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A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral October 3, 2013

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This Sunday at WUU: 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's Children will begin worship in the Sanctuary and then go with their teachers to Fahs House

- K-2nd Grade (Spirit Play) "Buddha and the Mustard Seed"
- 3rd-5th Grade (Bibleodeon) "Creation"
- Middles (Popcorn Theology) "Forrest Gump"

Share the Plate contribution today will benefit **Hospice House and Support Care of Williamsburg**. Hospice 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. **PS Please make STP donation checks payable to "WUU"**.

4:00 pm

YRUU

Meet in Parker House

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

Thursday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 6

- 9:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Session I, Narthex
- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Owning Your Religious Past, Fahs House

Wednesday, October 9

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 10

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House

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Next Sunday: October 13, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"Death"

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?

11:15 am

Children's Chapel "Bless the Seed"

4:00 pm

YRUU

Meet in Parker House

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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 and 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.

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Lifespan Faith Development

Owning Your Religious Past--Registration and Start-Date Extended!!

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 four Tuesdays, starting Oct. 8, 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.

To All Parents of Children in our LFD Program:

Thank you to all the parents whose children are participating in the Lifespan Faith Development programs at Fahs and Parker House; I just want to pass on to you some information that may be helpful in planning your morning on Sunday:

THE CHILDREN GO TO THE SANCTUARY WITH THEIR PARENTS at 11:15 am AND LEAVE WITH PAT HOPPE AND THEIR TEACHERS after we light the lantern.

One of the parents emailed me recently to inquire about this....and I think to make it simple to remember, we will leave from the WUU sanctuary every Sunday. Of course, we do all stay together one Sunday each month; in October we all worship together on the 27th in the WUU sanctuary.

On another note, the YRUU group that meets at 4 pm each Sunday afternoon is planning some fun times in the coming months and invites ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS to participate; we will be

- Going to Busch Gardens on Saturday, October 19th , meeting at Parker at 2 pm and coming back at 10pm (car-pooling);
- Going to the Pumpkin Patch and carving them and then making pies with the pumpkin;
- Going to laser tag
- Going to "Go Ape";
- Going to "Anything Goes", a musical at local high school;
- Going caroling at Christmas time (the 14th or 15th of Dec).

Encourage your teen to join our lively group to have fun and conversation! And volunteer to help chaperone our activities! Thanks to Virginia Fuller and to Dave Wilcox and Les Solomon for helping me so far this year!

Pat Hoppe, LFD Acting Director

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Caring Committee News

Carol Sherman is recovering at home from a fall. She is doing well and would appreciate your cards and calls.

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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CRR News

WUU Committee for Right Relations is back!!!!

In early 2008 the bylaws of WUU were amended in the annual congregational meeting to endorse a newly completed "Covenant of Right Relations" and to establish a standing committee of the congregation called the "Committee for Right Relations." The Covenant was a set of principles and ideals for all of us in addressing and resolving conflicts arising within the congregation, and in maintaining a harmonious and loving church community. The Committee is charged with implementation and embodiment of the Covenant in the daily operations and interactions amongst ourselves. The Committee is prepared to do this by pro-active education and consultation, and by responding to petitions for direction or assistance from members or those associated with WUU.

The new committee members, Emily Dabney, Jane Reilly and David Hopkinson, are committed to being actively engaged and available to assist in the preservation of Beloved Community. If you visit our link at http://wuu.org/wordpress/?page_id=200, you will find a "user's guide," a confidentiality policy, our charter, and a petition for engaging assistance from the Committee. These documents are also available on the bulletin board in the narthex or in the church office. Feel free to approach any of us on the committee or email us at crr@wuu.org. A member from the committee will contact you shortly with a response or plan for follow up.

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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

- 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
- October 20: New Member Orientation Class A, 4:00 pm, Fahs House
- October 21: Evening Presentation and Discussion of Visioning Circle Results, Sanctuary
- October 26: New Member Orientation Class B, 9:00 am, Fahs House

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