



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

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3rd Potluck, School Supply Drive Kick-Off

3rd Potluck, School Supply Drive Kick-Off Friday, August 16 at 6:00 pm is our 3rd potluck. This month is sponsored by the WUU office staff and we will kicking-off a school supply drive. The WJCC Community Action Agency has 70 middle and high school students that not afford their school supplies. Let us help ease some worry by helping to provide some of those needed supplies. Bring a dish to share and if you can bring something(s) off of their school supply list. There will also be a collection box in the office and the Narthex. We will be collecting through September 8. Here is a list of the items needed:

Inexpensive Flash Drive (4+GB)

Inexpensive Ear Buds

3" x 5" Index Cards

Wide-ruled Filler Paper

Blue/Black Pens

Pencils (mechanical or regular)

Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Dividers

Glue Sticks

Sheet Protectors

Pencil Pouch

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This Sunday at WUU: August 18, 2013

10:00 am

Rev. Sherman Logan

"An Unsung Hero" The Ministry of Egbert Ethelred Brown

Few Unitarian Universalists know of the Rev. Egbert Ethelred Brown, yet he was one of the heroes of our faith. Rev. Brown was the first African American Unitarian minister who set out to bring the message of the liberal faith to his community in spite of facing racial and class prejudices. His inspirational story was an important part of our history and it is equally important for understanding our tradition today.

Paulette Amory, Steve Brecker, Jane Ferguson, Zach Rice, David Hamilton, Scott Varney, and Neill Wilson will provide today's music.

Faith Development Program for Children:

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

2:00pm Memorial Service for George West, Sanctuary

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

Thursday, August 15

- 7:30 pm, Auction Team Meeting, Parker House

Friday, August 16

- 6:00 pm, 3rd Potluck-School Supply Drive Kick-Off, Sponsored by WUU Office
- 7:00 pm, Visioning Circle, Solomon Residence,
 - Must be signed up to attend contact office for information

Saturday, August 17

- 10:00 am, Visioning Circle, Parker House
 - Must be signed up to attend contact office for information

Sunday, August 18

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am, Eco-Connect Kids, Fahs House
- 2:00 pm, Memorial Service for George West, Sanctuary

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:00 pm, Visioning Circle, Lane-Hamilton Residence
 - Must be signed up to attend contact office for information

Wednesday, August 21

- 2:00 pm, Board Governance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Doctrine of Discovery Study Group Session 2, Sanctuary

Thursday, August 22

- 7:00 pm, Documentary: Chasing Ice, Sanctuary

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Next Sunday: August 25, 2013

10:00am
Rev. Jennifer Ryu
"The New Jim Crow"

We mark the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington by celebrating the great progress we have made as a nation. The extreme expressions of racism from the 1960's are gone. What remains, however, is a racism that is nearly invisible because it has become embedded in our social systems-most prominently our criminal justice system. This year, our congregation joined with neighbors for the Common Read, Michelle Alexander's *The "New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness"*. We have only just begun to see what is right before our eyes.

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

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Social Justice News

FISH Needs

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

Remembrance Ceremony

The Jamestown Middle Passage Committee In cooperation with the National Park Service and Preservation Virginia invite you to attend a Remembrance Ceremony and Marker Installation. Join us as we honor the 2,000,000 Africans who died in the Middle Passage and the 500,000 enslaved survivors and their descendants who helped build this nation. Friday, August 23, 2013, 6:00 pm, Historic Jamestown Visitor Center, 1368 Colonial Parkway, Jamestown, Virginia 23081 Please RSVP to 757.725.1653 or memogroup@cox.net no later than August 16. WUU's own Rev. Jennifer Ryu will be doing the invocation.

Sat 8/24 - 50th Anniversary March on Washington

We will be riding with the York-James City Williamsburg NAACP on Saturday 8/24 to stand on the side of love against oppression as we mark the fiftieth anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington. Reserve your seat on the bus by sending a check for \$50 (\$40 for students) per passenger to YJCW-NAACP, 479 McLaws Circle, Suite 3, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Be sure to include the names, email addresses and cell numbers for everyone you are paying for. Call 757-229-1076 or our [web post](#) for information.

Rainbow Potluck, Sunday August 25, 11:30-Fahs House

WUU's first Rainbow Potluck was so well attended (over 30 participants) we are going to make this a monthly get together. Bring a dish to share and join a welcoming group of LGBTIQ, family members, friends, and other straight allies who gather together to share good food and supportive friendship. If you have any questions please contact Bobby Oliver at slimstar@hotmail.com.

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Lifespan Faith Development

The Hearts Work

Children are our hearts....walking around in the world....and each day those of us who are parents want to make sure that the ones we love so much are obtaining the best knowledge, the best spiritual food, the best love and care possible.

This is the reason we parents choose to teach in an all-volunteer program here at Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists....to lend our children a hand at developing their spiritual lives....and it is for this reason that I am asking YOU to consider teaching....even if you have never taught before. We will have a September 14th training session for all those who are interested.

We need not only lead teachers but also helpers....so if you love children and want to become an "extra set of hands" in the Sunday morning Lifespan Faith Development program, please give Pat Hoppe a call or an email today. Substitute teachers are also needed, so if you want to help out every now and then, please call. Her number at the church office is 757-220-6830 and the email is dlfd@wuu.org. Sign up sheets will be available before and after this coming Sunday's service outside the main doors to the Sanctuary.

The three classes offered two times a month are:

- "Spirit Play" for pre-K through 2nd graders
- "Bibleodeon" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders
- "Popcorn Theology" for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Please consider participating in our future by giving some time to our kids. Thank you, from my heart.

Pat Hoppe, Acting Director of LFD

Understanding the Doctrine of Discovery Study Group

The first session is now history, but there is still time for you to get involved! 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 2: Native Voices on the Doctrine of Discovery and Immigration

Session 3: How Are We Called to Respond?

We will meet at in the sanctuary for session 2 on August 21 and Fahs House for Session 3 on August 28 both are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Please register for the sessions (one or both) at the following link:

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

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Green Sanctuary News

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup this Saturday!

Our highway cleanup team still has openings for a few good folks to help clean up our stretch of Ironbound Road. We'll meet this Saturday, August 17, 10 AM, at Fahs House. We do need pre-registration by noon Friday, by email to rbaldwin-at-widomaker.com.

Documentary, Chasing Ice-Thursday, August 22

Come see award winning documentary ***Chasing Ice*** at WUU on Thursday, August 22 at 7:30 PM. Through time lapse photography that compresses years into seconds, the videos capture ancient ice in motion as it disappears at a breathtaking rate. See the unmistakable reality that is climate change. 75 minutes. Brought by Chris Llewellyn and the Williamsburg Climate Action Network.

<http://www.chasingice.com/>

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. We have been made aware that Whole Foods recycles the other "numbers" of plastics and corks as well; we are trying to work on a plan to get items to Whole Foods. 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.

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Caring Committee News

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.

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Creative Arts Group News

Following the recent and profound loss of our dear friend, Gayle Henion, members of the Monday Morning Creative Arts Group considered a way in which we could pay tribute to Gayle, who helped establish the group six years ago. Gayle was the heart of the arts group. Her warm, embracing personality and cheery disposition made this group special. A wonderful artist and calligrapher, Gayle had a genuine love of people. Her special gifts and abilities touched so many lives and aspects of WUU. We, in the Monday Creative Arts Group, want to remember and honor our friend by renaming the group, "**The Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group.**" We will do our best to continue in Gayle's footsteps and warmly welcome all who seek an outlet for their creative energies.

Sunday Team Members Needed

The Sunday Teams has open opportunities for volunteers to help with both 9:15 and 11:15 services beginning in September. Jobs include welcoming people at the door, distributing bulletins, receiving collection, and making our "famous" WUU coffee. It's a great way to meet other WUU'ers and to help make our services more welcoming. Each team does only one service a month and the initial commitment is for a total of just five services from September through January. If you would like to join or have questions, please contact David Neiman at 258-8996 or dneiman236@cox.net.

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Upcoming Events

- August 15: Ministry/Leadership Team Meeting, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary
- August 16: 3rd Potluck, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
- August 18: Memorial Service for George West, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary
- August 21: Doctrine of Discovery Study Group, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
- August 22: Documentary: Chasing Ice, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
- August 25: Rainbow Potluck, 11:30am, Fahs House
- August 28: Doctrine of Discovery Study Group, 7:00pm, Fahs House
- August 31: Memorial Service for Gayle Henion, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary
- September 2: Labor Day--Office Closed
- September 5: Navigators Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Fahs House
- September 8: Cafe Conversation: Spirit-Filled Worship, 1:00pm, Sanctuary

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