



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: September 1, 2013

10:00 am *Last Sunday on the Summer Schedule*

Rev. Jennifer Ryu & Charlotte Lorentson

"My Religion is Compassion"

For over a year, a small group ministry at WUU has been studying Karen Armstrong's book, "Twelve Steps to Compassion." Today members of that group share their reflections.

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

The WUU Membership Book is open to signing on the first Sunday of each month for those who have taken the WUU Orientation courses and/or have transferred here from another UU congregation.

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

Thursday, August 29

- 7:30 pm, Leadership Committee Meeting, Fahs House

Friday, August 30

- 7:00 pm, Visioning Circle, Guernsey Residence
 - Must be signed up to attend, please contact office for more information

Saturday, August 31

- 4:00 pm, Memorial Service for Gayle Henion, Sanctuary

Sunday, September 1

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

Monday, September 2

- Labor Day Office Closed
- NO Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 5

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

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Next Sunday: September 8, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"Beginning Together"

James Gerald

11:15 am

"Blessed by the Waters"

An All-Ages Worship Celebration

Rev. Jennifer Ryu & James Gerald

Today we gather to bless each other with waters collected in our summer travels and from our homes. We will use water to welcome, nourish, and heal the members of this community.

Share the Plate, September 8, 2013:

In support of the theme of Compassion for this month the collection will be given to **FISH**. There are no paid staff members and Fish receives no federal, state or local government aid. As most WUU's know, the agency collects non-perishable food, clothing and household goods.

Social Justice News

FISH Needs

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

United Way Day of Caring

The United Way of Greater Williamsburg is excitedly preparing for this year's Day of Caring on Friday, September 13th! Last year over 800 volunteers participated in Day of Caring and enriched our community through a variety of projects from improving the grounds of our public schools to maintaining trails at the York River State Park.

We are organizing a group from WUU to participate in this year's day of caring and would love as many members as possible. The sign-up deadline is August 30. If you would like to participate please sign up on the form posted in the foyer or contact the office at office@wuu.org or 220-6830. Be sure to include your t-shirt size. For more information please visit: [United Way of Greater Williamsburg](#)

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Lifespan Faith Development

The Heart's 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

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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. 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

The Caring Committee is in limited effect at present due to a shortage of volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more about the minor duties and rewarding experience of being on Caring Committee, or would simply like to find out more about us, please email Michelle at caringchair@wuu.org or visit our information webpage at [by clicking here](#).

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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Other News

Multicultural Ministries Sharing Project

This UUA project is designed to seek input from people within Unitarian Universalism who have historically marginalized races, ethnicities, abilities, sexual orientations, and/or gender identities/expressions, with the goal of helping congregational leaders and UUA staff understand where we are now and what we need to be well-equipped to meet the ministry needs of people seeking a liberal religious home in the 21st century.

Please consider taking the survey and spreading the word. All those 13 and older with a UU affiliation who are people of color, people with disabilities, LGBTQ, or otherwise marginalized due to gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, race, and/or ethnicity are warmly invited to participate.

The Sharing Project Survey is open now and ends October 31, 2013. Click here to take the survey [here](#).

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.

School Supply Drive

Our School Supply Drive is off to an outstanding start! The WJCC Community Action Agency has 70 middle and high school students that can not afford their school supplies. Let us help ease some worry by helping to provide some of those needed supplies. There are collection boxes in the office and the Narthex. We will be collecting through September 22.

We have been invited to present the supplies to the students at the Project Discovery Orientation on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to help with the presentation please contact Ellyn in the office at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org. Your gift will truly be remembered at Project Discovery!!!!

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

Insight Meditation

"The Lighthouse" offers it's first class series. *The Lighthouse is a non-profit in Williamsburg, VA formed to teach the healing and strengthening power of art, meditation and mindful movement.* Three Sunday nights, September 15, 22, and 29 at 7pm; located in the Lisa Hund Dance Studio, in the Oaktree Office Park 3356 Ironbound Rd in Williamsburg. To reserve a seat, please contact Ben Thacker-Gwaltney at (757) 570-3005 or tg3613@cox.net. Donation to The Lighthouse requested if able.

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Upcoming Events

- August 29: Leadership Team Meeting, 7:30 pm, 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
- September 28: Augumn Equinox Ritual, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
- September 28: Memorial Service for Craig Luchsinger, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary

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