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A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: 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

Theme-Being Thankful and Hanukkah

Children will gather in Fahs House for 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 to begin planning for the pageant on December 22.

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

Thursday, November 21

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

Sunday, November 24

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

Monday, November 25

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

Tuesday, November 26

- 7:30 pm, Board Meeting, Fahs House

Thursday, November 28 - Office Closed

- 1:00 pm, WUU Thanksgiving Dinner, Sanctuary

Friday, November 29 - Office Closed**Next Sunday: December 1, 2013****9:15 am-10:00 am****The Circle: Contemplative Worship****11:15 am****Worship****Rev. Jennifer Ryu****Share the Plate**

The entire plate collection on Sunday, December 1, will be donated to Housing Partnerships, a locally funded non-profit agency that provides vital housing repair services to very low-income individuals and families who are unable to help themselves due to sickness, disability, or lack of financial resources. Please be generous!

11:15 am Children's Programs

Spirit Play "Hide and Seek with God"

Bibleodeon "Jacob"

Popcorn Theology "Oh, God"

4:00 pm**YRUU****Lifespan Faith Development**

Children

Children's chapel is this Sunday, November 24th, and will include helpers Callie Newton and song leader Scott Varney. The theme will center on being thankful and Hanukkah (which begins on Thanksgiving Day this year). The children will learn about the Jewish holiday and create a napkin that they can use at Thanksgiving.

YRUU

On Sunday, the 24th, YRUU will meet at 4:00 pm at Parker to begin planning for the pageant on December 22 at 11:15 am. Mohammed Barbarji will not be present to speak about the Muslim religion, but will come in January. Teens will also begin thinking about dates to participate on a weekend with Williamsburg Housing Partnership. We also want to become part of the planning for the February celebration of our 25 year anniversary.

College Students

During Homecoming at William and Mary the Unitarian Universalist Circle led by Shane Frondelli and Michelle Barbeau sold decorated cookies to raise money for FISH. Their cookies were home-made and hand-decorated by the group, and they raised \$90.00 for FISH. Wayne Moyer accepted their donation with thanks.

Thanksgiving Dinner at WUU**Thursday, November 28 at 1:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

For the past several years, Rev. Jennifer has been hosting Thanksgiving dinner at WUU for people who would like to gather with their "other" family on this holiday. The minister will provide the turkey, and everyone else is asked to bring their favorite side dish to share. Register [Here](#) so that we can make sure there is enough turkey. You may also register by contacting the office at office@wuu.org or 220-6830 or the sign up form on the door in the Narthex.

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.

Building Our Future**Thank you, to all who voted last Sunday to proceed through Phase One of the Building Our Future Timeline.**

The next step is to raise the funds (approximately \$30,000) to hire an architect to provide design options and a UUA consultant to conduct a financial feasibility study.

Follow the process in the weekly *BOF Newsletter* (sent by email and available at www.wuu.org). To find newsletters and other BOF information on the WUU website, click on, "About Us," then click on

"Building Our Future."

You may contribute to the Next Steps Fund! Checks should be made out to "WUU." Please write, "Next Steps," in the memo line.

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.

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

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 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 if you can help.

Other News

25th Anniversary Celebration

Be sure to mark your calendar for our 25th anniversary celebration. It will be taking place on Saturday, February 1 at the Williamsburg Hellenic Center and is an all ages celebration! We will be looking for sponsors to help offset the cost of dinner tickets for those who might not be able to afford it--more information to follow.

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 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](#).

Upcoming Events

- 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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