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A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral December 5, 2013

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This Sunday at WUU: 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?

10:45 am Youth Choir Rehearsal, Fahs House

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.

12:30 pm New UU Brown Bag Luncheon, Fahs House

Bring a lunch and learn of ways to connect with all that is going on at WUU.

2:00 pm A Year to Live, 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.

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

Thursday, December 5

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

Sunday, December 8

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:45 am, Youth Choir Rehearsal, Fahs House
- 11:15 am, Worship "From Many, One", Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm, New UU Brown Bag Luncheon, Fahs House
- 2:00 pm, A Year to Live, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, December 9

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

Tuesday, December 10

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 11

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

Thursday, December 12

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Fahs House

Next Sunday: 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.

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 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.

WUU Tabernacle Band

Tabernacle Band this Sunday December 8. What is Tabernacle Band you say? It is WUU's intergenerational "no-fault" band. We try to play twice a year usually in December and then in spring or early summer. So get those instruments out of the closet and join us. There in ONE rehearsal at 10:15 on Sunday before we play at the 11:15 service. Jamie Bartlett makes the magic happen. Music is available at <http://tabband.weebly.com/index.html>

Click on the instrument(s) you play and print out your music. We especially encourage our younger musicians to join us. Need more info? Contact Jamie or Vicki Hall.

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!

COFM HOMELESS SHELTER UPDATE

The winter shelter will be held at WUU February 16-22. This year Stacey Felipe has crafted an on-line sign up sheet, which you will see soon. The key leaders will also be offering sign up on Sunday mornings. We had an amazingly successful shelter last year, with gratitude expressed by guests as well as volunteers. We at WUU are truly blessed to be part of this community wide, faith based initiative to feed and shelter our neediest neighbors. Please plan to participate.
Helen Hansen and Kathy Suslik, co-chairs

Building Our Future

To learn how the Building Our Future Committee is going about the process of selecting an architect for the exploratory phase, be sure to read this week's *BOF Newsletter* (sent by email or available online at www.wuu.org). Other information about BOF can also be found on the WUU website by clicking on "About Us," then clicking on "Building Our Future."

Over \$20,000 in contributions and pledges have been received in the Next Steps Fund. Approximately \$30,000 is needed to hire an architect for preliminary options and a UUA consultant to lead the financial feasibility study. Please consider making a contribution--large or small--and be part of this next exciting step at WUU. *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.*

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

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](#).

Brown Bag Lunch Discussion

Friday, December 6, 2013 from noon to 1:30 at the Williamsburg Baptist Church Annex, 227 Richmond Road.

This month's speaker is Delegate-Elect Monty Mason. Mr. Mason is a resident of the City of Williamsburg and a 1989 graduate of the College of William and Mary. The discussion will focus on the 2014 General Assembly session, his role as a freshman delegate and the issues of importance to All Together. All are welcomed.

Upcoming Events

- 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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