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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: October 27, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship
"The Bucket List: A Spiritual Practice?"
James Gerald

11:15 am

All Ages Worship Together
"Seized by Life: Recovering Wholeness One Day at a Time"
Rev. Bob and Megan Tschannen Moran

Bob and Megan share with us Bob's continuing physical and mental journey back to health after weeks in a medically induced coma.

12:30 pm

Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House

Bring a dish to share and join a welcoming group of LGBTIQ, family members, friends, and other straight allies who gather together to share good food and supportive friendship.

4:00 pm

YRUU

YRUU members meet at Parker House will learn about atheism and humanism from Fred Adair who was a professor of counselor education and family therapy at William and Mary for 22 years. Stacey Felipe, Dave Wilcox and Pat Hoppe will be present.

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

Saturday, October 26

- 9:00 am, New Member Orientation, Fahs House

Sunday, October 27

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship-All Ages Worship Together, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm, Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 31

- 7:30 pm, Samhain Celebration, Sanctuary/Outdoors
 - The Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter. Come join us as we celebrate Samhain and bring your children all dressed up in their finest Halloween gear. We will sing and celebrate this important Gaelic holiday. Weather permitting, this service will be outside around an open fire!

Next Sunday: November 3, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"Gratitude for our Gifts"

Charlotte Lorentson

11:15 am

"A Religiously Diverse Democracy"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

The intersection of the Islamic New Year and Election Day gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of religious pluralism in a democracy such as ours. Anne Rasmussen and the William and Mary Middle Eastern Ensemble will provide the music. And the WUU Choir will also sing.

Membership Book Open for Signing

The first Sunday of each month the WUU membership book is open for those who would like to join. If you have completed both WUU orientation sessions or are a transferring member of another UU congregation, please join us at the front of the sanctuary immediately following the November 3rd service, to sign the membership book.

4:00 pm

YRUU, Parker House

YRUU members meet at Parker House and will see a video and learn about Oriental religious experiences such as Confucian, Tao, Shinto; Stacey Felipe and Pat Hoppe will be present.

The November 3rd Share the Plate collection will be directed to Williamsburg Faith in Action whose mission is to help seniors and adults with chronic illnesses or physical disabilities to remain independent in their homes. The organization fosters caring relationships between volunteers - including several WUUs - and care receivers. Faith in Action is a national volunteer

movement which brings together volunteers from many faiths and the community at large. The disabled individuals are provided with transportation, shopping, light housekeeping, yard work, or friendly visits as needed. A representative from WFIA, will speak before the service. For a full description of services provided by WFIA, please visit www.wfia.org.

WUU 25th Anniversary News

Do you have some WUU history in your possession -- photos, scrapbooks, etc.?

We need them for our upcoming 25th anniversary on February 1, 2014 -- and for posterity. If you are keeping them for the congregation, they need to be gathered. If they are yours, I would like to copy them. As soon as possible, please leave whatever you have in the church office or contact me and I will pick them up warrendr@cox.net or 220-3853

-Dave Warren, WUU Historian

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.

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

Thank You, WUU!

Approximately 120 people attended the congregational meetings held October 20 & 21. Our

president, Lola Warren, facilitated the meeting which featured the presentation, by the Building Our Future Committee, of major trends resulting from over 1,500 comments received at the 23 Summer Visioning Circles. That report is now available online at the WUU website [click here](#).

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.

Other News

Samhain Celebration, October 31, 7:30pm

The Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter.

Come join us as we celebrate Samhain and bring your children all dressed up in their finest Halloween gear. We will sing and celebrate this important Gaelic holiday. Weather permitting, this service will be outside around an open fire!

Message from the WUU Nominating Committee

At the annual meeting on 2/9/14, the congregation will elect members to fill openings on the WUU Board as well as positions on several other committees (Endowment, Nominating, and Committee for Right Relations). We value both previous experience and fresh perspective, so members old and new are encouraged to consider stepping forward! If you are interested in serving, have questions, and / or wish to recommend someone, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (Jane Ferguson, Fred Gilbertson, and Heather Scully). You can speak to any of us in person, e-mail us at nominating@wuu.org or call Jane Ferguson at 757-564-0807.

Directory News

The long awaited and much anticipated directory is now online for our members. Please [click here](#) and use the members only username and password. If you did not get the username/password, or need a reminder please contact the office at office@wuu.org or 220-6830. A printed copy of the directory will be available for pick up at services on November 3 or in the office any time following. If there is a mistake or change that needs to be changed please contact the office ASAP so that we can make the change before the printing. Thank you for your patience!

Child Life Wish List

Our own Lily Bolling and her mom Stacy are collecting items for children on the cancer unit at CHKD in order to make care packages for those receiving treatment. Along with this she is composing a short essay describing her project and her interest in helping children with cancer. Should you choose to donate items you will get a copy of her essay!

Click [here](#) for list of items that was provided by the donations coordinator at the hospital. Lily and Stacy will have a table and box set up at church on Sunday November 17 for donations. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Stacy at SBolling@colonialbh.org or (757) 719-2770.

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 26: New Member Orientation Class B, 9:00 am, Fahs House
- October 27: Rainbow Potluck, 12:30 pm, Fahs House
- November 7: Navigators Monthly Meeting, 6:30 pm, Fahs House
- November 11: Veterans Day, Office Closed
- November 17: Congregational Meeting, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary
- November 15: 3rd Potluck, Family Game Night, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
- November 24: Rainbow Potluck, 12:30 pm, Fahs House
- November 28: Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- November 29: Office Closed

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