



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral September 5, 2013

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This Sunday at WUU: 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 know, the agency collects non-perishable food, clothing and household goods. **Over these past few years the food pantry often has been near depletion because of the unusually high unemployment in the area.** The Clothes Closet offers for example appropriate outfits for a job interview or school clothes.

1:00 pm Cafe Conversation: Spirit-Filled Worship

Please join us for a Café Conversation about the launch of our new Saturday evening service Spirit Filled Worship. This service offers us the opportunity to reach out to new groups within Williamsburg. For this service, we will place a greater emphasis on music, and have a shorter message rather than a sermon. There are still many questions to be answered before we can start, and we want your help and input. Please register by Friday at 5 pm by calling Ellyn at 220-6830 or e-mailing office@wuu.org. You can also register [here](#).

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

Thursday, September 5

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

Saturday, September 7

- 10:00 am, Visioning Circle, Parker House
 - Sign up in foyer or contact office for more information

Sunday, September 8

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 1:15 pm, Cafe Conversation-Spirit Filled Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Session I, Narthex
- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Visioning Circle, Solomon Residence
 - Sign up in foyer or contact office for more information

Wednesday, September 11

- 7:00 pm, West Virginia Mission Trip Follow Up, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 12

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 1:00 pm, Covenant Group Meeting, Fahs House

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Next Sunday: 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 & Eva Burke

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!

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 We have been given additional time for volunteer sign-ups. If you can spare the day and would like to help those in need. Please contact the office by Wednesday, September 11 or 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

SUNDAE SUNDAY IS COMING SOON!

Sunday September 15th at 12:30 pm we will celebrate the beginning of the school year with Ice Cream! Everyone is invited to stay after and have a bowl of delicious cool cream; parents will be registering their children for the Lifespan Faith Development programs that are available this year:

- preK-2nd grade will do "Spirit Play"
- 3, 4, 5th grades will do "Bibleodeon"
- 6, 7, 8th grades will do "Popcorn Theology"

Volunteer "scoopers" are needed to serve the ice cream; if you can help please contact the office at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org

Teens who are in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 will be meeting on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm in Parker House for a "Welcome Back" party on September 15th.

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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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, [@-earthlink.net](mailto:dfbanks).

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Other News

9/11 Interfaith Service

There will be an interfaith service at 7 pm Wednesday, September 11 at Walsingham Academy. The theme will be Comfort for the Afflicted and will include prayer, reflection, and music for those who have been affected by violence and terrorism. Several area churches, including WUU, will participate. It is requested that each congregation bring finger desserts or fruit and 1 gallon of a beverage (cider, iced tea, or lemonade).

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.

School Supply Drive

We are still collecting! 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

- September 5: Navigators Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm, Fahs House
- September 8: Cafe Conversation: Spirit-Filled Worship, 1:00pm, Sanctuary
- September 15: Sundae Sunday, LFD Registration, 12:30pm, Narthex
- 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: Augumn Equinox Ritual, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary
- September 28: Memorial Service for Craig Luchsinger, 4:00 pm, Sanctuary

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