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A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral October 10, 2013

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This Sunday at WUU: October 13, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship
"What Does My Death Mean?"

Anne Stevens

11:15 am

"Death Deconstructed"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu & Anne Stevens

Next to fear of public speaking, fear of death tops the list of our anxieties. If we examine this fear closely, what do we find at its heart?

Plate Collection

Our collection this week will go to the Endowment Fund. Please make checks out to: WUU endowment.

11:15 am

Children's Chapel "Bless the Seed"

2:00 pm

YRUU

Our youth will meet at Parker House and carpool to Busch Gardens.

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

Thursday, October 10

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House

Friday, October 11

- 12:00 pm, Building Our Future Meeting, Parker House

Saturday, October 12

- 9:00 am, WUU Grounds Day, meet out front near sanctuary

Sunday, October 13

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Children's Chapel "Bless the Seed", Sanctuary/Fahs House
- 2:00 pm, YRUU Trip to Busch Gardens, Meet at Parker House

Monday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 15

- 7:00 pm, QiGong-Session I, Narthex

Wednesday, October 16

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 17

- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Sanctuary

Next Sunday: October 20, 2013**9:15 am-10:00 am****The Circle: Contemplative Worship****"No Death"****Pat Hoppe****11:15 am****"Die to All that is Not You"****Rev. Jennifer Ryu & Pat Hoppe**

The modern day mystic, Eckhart Tolle claims that the secret to life is to "die before you die." Today we explore how this approach can expand our lives.

11:15 am**Children's Programs**

K-2nd Grade (Spirit Play)-"Blind Man & Elephant

3rd-5th Grade (Bibleodeon)-"Cain & Abel"

Middles (Popcorn Theology)-"Saved"

12:30 pm**Special Congregational Meeting-Discussion of Visioning Circle Results****3:30 pm****New Member Orientation, Fahs House****4:00 pm****YRUU**

Meet in Parker House

WUU Grounds Day

Fall Grounds Day

This Saturday, October 12th from 9am - Noon--PIZZA PROVIDED! Come help clean up and prepare the WUU campus for winter. There are jobs large for all ages and including chips for paths and under the swing set. Please bring gloves, wheelbarrows, clippers, rakes and any other useful tools. In the likely event of a soggy Saturday; there will be a make-up day on Columbus Day (Monday, October 14) for those who don't have work or might have been furloughed. See you there!

WUU Auction News

WUU Auction is coming November 9th

DONATE-consider what you can DO-meals and other things that continue to grow community throughout the year are especially nice. Services-do some yard work, help with taxes etc. Vacations and getaways are favorites. Click [here](#) for a donation form or one can be picked up outside the Narthex each Sunday.

VOLUNTEER-we need people to help with every phase of the Auction from setup to cleanup as well as beforehand. Please email Dave Banks [dfbanks @ earthlink.net](mailto:dfbanks@earthlink.net) or sign up at the Auction table on Sunday.

SOLICIT-Business donations-gift cards, services, products, etc-are more likely to be given if YOU ask a merchant where you regularly shop. In particular, we need you to ask RESTAURANTS, FASHIONS, BARBER/BEAUTY and FURNITURE/HOME DÉCOR facilities, YOGA studios.

COME-Tickets (\$20.00) are on sale outside the Narthex on Sundays. Please buy your tickets and **come to the Auction.**

Social Justice News

FISH Needs

Please help fill the shelves at FISH by bringing some boxes of pasta and sauce to WUU each Sunday in October.

Invest in the Future: Help a Child Learn to Read

WJCC Literacy for Life is offering volunteer training this month. This is your opportunity to join them a make a difference in a child's life and in the future of our community! Volunteer tutors will be:

- Trained by a reading specialist from Literacy for Life and at William & Mary's School of Education.
- Matched with select children in grades K-3 at participating WJCC schools.
- Supported by the WJCC Coordinator of Reading/Language Arts and the school Reading Specialist.

To sign up for no-obligation training, contact Robyn Moore at 603-6539 or moorer3@wjcc.k12.va.us. Background checks may be required. Volunteers will commit to tutoring one or more times per week.

Check the web for more information: <http://wuu.org/wordpress/?p=13148>

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.

Building Our Future

Where can you see 1,500 comments from 23 Visioning Circles on display?

They are posted on the walls of our Sanctuary. Approximately 175 adults, teens and children have shared what they value at WUU and what changes might enhance our current programs. Find out about the major trends from these discussions by attending a congregational meeting, either **Sunday, Oct. 20** at 12:30 or **Monday, Oct. 21** at 5:30 pm (for those who cannot attend Sunday).

Lifespan Faith Development

YRUU Busch Gardens Get Together

This Sunday rather than our normal meeting our Young Religious Unitarian Universalist group will meet at Parker House at 2:00pm and then carpool to Busch Gardens for a day of fun and frights!

Please be sure to bring money for food and a ticket (or bring your pass) and be rested and ready for fun!

Caring Committee News

Stacey & Chris Felipe are both looking for employment. Chris is looking for a mid-level accounting position, and Stacey is looking for a part-time office or retail job. If you know of anything, please contact them at: phileepay@hotmail.com or stacey.felipe@gmail.com.

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.

Other News

3rd Friday Potluck

The Third Friday Potluck, October 18th at 6pm, hosted by the Endowment Committee, will have a pumpkin theme with pumpkin arts for the kids and the young at heart. Bring a dish and come join the fun!

New Member Orientation October 20, 26

If you are a newcomer or visitor and would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalists, WUU and its activities and its ministries, please join other like-minded individuals for our fall orientation session. Both sessions are held at the Fahs House on the WUU campus. The first session of the two session program is held on **Sunday, Oct. 20, from 4:00 - 6:00** with the second part offered on the **following Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9:00 - 1:00**, with lunch included. Childcare may be requested if registered by Oct 14. Please register at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/october2013orientation> or sign up at the Visitor's Table.

Membership representatives staffing the Visitor's Table will be happy to answer questions.

Narratives of Muslim Women Living in the West, presented by Prof. Saama Abdurraqib.

Monday, October 21, 2013, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

James City County Human Services Building, 5249 Olde Towne Road

Professor Abdurraqib has a doctorate in English from UW-Madison and is currently working on a

project that looks at the social and discursive co-optation of narratives by Muslim women in the West. Her talk focuses on the fraught personal negotiations of post-9/11 Muslim women writers in their attempts to construct believable, honest protagonists that are both female and Muslim in the face of increasing demands by Western readerships for "testimonial witnesses". Free and open to the public.

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 6:30 - 8:30 and will reconvene on November 1. 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.

Upcoming Events

- October 18: 3rd Potluck-Sponsored by The Endowment Committee, 6:00 pm, Sactuary
- October 20: Special Congregational Meeting, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary
 - Discussion of Visioning Circle Results
- October 20: New Member Orientation Class A, 4:00 pm, Fahs House
- October 21: Cafe Conversation (Evening Presentation), 5:30 pm, Sanctuary
 - Discussion of Visioning Circle Results
- October 26: New Member Orientation Class B, 9:00 am, Fahs House

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