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### *The Spiral*

August 1, 2013



### **The Spiral Re-Design**

In order to make things easier to read and find we have decided to do a bit of re-design for The Spiral. If you look at the top of the left column there are items that if you click on them they will bring you directly to that place in the Spiral. Please let us know what you think and if you have any suggestions.

### **This Sunday**

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.

Currently, there are more than 1,350 patient visits each month for medical and dental services. OTMC Family Health Care Van also provides services to remote parts of the Greater Williamsburg Area to ensure that those without transportation have access to health care."

In order to continue offering primary and preventative health care and dental services OTMC seeks support from all sectors of the community. For more information visit:

## Upcoming Events

### **Out in the Park**

12:00 PM, August 10, 2013

[Click for more information](#)

### **Doctrine of Discovery Study Group**

7:00 PM

August 14, 21, 28, 2013

[Click here for more information or to sign up](#)

### **Worship Associate Orientation**

7:00 PM August 14, 2013

Sanctuary

[Click here for more information or to register](#)

### **Leadership Team Meeting**

7:30 PM August 15, 2013

Fahs House

### **Membership Team Meeting**

7:30 PM August 22, 2013

Activities Room

### **Memorial Service for Gayle Henion**

4:00 PM August 31, 2013

Sanctuary

<http://www.oldtownmedicalcenter.org/>

In anticipation of your generous donations, Thank You!

## **Worship Associate Orientation**

### **Worship Associate Orientation - August 14th, 7 to 9 PM**

Wednesday, August 14th, we will be holding our first Worship Associate Orientation. All, regardless of age, that are curious about what we do are more than welcome to attend.

If you have wondered what being a worship associate entails, have thought about doing a story, reading a poem or other literary work, or perhaps sharing a From the Heart, please come join us!

We welcome all levels of participation, from reading a single poem, to being a Worship Associate once a year, to joining our team and helping on a regular basis. Your contribution to what we do will always be appreciated. You may register by [clicking here](#), or by contacting the office at [office@wuu.org](mailto:office@wuu.org) or (757) 220-6830

## **This Week at WUU**

Thursday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 4

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am, Eco-Connect Kids, Fahs House

Monday, August 5

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

Tuesday, August 6

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:00 pm, Visioning Circle, City of Williamsburg
  - (must be signed up to attend-contact office)

Wednesday, August 7

- 2:00 pm, Board Governance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, LFD Curriculum Meeting, Parker House

Thursday, August 8

- 10:00am, The Odyssey, Fahs House

## **Building Our Future-Step by Step**

Building Our Future (BOF) Checklist:

-Redesigned-The Spiral August 1, 2013

- Consider signing up for August 8 (Sunday) Visioning Circle. Eight spaces available. Lunch is provided.
- Continue the sign up for the Visioning Circles, in the foyer on Sunday morning or by calling the office at 220-6830 and at [office@wuu.org](mailto:office@wuu.org).
- Prepare for your visioning circle by spending some time at [WUU.ORG/About Us/Building our Future](http://WUU.ORG/About Us/Building our Future), including folders on WUU's History and Our Campus.

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Chair, Building Our Future Step By Step

## **Social Justice News**

### **FISH Needs**

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

### **WV Mission Trip Leaves This Sunday**

Our WUU Mission Trip team will be leaving this Sunday for the Appalachian South Folklife Center in Pipestem, WV where they will be working next week. Please help send them off after this Sunday's service. Thanks to your generous donations of food and youth scholarships, they will have plenty to eat and our youth are well supported!

There's more information on the web: [wuu.org/trip](http://wuu.org/trip)

### **Hampton Roads PRIDEFest 2013, OUT in the Park, August 10**

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](mailto:fredgilbertson-at-msn.com)

## **Caring Ministry News**

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.

## **Lifespan Faith Development**

**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.

**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 of 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 sessions 1 & 3 and in the sanctuary for session 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](mailto: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.

**Next Sunday**

**10:00 am**

**Rev. Jennifer Ryu**

**"Don't Call Me a Saint"**

Dorothy Day has been called many things: Catholic anarchist, Holy

troublemaker, and Servant of God (candidate for Sainthood). She committed her life to those for whom the world cares the least. Her legacy stands as a challenge not only for Catholics, but to all who affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person. This sermon was purchased in the last WUU Auction.

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