



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: September 29, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"What is a Spiritual Experience?"

Pat Hoppe

11:15 am

"Life's BIG Questions"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu & Pat Hoppe

A small group met last spring to ask some of life's most perplexing questions. Members of that group found common responses and will share them with the congregation.

11:15 am

Children's Program

- K-2nd grade (Spirit Play) Respect All People
- 3-5th grade (Bibleodeon) Exploring the Bible
- Middles (Popcorn Theology) "Star Trek"

4:00 pm

YRUU

Meet in Parker House

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

Thursday, September 26

- 7:30 pm, Membership Team Meeting, Activities Room

Friday, September 27

- 7:00 pm, Final Visioning Circle, City of Williamsburg, a few spaces remain, contact the office for more information

Saturday, September 28

- 9:00 am, Board Meeting, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, Memorial Service for Craig Luchsinger, Sanctuary

Sunday, September 29

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary

- 10:15 am, Chalice Singers Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Children's Programs, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

- 7:00 pm, Owing Your Religious Past, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice-Session I, Narthex

Wednesday, October 2

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 3

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

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Next Sunday: October 6, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"Salvation"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

11:15 am

"From Fundamentalism to Freedom: A Unitarian Universalist Salvation Story"

Gracia Walker Basham & Rev. Jennifer Ryu

Today we welcome Gracia, a UU lay preacher who will talk about her family's journey to find a greater love and a faith with room to grow.

11:15 am

Children's Program

4:00 pm

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Share the Plate

The The October 6th **Share the Plate** contribution will benefit **Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg**. Agency staff and volunteers work to assure patients and families receive respite and end of life support services, which are provided without charge, thanks to generous support from the community.

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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!

Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission

www.gwoutreachmission.org

The Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission (GWOM) consists of 21 faith groups, including WUU, who have been working together for about 1 1/2 years to create a program to help alleviate the

systemic issues that cause homelessness in the greater Williamsburg area. Currently GWOM is piloting the "3 E Restoration Process" to help a Family in Need. The process is relational and based on a model of "All in Friends" helping a precariously housed family achieve self sufficiency. Last spring our congregation generously donated over \$1,000.00 as a Share the Plate, so we have fulfilled our pledge commitment, which will be used to help with rent, bills, and other expenses.

GWOM volunteers have begun working with a mother, her new husband, and 3 young children to help them break a 2 generation cycle of poverty. Both adults are working, and barriers to self-sufficiency are being addressed. However, since the children are all wearing diapers, faith groups have been asked to donate supplies to eliminate that expense for a struggling family, while they are working on positive economic solutions.

WUU is being asked to donate size 4T Girls Pull Ups, Size 3 Diapers, and Boxes of Wipes.

A box labeled GWOM will be in the foyer next to the Fish Wagon to collect these items Sept. 21 and 28. Your efforts to support this undertaking will be a significant blessing to this family.

Thank you for your support.
Helen Hansen,
GWOM board member

Community of Faith Mission - Homeless Shelter

Save the Date - The WUU week for the COFM Homeless Shelter is **February 16-23.**

Helen Hansen and Kathy Suslik are co-chairs and will be providing more information on how you can volunteer to help with this important social justice mission.

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Lifespan Faith Development

Owning Your Religious Past

Are you wondering what to do with past religious beliefs and experiences now that you're a UU? This class will help current Unitarian Universalists examine their religious past, sorting out what to leave, what to bring into the present, and what to redefine. We'll give you simple tools through which you may re-examine your religious past. The workshop involves group sharing, drawing, journaling, and lavish use of newsprint!

This course will be offered for five Tuesdays, starting Oct. 1, from 7:15 - 9 in the Fahs House (Spirit Play room on the left). The course is limited to 10 participants, you may register by clicking [here](#) or contacting the office at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org

Class Facilitators:

- Helen Hansen has always been a UU. She is currently social justice co-chair and WUU homeless shelter facilitator. Although she is not a "convert", she enjoyed "owning her religious past" in the class with Linda two years ago.
- Linda Lane-Hamilton left Methodism to becoming a UU in 1971. At WUU, she sings in the choir and attends committee meetings, including Building the Future and the Leadership Team. She took this course two years ago and loved it.

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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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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

Sunday Morning Teams

The Sunday Morning Teams need a volunteer for the 9:15 service on the second Sunday of the month and one for the 11:15 service on the third Sunday. If you can help out, please contact Dave Neiman at dneiman236@aol.com

Are You A Photographer?

We are looking for someone to take new photos for our website. If you would like to take some photos of upcoming activities, please email Ellyn at office@wuu.org

Circle Dinner Group Looking for Members

The Circle dinner group is looking for a few more members, especially families with children. Please contact Virginia Banks dfbanks@earthlink.net with any questions or to sign up.

Four Openings in Compassionate Living Covenant Group

The Compassionate Living Covenant Group started as a covenant group last Sept. and met through the summer. Having studied the Twelve Steps to Compassionate Living book by Karen Armstrong, we seek this year to search for ways to live compassionately with ourselves, others, and with our communities. The group meets on the first and third Tues. of the month from 7:00 - 9:00. There is the expectation of a commitment to join through May. Attendance as often as possible strengthens the relationships in the group and the exploration of our topic. Contact achadwicks@gmail.com with your contact information and any questions.

A Course in Miracles

This course is a study of principles and truths. It is a spiritual guide which leads to growth and development in each individual's live. Come and join in the joyous discussions at **Unity Fellowship Church**, 624 Queen's Creek Road, Williamsburg. They will be on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of each month beginning on Monday, October 7, 2013. For more information contact Susan Cardozo at 220-5402 or susan@cardozo.org.

Volunteers needed to mentor for Williamsburg Walk The Talk (WWTT)

Williamsburg Walk the Talk (WWTT) volunteers invest their time and talent to mentor people leaving the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail (VPRJ) near Williamsburg, VA, to help them have a successful fresh start. This is truly a win/win because getting to know people from different backgrounds helps us grow by sharing their diverse life experiences. In the process we make sure to the best of our ability that they are clothed, fed, housed, assisted with getting a job and shown respect. The main requirement is a willingness to learn about the human resources available in the community and to patiently provide time and opportunity for the client to make use of those resources. The typical time commitment is between 5 and 10 hours per month. Training will be provided.

More information and sign-up details are at <https://sites.google.com/site/wwttalk/> or reach out to john.schwenkler@hp.com

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Upcoming Events

- September 28: Memorial Service for Craig Luchsinger, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary
- October 1: Owning Your Religious Past, 7:00 pm, Fahs House
- October 3: Navigators Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Fahs House
- October 18: 3rd Potluck-Sponsored by The Endowment Committee, 6:00 pm, Sactuary

- October 20: Special Congregational Meeting, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary

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