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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral January 9, 2014

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This Sunday at WUU: January 12, 2014

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

"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

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

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

Saturday, January 11

- 1:00 pm, Board and Ministry Team Leaders Meeting, Fahs House
- 3:00 pm, UU Rhythmics Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Sunday, January 12

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Children's Program, Begin in Sanctuary-then to Fahs and Parker Houses
- 12:30 pm, New UU Brown Bag Luncheon, 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

Monday, January 13

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

Tuesday, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

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

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 (through Lighthouse), Sanctuary

Next Sunday: January 19, 2013**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

"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."

11:15 am Children's Chapel: Plant Tree

All Ages will be in Children's Chapel the entire hour.

Please go directly to Fahs House.

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 HOMELESS MISSION

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.

We will need lots of volunteers, especially since the shelter has been at capacity (25 people) several times at other locations, and February is typically our coldest month.

Please consider signing up for a shift or two, setting up on both Sundays, making food, or providing service or entertainment. Donations are also welcome to be used for new clothing, laundry, or gas cards.

We are looking for one special volunteer to lead the overnight shift group, which involves training and reminding folks before their shifts. 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 Elyn in the office if child care will be needed.

If you are unable to attend the training potluck, our leaders will be providing training between services 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.

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

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.

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)

Building Our Future Goal Met

The goal of \$30,000 has been exceeded in the Next Steps Fund! Many thanks to the more than 40 giving units (representing 75 members and friends) who made it possible for the BOF Committee to proceed with the rest of the exploratory work which involves selecting an architect to do preliminary design work and contracting with the UUA financial consultant. By the end of January the BOF Committee will have reviewed proposals from various architectural firms. A recommendation of the selected architect will be made to the Board at its meeting on January 28.

Les Solomon
Chair, Building Our Future

"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.

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 or 220-6830.

RSVP by filling out the Reservation form online: 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

Help Wanted

Electronics Troubleshooting Help Requested

It has come to our attention that the FM system (which hard-of-hearing people use to hear better during services and other events) is a bit, shall we say, flaky. It buzzes and hums when it should amplify, shuts off entirely, and makes noises when we jiggle the wires in the Sound Room. This has led us to suspect (hope) that the problem might be as simple as an intermittent short or bad connection somewhere in the system.

If you are a person who can take a look at this, perhaps inspect and clean some of the connections, and whatever else it is that people do as a "first pass" to uncover and fix this kind of problem, please let us know. I'm working with John Trindle to try and get this done so I (and others) can hear in church. Please contact Kathi Mestayer at kwren@widomaker.com.

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.

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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