



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: September 15, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"Forgiveness"

Eva Burke

11:15 am

"Forgive or Relive"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu & James Gerald

During this time of the Jewish high holy days, we remember that "forgiveness does not change the past, but it can enlarge the future"

11:15 am

Children's Chapel

Children & Youth Visioning Circle-Building our Future

12:30 pm

Sundae Sunday

Register your children for LFD classes and enjoy a sweet treat!

4:00 pm

YRUU

Meet in Parker House

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

Thursday, September 12

- 1:00 pm, Covenant Group Meeting, Fahs House

Friday, September 13

- Office Closed-United Way Day of Caring
- 10:00 am, Visioning Circle, Neiman Residence
 - Sign up in foyer or contact office for more information

Saturday, September 14

- 10:00 am, Teacher Training, Parker House
- 4:00 pm, Autumn Equinox Celebration Planning, Parker House

Sunday, September 15

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Children's Chapel-Children & Youth Visioning Circle, Fahs House
- 12:30 pm, Sundaes Sunday, Sanctuary Patio
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House

Monday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 17

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Session I, Narthex

Wednesday, September 18

- 6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 6:30 pm, Chalice Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 19

- 2:00 pm, Board Governance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Sanctuary

Next Sunday: September 22, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"Mysticism"

Carl McColman

11:15 am

"Sacred Questions, Unknowing Answers: Some Thoughts on Forging a Postmodern Spirituality"

Carl McColman

Carl McColman, a writer and speaker on Christian spirituality and interfaith dialogue, and a lay associate of a Trappist monastery. He is the author of several books, which cover a range of topics, from Wicca to Celtic Spirituality to Christian mysticism. Carl's journey is a long and winding one, ranging from a childhood in the Lutheran Church, to several years in the Pagan community, to his current work teaching Christians how to meditate and helping people of different faiths to relate to one another with honor and respect. He, his wife and stepdaughter live in Clarkston, Georgia.

11:15 am (Proceed directly to Fahs House)

Children's Program

- K-2nd grade (Spirit Play) Wanda's Rose
- 3-5th grade (Bibleodeon) Intro to Bible
- Middles (Popcorn Theology) "Back to the Future"

4:00 pm

YRUU

Meet in Parker House

Social Justice News

FISH Needs

In September let's fill our FISH barrel with peanut butter. Our donations to FISH help provide food and clothing to our neighbors in need, so remember to bring a jar of peanut butter to church on Sunday!

United Way Day of Caring

Tomorrow a group of 10 folks from WUU will be volunteering in the community. You still have time to join us--the volunteer kick-off is a breakfast at Legacy Hall in New Town at 7:30am. Meet us there to pick up your shirt and get directions. Contact the office with any questions office@wuu.org or 220-2830.

3rd Potluck, WV Mission Trip

Come to a POTLUCK on Friday, September 20th at 6pm, organized by the WV Mission Trip participants, just returned from their service project early last month. Bring your family (and a dish) to hear about our trip--including games, short story-telling, pictures and fun. Certified kid-friendly!

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Lifespan Faith Development

Note From Acting Director of Lifespan Faith Development

Dear Parents,

Remember that this coming Sunday is the day that parents register their children for the classes that are being taught at WUU beginning the 22nd of this month. The classes are "Spirit Play" for pre-K through 2nd grade, "Bibleodeon" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and "Popcorn Theology" for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

I am currently the only volunteer to teach Popcorn Theology; and I need at least two other people who are willing to rotate with me in this class. The first film to be discussed is "Back to the Future"; if you would like to help and you have never seen the film, I own the DVD and will be happy to share it with you.

I am gathering all the teachers at Parker House on the Saturday, September 14 at 10am for a "training" session, so please come if you want to help with ANY of the classes. If you plan on subbing, please call me and come to the meeting on the 14th at 10 am.

Also keep in mind (if you are a volunteer teacher or helper) that one Sunday a month is "chapel" for the kids...no classes. And another Sunday is "All Ages" which means that we are all in the sanctuary together. That means you are helping a MAXIMUM of two Sundays a month, and sometimes only one (if the class has 4 teachers....which is so far true for only "Spirit Play."

Thanks so much for coming on this Sunday to register you children; be sure to have a bowl of ice cream and celebrate religious exploration with your children!

-Pat Hoppe, Acting Director of Lifespan Faith Development, WUU
Contact me at 220-6830 or ddfd@wuu.org

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Building Our Future

Visioning Circles

This month, the Visioning Circles extend to the children and teens. On Sunday, Pat Hoppe will lead our children on a tour of our campus and return to conduct their own visioning about WUU's future.

The following Sunday, the teens will also contribute to this visioning.

As for the rest of us, more than 175 members and friends have signed up and we have more than 1,200 comments. Each voice is important and virtually everyone has come away from their circle with a smile on their face and some new friends. We have 4 more visioning circles left and just a few more spaces. Please sign up!!

Les Solomon
Chair, Building Our Future

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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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Auction News

WUU Harvest Moon Auction

This year's auction will be Saturday November 9th, 6:00-9:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 again this year and will go on sale on October 6th. Our own Marion Wolfe is crafting the food again this year!

Donate-we need a lot of you to offer dinners, beer & pizza, yard- or house-work (or something indoor like tax prep, editing, or computer assistance). Be thinking of what YOU can do that someone else might bid on! My favorite item is the dinners, as "it keeps on giving" by extending the community to include the event itself-not just the night of the auction. Auction forms will be available

on line at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HarvestMoonAuction> or outside the Narthex starting in September. Please contribute one or more items!

Volunteer-get involved! Let me know how you would like to help this year, either before the auction or on the night itself. We need setup, serving, and cleanup crews in addition to auction operations, checkout, and computer crews.

Buy tickets! The Auction is our biggest fundraiser and is important to the WUU operating budget's being able to include a lot of the things we consider important-RE, social justice, music!~Dave Banks, dfbanks -@-earthlink.net.

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Other News

School Supply Drive

The school supply drive is winding down, but we will still collect items through September 22. I would love to have a few WUU friends accompany me to present the school supplies to the students at the Project Discovery Orientation on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 6:00 pm. If you can help please call me (Ellyn) in the office at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org.

Initial VA Legislative Network meeting

A group that is working to form a UU Virginia Legislative network will have its first face-to-face meeting on Saturday, September 14th, at the **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fredericksburg** at 9:30am. Please join them to help move this important work forward.

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

- September 15: Sundae Sunday, LFD Registration, 12:30pm, Sanctuary Patio
- September 20: 3rd Potluck, 6:00 pm, Sponsored by the WV Mission Team, Sanctuary
- September 22: Rainbow Potluck, 12:30 pm, Fahs House
- September 28: Autumn Equinox Ritual, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
- September 28: Memorial Service for Craig Luchsinger, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary
- October 1: Owning Your Religious Past, 7:00 pm, Fahs House

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