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## Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

**A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community**

### The Spiral January 2, 2014

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#### This Sunday at WUU: January 5, 2014

**9:15 am**

**The Circle: Contemplative Worship**

**"The Abundance of Now"**

**Eva Burke, Worship Leader**

How do we, in a community of such spiritual overabundance, focus on the here and now, focus on the next step in our own journey?

**11:15 am**

**An All-Ages Worship Service**

**"Does This Faith Make My Soul Look Fat?"**

**Rev. Robert Coats** We live in a consumer age and a consumer society. We can tend to sometimes make decisions based on what's the fastest and easiest instead of perhaps what's the ideal. In our culture are we consumers or practitioners of spirituality, faith, and religion? Do we apply the same marketing principles to matters of spirituality, religion and faith as we do our other consumer choices? Is it possible in a culture of great abundance to also have an overabundance of easy, fast, disposable spirituality, faith and religion?

- Today's Share the Plate Collection goes to Bacon Street--an outpatient center serving individuals and families who are dealing with substance abuse and mental health issues.
- The Membership Book is open today for those who have completed the New UU Orientation sessions or are transferring membership from another UU congregation.

**12:30 pm**

**Prospective Teacher, LFD Informational Meeting, Fahs House**

**4:00 pm**

**YRUU, Parker House**

Guest speaker Catherine Hauke, a professional percussionist, will speak about Pagan and Earth Religions

**7:00 pm Insight Meditation**

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

**Saturday, January 4**

- 3:00 pm, UURhythmics Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Sunday, January 5**

- 9:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm, Prospective Teacher and Parent Educational Religious Ed Meeting, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

**Monday, January 6**

- 10:00 am, Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 5:30 pm, Building Our Future Meeting, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, January 7**

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

**Wednesday, January 8**

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday, January 9**

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Men as Caregivers Group, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Beginning Meditation (through Lighthouse), Sanctuary

**Next Sunday: January 12, 2013****9:15 am****The Circle: Contemplative Worship****"The Self-Fulfilling Prophecies of Scarcity and Abundance"****Nan Hart, Worship Leader**

How do you conversations, both internal and external, dictate outcomes?

**11:15 am****An All-Ages Worship Service****"The Self-Fulfilling Prophecies of Scarcity and Abundance"**

**Rev. Andrew Millard** When it comes to money and other limited resources, it's natural to act out of a sense of scarcity, whereas it takes intention and effort to adopt an attitude of abundance. Such behaviors, however, are not so much reflective of the availability of resources as they are predictive of them. So when it comes to funding our Unitarian Universalist mission and ministry, to live the promise of our liberal religion, how do we move from scarcity to abundance?

Rev. Andrew Clive Millard has served as minister to the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula in Newport News since 2010. Swapping pulpits this morning with Andrew, Jennifer is preaching at UUFP.

**11:15 am Children's Programs:**

K-2nd Grade (Spirit Play)--"Weight of a Snowflake"

3rd-5th Grade (Bibleodeon)--"Moses I"

Middles (Popcorn Theology)--"Bruce Almighty"

**12:30 pm New UU Brownbag Lunch, Fahs House**

**2:00 pm, A Year to Live, Fahs House**

**4:00 pm, New Member Orientation-Session A, Fahs House**

**4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House**

**7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary**

## 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.



### Community of Faith Mission - Homeless Shelter-February 16-23

We will begin signing up volunteers after services in January. On-line registration can begin any time. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FA4AD28A0FE3-cofm>

Last year almost everyone participated in some way:

- Volunteering for one or more shifts.
- Making food to deliver to the church.
- Donating money at the Christmas Eve service or any time with the notation COFM shelter.
- Donating a service or entertainment for our guests.
- Anything else you would like to do to make our guest's stay comfortable.

Thank you for participating in this important social justice mission.

Helen Hansen and Kathy Suslik, chairs

### The Day For All People

Please join other UUs from the newly formed UU-VA-Advocacy 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 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. Transportation will be available to and from the General Assembly Building for those who are unable to make the walk. Parking is also available at the Convention Center for \$6 so please consider carpooling with a friend. Additionally, buses will be coming from Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia.

**Space is limited and online registration is required by January 17th.**

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

### **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.

### **Lifespan Faith Development (Religious Education)**

The YRUU (high school youth group) donated \$80.00 to the Heifer Project as their Holiday gift to the world; thanks go out to Stacey Felipe, Virginia Fuller, Nathaniel Johnson, Autumn Elim-Durden, Evan Varney, and Pat Hoppe for the generous gift to the Heifer project. The money was donated to buy chicks and chickens for a family; the members of YRUU and their gifts are helping to heal a world where food and animals that help provide that food is needed; thank you to the folks at YRUU!

### **Building Our Future: Step by Step (BOF)**

#### **Building Our Future Goal Met**

Thanks to 39 households (representing 70 members and friends) for helping us take the next big step to build our future. We have more than \$29,000 in the Next Steps Fund with additional pledges for \$1,300 so we can complete the rest of the exploratory work.

Les Solomon  
Chair, Building Our Future

### **Stewardship**

#### **Stewardship Moment**

The WUU Annual Fund pays for WUU operations - salaries for our dedicated minister and staff, other costs of WUU operations, our mortgage payments, our social justice work, and other work of the congregation.

Through your generosity last year, we raised over \$322,000 for the current year. This year's annual fund goal, based on the three year budget adopted by the WUU Board, is \$331,000. The funds pledged and paid will allow us to cover approximately 80% of WUU operating costs for the July 2014-June 2015 year.

You will hear more about how to make Annual Fund pledges over the next month. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Stewardship Committee. Thank you for your ongoing support of WUU!

Peter Mellette, Stewardship Committee Chair

### **"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](mailto: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](mailto: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



**Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists  
25th Anniversary Celebration Dinner  
Saturday, February 1, 2014  
5:00 pm**

- A Family - Friendly Event!
- Special Guests: Randy Becker, Jim VanderWheele, Eileen Karpeles, Roy Reynolds, and Preston Moore.
- Vegan, Vegetarian & Omnivore dinner options
- At The Williamsburg Hellenic Center, 4900 Mooretown Road, Williamsburg

Tickets \$25/person; \$12/children 11-16; No Charge/children under 11  
Please don't let finances stop you from attending. Contact Ellyn or Rev. Jennifer for discounted tickets at [office@wuu.org](mailto:office@wuu.org) or 220-6830.

RSVP by filling out the Reservation form online: [www.wuu.org](http://www.wuu.org) or [Here](#)  
Send checks for tickets to the WUU Office, or buy them after services on January 5, 12, & 19.

Deadline for Reservations: January 15th  
Deadline for Payment: January 19th

### Other News

#### **New Member Orientation, January 12 and 18**

If you are a newcomer or visitor and would like to learn more about Unitarian Universalists, WUU and its activities and its ministries, please join other like-minded individuals for our next orientation session. The first class of the two session program is held on **Sunday, Jan. 12, from 4:00 - 6:00** with the second part offered on the **following Saturday, Jan. 18, from 9:00 - 1:00**, with lunch included. Both classes are held at Fahs House. Childcare is available if requested by Jan. 6. Please register at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/january2014orientation> or sign up at the Visitors' Table. Membership representatives staffing the Visitors' Table will be happy to answer questions.

### Join the WUU Mission/Service Trip to West Virginia this Summer

Think you might be interested in joining other WUU's on our Summer Service Week in West Virginia? August 3-9th 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.

On Sunday, January 19th, come 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

### 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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