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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral December 12, 2013

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This Sunday at WUU: December 15, 2013

9:15 am-10:00 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

"Broken Faith"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

11:15 am

Worship

"Broken Faith"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

After witnessing horrific events, it is understandable why people lose their faith. How can we experience tragedies without turning away from the essential goodness of life? The WUU Youth Choir will sing today.

Third Sunday Plate Collection

On the third Sunday of each month, our entire collection goes to help pay down one of our mortgages.

11:15 am

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

12:30 pm

Cafe Conversation, Sanctuary

What is the UUA's position on Gun Control?

4:00 pm

YRUU will rehearse their parts for the Christmas Pageant that is planned for December 22nd. They will gather costumes, props, etc. to be ready for the pageant.

This Weekend and the Coming Week [Click for entire WUU Calendar](#)**Thursday, December 12**

- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Fahs House

Sunday, December 15

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:45 am, Youth Choir Rehearsal, Fahs House
- 11:15 am, Worship "Broken Faith", Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm, Cafe Conversation "What is the UUA's position on gun control?", Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:30 pm, Board Meeting, Fahs House

Wednesday, December 18

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 19

- 2:00 pm, Board Governance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 6:00 pm, Christmas Caroling, meet in Sanctuary parking lot at 5:45pm to carpool to caroling locations.

Next Sunday: December 22, 2013**There will be no 9:15 service today****11:15 am**

"Follow Yonder Star: A UU Christmas Pageant" We enact the story of the three wise men, but from a slightly different angle, re-imagining the story to include their wives who also make the journey to Bethlehem.

11:15 am Children's Programs: All children will be taking part or watching in the "Follow Yonder Star" pageant in the Sanctuary

4:00 pm

YRUU will not meet today

Covenant Groups

Covenant Group Sign ups are underway If you are interested in any of our upcoming Covenant Groups please sign up in the Narthex on Sunday or contact the office at office@wu.org or (757) 220-6830. The deadline for signing up is December 29. The groups are:

- New UU Covenant Group (co-led by Jane Reilly and Emily Dabney)
 - 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 pm
- Compassion Deep Study Group (led by Kim Scholpp)
 - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
 - People entering the group do not need to have read Karen Armstrong's book, "12 Steps to a Compassionate Life" but is it a good starting point. There is a Study Guide on line: <http://ppo.ala.org/commonground/commonground/files/charterreadingguide.pdf>
- Men as Caregivers Group (led by Lee Hougen)
 - 2nd Thursdays at 7:00 pm
- Spiritual Journey Group (co-led by Glen and Melinda Morgan)
 - 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm

Social Justice News

FISH Needs

In December please bring a can of fish to church each Sunday and put it in the FISH wagon. Canned fish of any type, tuna, sardines, salmon (but probably not anchovies!) is well received and is one of the staples that FISH provides to people in need. Let's celebrate the holiday season by filling the FISH wagon with tons of fish!



Who got your gift?

Maybe a Haitian child drinks clean water today because you shared your loving gift with Guest at Your Table. After the immediate earthquake crisis passed, some help drifted away, but not UUSC. We are still busy helping build eco-villages of 10 dwellings, constructing potable water systems to serve the people who came after their homes were destroyed. UUSC works all over the world, including in our own country and the Philippines, to take care of people in distress. The help may be direct, as this example, or educational, to teach and encourage people in need how to help themselves. If you have not yet sent your gift, today would be a good day. Log on to www.uusc.org/guest to do it there, or write your check and mail it to UUSC Guest at Your Table, PO Box 808, Newark, NJ 07101-0808 (addressed envelopes available at church). Be proud to be a UU, helping spread peace over the earth through the UUSC!



Socks and Underwear Donations

In addition to food bags FISH also makes socks and underwear available to those in need. Their clients come in all sizes, ages and gender, so please pick up a few packages of socks and underwear the next time you are shopping and leave them for FISH in the Red Racer wagon by the rest room entrance. Wayne Moyer



Community of Faith Mission - Homeless Shelter

A minimum of 14 people plus cooks will be needed each of the 7 nights of the shelter, plus a crew for set up on the first and last days. So, there will be many opportunities to participate.

Our COFM team will be signing up volunteers in the narthex Dec. 8 and 15, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Feb. 2 and 9. Additionally Dave Banks and Stacey Felipe will be setting up on-line volunteering.

UU Legislative Ministry in Virginia Established

Representatives from Virginia UU congregations held their second meeting in Richmond to continue work on establishing a UU Legislative Ministry in Virginia. The group selected "Virginia Dream Act: in state tuition for DACA Recipients" as their signature issue for 2014. Contact our WUU representative, John Whitley for more information.



Rainbow Potluck

December 22 at 12:30 pm. 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.

Building Our Future

STAY CURRENT WITH BUILDING OUR FUTURE ACTIVITIES:

Read the weekly BOF Newsletter available by email or archived on the WUU website at: http://wuu.org/wordpress/?page_id=12569.

Next Steps Fund:

We are just a few thousand dollars away from our goal of \$30,000 for the initial funds needed to hire an architect and the financial feasibility consultant for the exploratory phase of the Building Our Future Timeline. All gifts, small and large, are appreciated. Checks may be made out to WUU with Next Steps Fund in the memo line. Send these to the WUU Office or place in a clearly marked envelope and drop in the collection plate on Sunday.

Recent BOF Actions;

Requests for Proposals have been sent to several architectural firms this week. Details are available in the BOF Newsletter, Issue #25 & 26.

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.

WUU 25th Anniversary Celebration

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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.

Yule Sing & Holiday Potluck Party



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 need folks to volunteer for the following jobs: ornament table helpers (3), set up potluck dishes as they arrive (2-3), Help in gift room (15-20), potluck cleanup (many), Provide gifts (new / gently used items for all ages) for children to give to their family members (lots and lots needed). You may sign up by clicking [Here](#) or contact Ellyn in the office 220-6830 or office@wuu.org if you can help. Gift items can be dropped off at the office (9am-2pm) or placed in the designated box in the library.

Other News

Winter Solstice Drumming & Dancing December 21, 6 pm Sanctuary/Outdoors

Bring drums and bells and noisemakers of all kinds and dance to the dark! All ages needed to bring back the light.

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

- December 15: Cafe Conversation: What is the UUA's position on Gun Control?, 12:30pm, Sanctuary
- 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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