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The Spiral January 16, 2014

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This Sunday at WUU: January 19, 2014

9:15 am

**The Circle: Contemplative Worship
"Worker Rights"**

Rev. Jennifer Ryu, Worship Leader

We have an abundance of work to be done. How do we restate worker rights in order to distribute work fairly?

11:15 am

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

All Ages Service

"Working for a Living Wage"

On MLK Sunday, we remember that Dr. King was talking with striking sanitation workers in Memphis the night before he was assassinated. At the end of his life he was focusing his efforts on economic equality and justice for the working poor.

This morning we kick off our Common Read for the year by considering those who work to bring food to our table.

The UU Rhythmics provide music today.

Today is Mortgage Paydown Sunday where our entire collection goes to paying off our mortgage so that we can turn our attention to "Building our Future."

12:30 pm, Cafe Conversation-WV Mission Trip, Sanctuary

4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House

7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

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

Thursday, January 16

- 1:00 pm, Spiritual Journey Covenant Group, Fahs House
- 6:30 pm, New UU Covenant Group, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Beginning Meditation (offered through Lighthouse), Sanctuary

Friday, January 17

- 6:00 pm, 3rd Friday Potluck, Family Game Night, Sanctuary

Saturday, January 18

- 9:00 am, New Member Orientation-Session B, Fahs House
- 6:00 pm, COFM Fellowship Potluck & Training, Sanctuary

Sunday, January 19

- 9:00 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm, Cafe Conversation-WV Mission Trip 2014, Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, January 20**Office Closed-Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

- 10:00 am, The Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 1:00 pm, Building Our Future Meeting, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 21

- 6:30 pm, Compassion Deep Study Group, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex

Wednesday, January 22

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 23

- 7:30 pm, Membership Team Meeting, Activities Room
- 7:00 pm, Beginning Meditation (through Lighthouse), Sanctuary

Next Sunday: January 26, 2013**9:15 am****The Circle: Contemplative Worship****"Celebrating Abundance"****James Gerald, Worship Leader**

Abundance is not always a static state. How do we celebrate abundance in motion?

11:15 am**Preston Moore****"Getting the News from Poetry"**

News? From Poetry? Well, yes. The deepest imaginable good news. To take us on the spiritual journey for which we yearn, religion must make something new and strangely wonderful stir inside

us. Poetry has that power. Let us be about invoking it. The WUU Choir sings today.

11:15 am Children's Program:

K-2nd grade--"Moses & the Ten Commandments" (Spirit Play)

3-5th grade--"Moses II" (Bibleodeon)

Middles--" Heaven Can Wait" (Popcorn Theology)

12:30 pm, Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House

4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House

7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

WUU 25th Anniversary Celebration News

The final day to RSVP for WUU's 25th Anniversary Dinner is **this** Sunday, January 19. Tickets will **not** be sold after this date or at the door.

Our final count and dinner choices will be given to the caterer on Monday, January 20 so we cannot make any changes after Sunday.

You may RSVP a number of ways:

- Visit this [link](#)
- Call or email Ellyn in the office (757) 220-6830 or office@wuu.org
- Stop by the office 9am-2pm to purchase tickets
- Purchase tickets before/after the 11:15 service this Sunday

As a reminder tickets are \$25/adults \$12/youth (11-16), children 10 and under are free.

The dinner choices are as follows:

Vegetarian Spinach Lasagna
Vegan Dairy-Free Eggplant Parmesan
Omnivore Chicken Picatta

You do not need to have a physical ticket to attend as all registrations will be checked on a master list at the event.

Other Party News:

- If you would like to attend the birthday party on Feb 1 but need a ride, please call the office. A group of volunteer drivers will be happy to provide transportation to and from the party for you.
- What does one bring to a birthday party? A present of course!! What kind of present would a church appreciate?? The very best present we can think of would be to wipe out our current mortgages. So if you are so inclined, we will have a symbolic fire and a place to contribute to burning the mortgage documents. What a great gift!!!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ACT-SO Breakfast

Be sure to reserve a ticket for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. ACT-SO Breakfast, celebrating the life of Dr. King and recognizing the academic achievement of students in the Williamsburg-James City County and York County School Districts. WUU reserves a table of 10 for this event and tickets are \$40 each. Please join us at Williamsburg Lodge on Monday, January 20. The breakfast and awards ceremony begins at 9am and will end around noon. Contact Jessica

O'Brien as soon as possible at newjb2001@hotmail.com or 810-7859 to reserve your tickets.

Social Justice News

FISH Needs

Help warm bodies and spirits by bringing cans or cartons of soup to WUU for FISH each Sunday in January.

Demand Action to End Gun Violence

Mayors Against Illegal Guns is sponsoring a vigil in Richmond Monday, Martin Luther King Day, Jan 17 to protest Gun Violence. Please try and attend to show your support for efforts to reduce gun violence in America.

[Click here to RSVP for the 21st Annual Vigil & Advocacy Day in Richmond.](#)

What: Vigil to remember gun violence victims followed by visits to legislators' offices

Where: Bell Tower at 9th & Franklin Streets, Richmond, Virginia

When: Monday, January 20 at 2:00 PM

At 3:00 PM, after the vigil, we'll move inside the General Assembly building to speak with legislators about efforts to reduce gun violence. It's critical that our elected representatives hear directly from constituents like you so they know we're counting on them to be leaders on this issue.

Community of Faith Mission Homeless Shelter

WUU will be hosting the shelter Feb. 16-23, our biggest social justice project of the year.

Please sign up at this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA4AD28A0FE3-cofm>

or after the second service Jan. 12, 19, or 26.

Donations are also welcome to be used for new clothing, laundry, or gas cards.

All volunteers and people interested in volunteering are invited to a potluck Saturday.

January 18 from 6-8 PM.

We will be providing tips on being good hosts, explanation of rules and procedures, and training by each shift leader. It should be a fun and informative evening, Please contact Ellyn in the office if child care will be needed. If you are unable to attend the training potluck, our leaders will be providing training at 10:40 January 19 and 26.

Contact sjchair@wuu if you have any questions or comments. We look forward to working together to help our neediest neighbors.

Come with us to Richmond on 1/21!

Join Rev. Jennifer and our WUU SJ Leaders who will be traveling to Richmond on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 to take part in the Day for All People. We'll be joined by other UUs from the newly formed UULM-VA Group at this Virginia Interfaith Center sponsored event. This is your chance to interact with our legislators on important issues, Registration is required by January 17. Contact Helen Hansen, David Wilcox, or John Whitley for more information.

We'll meet at WUU at 7 am and carpool to the Greater Richmond Convention Center for a day of fellowship, education and advocacy. The morning will include a welcome address and policy briefings, after which we will walk over to meet with our Senators and Delegates, and watch committee hearings and the floor sessions. We will then return to the Convention Center for lunch and an afternoon speaker.

Since space is limited and online registration is required, please register using this [link](#) before 1/17 and let also us know at sjchair@wuu.org that you'll be coming with us so we don't leave you behind!

For more information about the day, you can find an [agenda online here](#)

2014 WV Mission Trip

Join the WUU Mission/Service Trip to West Virginia this Summer. Think you might be interested in joining other WUUs on our Summer Service Week in West Virginia? August 3-9 is our week. With leadership from Appalachian South Folklife Center, we will all work together to improve the lives of residents in the Pipestem area of the state.

Join us this Sunday, January 19th, for a short conversation on the project with past volunteers and bring your questions. It's not too early to reserve a space and make your plans. Remember, teenagers over 13 are very welcome to join the week. This is a great opportunity for adults and young adults to do real service work. Jessica O'Brien, coordinator

WUU is Hosting a Film at the Kimball

In partnership with the NAACP and All Together, WUU has worked to bring "[Inequality for All](#)," to the Kimball Theatre from 1/25 to 1/30 at 6:30 & 8:15pm each day. We will follow up this powerful film about income inequality with a forum in February that will help start conversations about how economic inequality impacts our entire community and what we can do about it. We are making an extra push to have lots of WUU members at the showings on 1/25 in the screening room and on 1/30 in the main auditorium. Please mark your calendar and join us!

UUA Common Read - Beyond the Kitchen Door

WUU is participating in the Unitarian Universalist Association Common Read of "Behind the Kitchen Door." We're reading the book now and will be getting together on February 23 at 2pm to discuss the book and consider the insight it gives us into this important part of Williamsburg.

30 Days of Love

The Thirty Days of Love is a period from 1/18 to 2/16 of intentional action, service, education, and reflection to focus on this essential work. Will you commit to join us on this spiritual journey for social justice? Check the [Standing on the Side of Love](#) website for more information.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) News

The high school youth will meet at 4 in Parker this Sunday, the 19th, and will see a History Channel DVD on ANGELS and their presence in Muslim, Hebrew, Christian, Zoroastrianism, Egyptian, and Greek-Roman religions. The History Channel offers all sides of the debate surrounding these mythical, mystical, ethereal entities. Pizza night, too! Bring a drink of your own.

Parents as Spiritual Teachers

Parenting Group

WUU members Tamra Elim-Durden and Suzanne Cavalier-Dorsett will be the facilitators of a parenting support group that will meet monthly with the first meeting to be held on Sunday, January 26 at 12:30pm in the Sanctuary. Lunch and child care will be provided

During sessions, the focus will be on effective parenting and families bonding and communicating through the spirituality of their choice. But most importantly we will be individualizing the needs and issues of each parent in the group. If you have any questions please contact Tamra at tamra.e@cox.net.

Building Our Future: Step by Step (BOF)

Exciting BOF News!

The BOF Committee has received three proposals from local architects. Be sure to check the BOF newsletter for details! [Click Here](#)

"The Material Worked by Poetry"

**SPIRITUALITY PROGRAM OFFERED
BY JENNIFER RYU & PRESTON MOORE
January 27 & 28 (choose 2pm or 7pm section), Fahs House**

"The Material Worked by Poetry"

The literary giant Harold Bloom says that consciousness is to poetry as stone is to sculpture: it is the material worked. What might happen if you submitted yourself to being shaped, worked on, in this way? If you want to find out, come to a program of being with poems and sharing they affect us. No literary criticism. Just the poems and one another.

This is a two-session class on Monday, January 27 and Tuesday, January 28. To maximize accessibility of the program, there will be two times offered, one in the afternoon (2pm to 4pm) and another in the evening (7pm to 9pm). Participants who can attend the afternoon section should try to do so, in order to make it possible for others who work during the day to attend in the evening section. [Please sign up Here](#) or contact the office at office@wuu.org or 220-6830. Facilitators: Revs. Jennifer Ryu and Preston Moore.

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**3rd Potluck**

Join us this Friday at 6pm in the sanctuary for our monthly 3rd potluck (family game night theme). This is a fun, family friendly event. Bring a dish to share and your favorite game to play.

Artists, Writers, Musicians

--an invitation to participate in this April's "Celebration of the Earth Through the Arts." As WUU commemorates its 25th Anniversary Year, the definition of "the arts," is expanding. Check the February WUU Newsletter for details.

Upcoming Events

- January 17: 3rd Potluck, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
- January 19: Cafe Conversation-West Virginia Mission Trip, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary
- January 26: Rainbow Potluck, 12:30 pm, Fahs House
- January 26: Parents as Spiritual Teachers, 12:30 pm, Sanctuary
- January 27: Our Whole Lives Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm, Parker House
- February 1: 25th Anniversary Celebration, Williamsburg Hellenic Center

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