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A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: December 1, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

11:15 am

Worship

"Argue Not Concerning God"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

Atheist and theist continue to defend their positions in the public square. Has the on-going debate brought deeper understanding of the other? Is there any benefit to arguing about God?

Eva Burke is today's Worship Associate, and the WUU choir will sing.

Membership Book

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 service, to sign the membership book.

Share the Plate

The entire plate collection this Sunday will be donated to **Housing Partnerships**, a locally-funded agency that provides vital housing repair services to low-income, sick or disabled individuals and families. A number of WUUs have volunteered many hours of labor to make our neighbors' homes more livable. For example, an on-going PIPE project (Providing Indoor Plumbing for Everyone) has greatly reduced the number of homes that still lack water and/or sewer service, but there is still work to be done. **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 will meet in Parker House and evaluate their results from an online test that helps a person analyze the different expressions of affection. Virginia Fuller and Stacey Felipe will lead the session.

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

Thursday, November 28

- Office Closed-Thanksgiving
- 1:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner, Sanctuary

Friday, November 29

- Office Closed

Sunday, December 1

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:45 am, Youth Choir Rehearsal, Fahs House
- 11:15 am, Worship "Argue Not Concerning God", Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House

Monday, December 2

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

Wednesday, December 4

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 5

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

Next Sunday: December 8, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"From Many, One"

James Gerald

How does our founding creed, E Pluribus Unum, offer a gateway for transcending our own political viewpoint?

11:15 am

Worship

"From Many, One"

James Gerald Progressive Libertarian View: how do we transcend our own conversations, our own viewpoint, in search of a more comprehensive political dialogue? Gwen and Richard Costello are the worship associates, and the Tabernacle Band is providing music.

11:15 am Children's Programs: All the children will be rehearsing for the "Follow Yonder Star" pageant in Fahs House.

4:00 pm

YRUU will see a video about bullying and have a discussion led by members of the Social Justice committee at WUU. Pat Hoppe and Stacey Felipe will be present.

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**The Building Our Future Committee is busy planning the architect selection process.**

Be sure to stay informed through the weekly *BOF Newsletter* (by email or online at: www.wuu.org.) Other information about BOF can be found on the WUU website by clicking on, "About Us," then clicking on, "Building Our Future."

We will provide updates on the process in the weekly *WUU Spiral*, as well.

To hire the architect and the UUA consultant (for the financial feasibility study) we must raise approximately \$30,000. You may be a part of this next exciting step by contributing what you can to the Next Steps Fund.

Checks should be made out to "WUU." Please add "Next Steps," in the memo line. Send contributions to the WUU Office or give them to Les Solomon, chair, BOF committee.

Contributions and pledges to the Next Steps Fund now total over \$21,000.

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:

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 28: Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed
- November 28: Thanksgiving Dinner, 1:00 pm, Sanctuary
- November 29: Office Closed
- December 19: Here We Go A-Caroling, 5:45 pm, Parking Lot
- December 20: Yule Sing & Potluck Dinner, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
- December 21: Winter Solstice: Drumming & Dancing, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary and Outdoors
- December 22: Follow Yonder Star: A Holiday Pageant, 11:15am, Sanctuary
- December 24: Candlelight Christmas Eve, 9:00 pm, Sanctuary
- February 1: 25th Anniversary Celebration, Williamsburg Hellenic Center

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