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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral November 7, 2013

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This Sunday at WUU: November 10, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"Gifts for a Better World: Compassionate Consumption"

Neill Wilson

11:15 am

"Compassionate Consumption"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

Even before all the Halloween candy had been eaten, retail shops were getting ready for the Christmas gift-giving season. To help us stay ahead of the game, Rev. Jennifer invites the congregation to consider practicing ethical consumption this holiday season.

11:15 am

Children's Programs

K-2nd Grade (Spirit Play) "The Green & Gracious Dragon"

3rd-5th Grade (Bibleodeon) "Abraham"

Middles (Popcorn Theology) "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier"

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

Thursday, November 7

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

Saturday, November 9

- 6:00 pm, Harvest Moon Auction, Sanctuary

Sunday, November 10

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:45 am, Youth Choir Rehearsal, Fahs House
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Children's Programs, Sanctuary/Fahs/Parker
- 2:00 pm, A Year to Live Class, Fahs House

Monday, November 11

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

Tuesday, November 12

- 2:00 pm, Board Governance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice-Session II, Narthex

Wednesday, November 13

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 14

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Men's Caregiver Support Group, Parker House

Next Sunday: 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

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.

WUU Auction News**The WUU Auction is this Saturday!**

This year's auction will be Saturday November 9th, 6:00-9:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and are selling fast! Our own Marion Wolfe is crafting the food again this year!

Buy tickets! The Auction is our biggest fundraiser and is important to the WUU operating budget's being able to include a lot of the things we consider important-RE, social justice, music!

You can view the auction catalog by clicking [here](#)

Covenant Group News**COVENANT GROUPS--Recruiting Facilitators Now!**

We're getting a late start with Covenant Groups this year due to our staffing shortage. As a result, we will be starting the covenant groups in January and running for just 6 months.

In order to have Covenant Groups, we need facilitators. If you have participated in prior groups, you are a GREAT candidate to be trained as a facilitator this year. Rev. Jennifer will conduct the training session, so you can be confident that you will be prepared to lead a group.

Training will be held on Thursday, November 21 at 5:00 pm--6:30pm. Click [here](#) to sign up or contact the office at office@wuu.org or 220-6830.

Please contact Rev. Jennifer if you want to know more about being a Facilitator. jennifer@wuu.org or 757-220-4692.

Lifespan Faith Development**YRUU News**

There will no meeting at Parker House of YRUU; everyone is invited to Warhill High to hear the Williamsburg Choral Guild perform Beethoven's Choral Fantasy and Mass in C Major beginning with a lecture at 3 pm and the concert at 4 pm. Cost: \$20.00

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 16th 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.

"A YEAR TO LIVE"

2nd Sunday's at 2:00pm-3:30pm, Beginning November 10, 2013**Ending June 8, 2014****Fahs House**

Rev. Jennifer invites you to spend the next eight months with her, exploring issues of life and death.

Following the book by Stephen Levine, we will "practice dying in order to appreciate our living." As a group, we will engage in spiritual exercises that will hopefully help us to reach the end of life with fewer regrets.

Please obtain the book if you can: "A Year to Live: How to Live This Year as If It Were Your Last" This would be a great time to use the Amazon link on the WUU webpage (http://wuu.org/wordpress/?page_id=2342). Our congregation receives a percentage of each sale if you use this link.

To register for this class, call the office (757-220-6830) or [sign up here](#)

Social Justice News**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 Scheduled!**

We'll do another **Green Sanctuary** cleanup of Ironbound Road on **Saturday, November 16**, 10 AM (weather permitting, as always). This will be our last outing of the year. We always welcome new recruits, so please come join our crew to enjoy the fresh air and company. We do need **pre-registration**, by emailing 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 if you know of a member of the Congregation in need of support, or if you are in need of support.

Other News

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.

WALT classes still available

The Williamsburg Area Learning Tree fall semester still has seats available in a number of the November/December classes. Check the listing and information at www.wuu.org/walt

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.

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

- November 7: Navigators Monthly Meeting, 6:30 pm, Fahs House
- November 9: WUU Harvest Moon Auction, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
- November 10: "A Year to Live" Class, 2:00 pm, Fahs House
- November 11: Veterans Day, Office Closed
- November 16: Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up, 10:00 am
- 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
- February 1: 25th Anniversary Celebration, Williamsburg Hellenic Center

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