuary for donations of new or gently worn bras that we will collect and bring to Soma Intimates in the Premium Outlets for donation. Visit soma.com/givebras to see how half a million donated bras have made a difference.

Future Events

July & August

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- July 28: Rainbow Potluck, 11:30am, Fahs House
- July 30: Iftar Dinner and Program, 7:30pm, Sanctuary
- August 1: Navigators Monthly Meeting, 6:30 pm, Fahs House
- August 14: Worship Associate Orientation, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
- August 15: Ministry/Leadership Team Meeting, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
- August 22: Membership Team Meeting, 7:30 pm, Activities Room
- August 31: Memorial Service for Gayle Henion, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary

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