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## Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

**A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community**

### The Spiral November 14, 2013

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### 3rd Friday Potluck

**Join us for our November Third Friday potluck and family game night tomorrow, Friday, November 15 at 6pm in the Sanctuary. Bring a dish to share and your favorite game(s). An event that is great for all ages!**

### This Sunday at WUU: November 17, 2013

**9:15 am-10:00 am**

**The Circle: Contemplative Worship**

**"Expressing Gratitude By Saying Thanks"**

Anne Stevens

How might an attitude of gratitude enhance our lives?

Weather permitting this service will take place outdoors; otherwise it will take place in Fahs House.

**11:15 am**

**St. Cecelia Sunday "They Called Her Moses"**

**Dr. Jamie Bartlett and the WUU Choir**

This is our annual All-Ages worship celebrating the gifts of music. Dr. Jamie Bartlett leads the WUU Choir in this story of Harriett Tubman's journeys on the Underground Railroad before the Civil War. The cantata is based on African-American spirituals, particularly songs that were set as signal songs.

**12:30 pm**

**Congregational Meeting (Vote)**

Voting WUU members will be asked to cast their ballot on a Board proposal to move forward toward the completion of the Exploratory Phase of the Building Our Future Timeline. Snacks and childcare will be provided. Can't be there? Absentee ballots are available from the WUU Office. These ballots must be returned to the office or placed in the Board folder (across from the name tag racks) no

later than noon on Friday, the 15th. More information available in the BOF Newsletter - emailed from the office and posted at [www.wuu.org](http://www.wuu.org)

#### 4:00 pm

#### YRUU

YRUU will meet at Parker House and enjoy hearing about the Jewish faith from Rabbi David Katz from Temple Beth El here in Williamsburg; Dave Wilcox and Pat Hoppe will be present.

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

#### Thursday, November 7

- 7:00 pm, Mens Caregiver Support Group, Parker House

#### Friday, November 15

- 6:00 pm, 3rd Friday Potluck-Family Game Night, Sanctuary
  - Bring a dish to share and your favorite game!

#### Saturday, November 16

- 10:00 am, Adopt A Highway Clean-up, Meet in WUU parking lot

#### Sunday, November 17

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, All-Ages Worship, Sanctuary-St. Cecelia Sunday
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House

#### Monday, November 18

- 10:00 am, Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 5:30 pm, Building our Future Meeting, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation

#### Tuesday, November 19

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

#### Wednesday, November 20

- 6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

#### Thursday, November 21

- 5:00 pm, Covenant Group Facilitators Training, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Fahs House

**Next Sunday: November 24, 2013**

**9:15 am-10:00 am**

**The Circle: Contemplative Worship  
"Expressing Gratitude through Celebration"**

Nan Hart

In what ways might Thanksgiving Day be a true celebration of giftedness?

**11:15 am**

### "The Welcome Table"

**Rev. Jennifer Ryu**

The table, as a symbol of welcome and gathering arouses so many images from human history. This morning we will reflect on these images, from Judy Chicago's triangular table in her Dinner Party, to the Last Supper by Rembrandt, and the contemporary work of Jan Richardson.

**11:15 am**

### Children's Chapel

**12:30 pm**

### Rainbow Potluck

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 will meet at Parker House and hear a presentation about the Muslim faith presented by Mohammed Babarji who is a member of WUU; Stacey Felipe and Pat Hoppe will be present.

## Lifespan Faith Development

### YRUU News

YRUU members are having a Pot Luck Going Away / Birthday Party at Pat Hoppe's house on November 14th at 6 pm. Callie Newton is moving to Alabama.....and three people in the group have November birthdays! High school teens who want to come must let me know through email or phone (757-903-7749) . Two teens have already said they are bringing the cake; Pat Hoppe is providing the entrée. Everybody else needs to contribute a veggie, salad, bread, or drink. Directions to Pat's will be included in an email to the teens.

YRUU are planning to do a Saturday service project through Williamsburg Housing Partnerships; we met with Corinne Blackford on Sunday night and chose November 16<sup>th</sup> as the date. We will work from 1 pm until 5 pm at an address that is yet to be determined. More information is coming later about where. Pat is sending out permission slips through email to all the youth. If a teen does not receive one, he/she should call or email Pat to request one.

## Day of Remembrance at W&M

William and Mary student leaders including Morris Chen, president of Lambda Alliance, plan a three-day Trans\*Awareness program for November 18, 19, and 20 at the college. The events are co-sponsored by the Center for Student Diversity; Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program; and the Africana Studies Program.

Lambda Alliance and the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists, led by Rev. Jennifer Ryu, are hosting an event on November 20 at the Sadler Center in the Commonwealth Room beginning at 6:30 pm. Leaders of the service will be reading the names of those who have died this year due to trans-related violence. People of all faiths are invited to share in the evening of song, deep reflection, and remembrance.

For more information about all of the events, please visit their Facebook page [here](#).

## Social Justice News

**Donate to UUSC-UUA Typhoon Relief Fund**

UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee) President Rev. Bill Schultz and UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations) President Rev. Peter Morales have issued a [joint statement](#) in response to the devastation of Typhoon Haiyan, and the UUA and UUSA are launching a joint special appeal. [Donate Here](#)

**FISH Needs**

Winter is coming, so let's help fill the FISH pantry shelves with veggies! Please bring canned vegetables, especially corn and green beans, and some canned pumpkin and evaporated milk to WUU each Sunday in November.

**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.

**Green Sanctuary News****Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup This Saturday!**

We're seeking a few ,more folks to join our **Green Sanctuary** cleanup of Ironbound Road, **this Saturday, November 16**, 10 AM (weather looks promising!), This will be our last outing of the year. Won't you join our crew to enjoy the fresh air and company. We do need **pre-registration**, by emailing [rbaldwin-at-widomaker.com](mailto:rbaldwin-at-widomaker.com).

**Building Our Future****Building Our Future - Are You Ready to Vote on Phase One?**

**Why vote?** Voting members of WUU must affirm the recommendation by the WUU Board to move forward to complete Phase 1 (Exploratory phase) on the BOF Timeline.

**When?** Sunday, November 17, at 12:30.

**Where?** WUU Sanctuary (childcare and snacks provided)

**How?** Ballots will be provided at the meeting.

**What if I can't be there?** Absentee ballots are available from the WUU office. These ballots must be returned to the office or placed in the Board folder (across from the name tag racks) by noon on Friday, Nov. 15.

The BOF Report (presented Oct. 20 & 21) is available [here](#). A few hard copies are available in the Narthex. Over 1,500 comments recorded at those visioning circles are posted on the walls of the sanctuary and on the WUU website.

Read the weekly BOF Newsletter (sent by email) or view all BOF newsletters on the WUU website [here](#).

**Caring Committee News**

Please contact the Caring Committee at [caringchair@wuu.org](mailto:caringchair@wuu.org) if you know of a member of the Congregation in need of support, or if you are in need of support.

**Help Wanted**

Here are some things in the works that need your energy:

### **COVENANT GROUPS**

Covenant Group Ministries are small groups (8-10) people that meet twice a month for two hours from January to June. Centered on a per-determined theme, members share their stories and leave with a deeper understanding of themselves and of each other. More information [here](#)

We are hoping to start another round of Covenant Groups this year, but we can only do this if we have trained facilitators. If you have participated in covenant groups in the past, or you are interested in learning more about them, please attend the Facilitator Training Session with Rev. Jennifer on Thursday, November 21, from 5:00 -- 7:00 pm in Fahs House. Please sign up for the training by going [here](#) or contacting Ellyn in the office at 220-6830 or [office@wuu.org](mailto:office@wuu.org)

### **CHANCEL DECORATION TEAM**

Rev. Jennifer is looking for people to help decorate the front of the sanctuary with items that reflect our monthly themes. This team would also help to decorate the sanctuary during the holidays. Please contact [jennifer@wuu.org](mailto:jennifer@wuu.org) if you would like to express your creative energies in bringing beauty to our sanctuary.

### **YULE SING & HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY**

Friday December 20 at 6pm

Singing holiday carols around the piano, making decorations for our tree, sharing our favorite potluck dishes, and celebrating the joy of the holidays with each other--that's what Yule Sing is all about!

We would also love to have a holiday gift exchange for the children, but this can only happen if people step forward to volunteer. Please contact Ellyn in the office 20-6830 or [office@wuu.org](mailto:office@wuu.org) if you can help.

## **Other News**

### **Holiday Cards and Gift Wrap for Sale**

We have just received an order of beautiful holiday cards and tree-free sustainable gift wrap from UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee). Sales from the products benefit UUSC and WUU. You can contact Ellyn in the office 220-6830 or [office@wuu.org](mailto:office@wuu.org) if you would like more information or to purchase. Also, Quint Guvernator, our wonderful Equal Exchange coffee guy, has agreed to sell the items at our services on Sunday. View what is for sale [here](#).

### **Living Waters: An Interfaith Summit**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2013**

**9:00 am-4:30 pm**

#### **Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden**

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Registration fee: \$25 (includes lunch and workshop materials)

Throughout history, water has transformed cultures and landscapes. And across faiths, water plays a role in almost every sacred text. On November 19, 2013, faith and conservation leaders from across the Commonwealth will come together to consider and strategically discuss water quality through the lens of faith, and together, our discoveries will act as not only a catalyst for greater mutual understanding, but also the forging of salient partnerships, as we collectively work together toward a saved Bay. During Living Waters: An Interfaith Summit we will:

- reconnect with the wonder of water;
- explore how sacred texts from different faiths call us to be stewards of our waters;
- examine how environmental health and interfaith communities can work together toward a common goal of restoring local rivers, streams, and ultimately our Chesapeake Bay;
- discover resources to inspire our congregations and communities to move forward to protect and restore our waterways; and

- build connections across faiths to sustain advocacy for living waters.

### Upcoming Events

- November 15: 3rd Potluck, Family Game Night, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
- November 16: Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up, 10:00 am
- November 17: Congregational Meeting, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary
- November 24: Rainbow Potluck, 12:30 pm, Fahs House
- November 28: Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- November 28: Thanksgiving Dinner, 1:00 pm, Sanctuary
- November 29: Office Closed
- February 1: 25th Anniversary Celebration, Williamsburg Hellenic Center

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