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A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral February 20, 2014

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This Sunday at WUU: February 23, 2014

9:15am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship, "The Old Testament Covenant"

Charlotte Lorentson and Rev. Jennifer Ryu, Worship Leaders

What was God's contact with the Israelites? What did they owe God? What did God owe them? How does this, if at all, translate into your personal spiritual relationship?

11:15 am

"WUU: Community or Congregation?"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

People in the UU world have been talking about our future "beyond congregations." Are we a movement or a denomination? What does it mean to be a UU outside of a church building? How does our being a covenantal, rather than a creedal body, affect our response to these questions?

11:15 am Children's Program K-2nd (Spirit Play) "Learning by Heart"

3rd-5th Grade (Bibleodeon) "Women in the Bible"

No Popcorn Theology Today--OWL for registered class participants

3:00pm

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

3 pm sharp, leave for Laser Quest trip and return to Parker by 9 pm.

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

Thursday, February 20

- 6:30 pm, New UU Covenant Group, Parker House

Sunday, February 23

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary

- 12:30 pm, Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House
- 2:00 pm, Book Discussion "Behind the Kitchen Door", Fahs House
- 3:00 pm, YRUU will meet at Parker House and carpool to Laser Tag in Midlothian
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, February 24

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

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 27

- 1:00 pm, Spiritual Journey Covenant Group, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Membership Team Meeting, Activities Room

Next Sunday: March 2, 2013

9:15 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship

Eva Burke, Worship Leader

11:15 am

All-Ages Worship Service

"The Problem With Being Right"

Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt

It isn't easy when opinions we hold dear are challenged. It is even less easy when such challenge reveals we have been wrong. This Sunday we will explore the need to be right, how it can be a barrier to growth and justice, and what it might feel like to let that need go.

11:15 am **OWL for registered class participants** at Parker House

4:00 pm

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU)

Meet at Parker House

Stewardship News

ANNUAL APPEAL CONTINUES TO REPORT GOOD RESULTS, BUT WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU

As of Monday, February 17th, we have received \$202,610 in pledges from 87 pledging families. So as of three weeks after kickoff, we have 61% of our goal. Thanks to those who have stepped up to participate to date. However, we still need to hear from over half of the individuals and families who have pledged in the past.

We would like to complete the pledge appeal soon so that our Board can plan next year's budget. For the next three Sundays, your Stewardship Committee will have a table set up in the Narthex to distribute pledge packets and collect pledges. Check the Narthex monitor for weekly progress and view the updated list of donors on the Stewardship table.

YOUR PLEDGE PROVIDES OVER 80% OF THE WUU BUDGET AND HELPS US MEET OUR MISSION.

QUESTIONS?

Please ask a Stewardship Committee member or either Ellyn Stephens or Suzanne Huddleston in the WUU Office.

THANKS IN ANTICIPATION OF YOUR CONTINUED - AND WHERE POSSIBLE INCREASED -SUPPORT

Peter Mellette, for the Stewardship Committee

Social Justice News

FISH Needs

Share warm feelings by bringing in "warm comfort" food - soups, mac & cheese, hot chocolate (some sugar free) each Sunday in February for our donation to FISH.

Community of Faith Mission Homeless Shelter

The COFM winter shelter is happening this week at WUU. We have had between 21 and 24 guests each night. Our many caring volunteers have made the guests feel welcome. The donations of food and money have made the hospitality exceptional and our key leaders have kept it all organized. Thank you WUU and Temple Beth El for a terrific shelter week.

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.

Lifespan Faith Development (LFD) Religious Education

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Building Our Future: Step by Step (BOF)

Exciting times ahead! Guernsey Tingle Architects have been introduced and have already met with WUU Leadership. GTA facilitated a visioning session with leadership to help build a foundation for the Master Planning Process. Details, including plans for next week's focus groups--and more--can be found in the [BOF Newsletter Here](#).

Caring Committee News

Note from Mike McGiffert

Hi! I'm connecting, not because I need any special cheering up or moral support, but because I've

been lodged, on an ongoing basis, at WindsorMeade and don't get around much any more. The quarters are pleasant--large living room, two bedrooms, fully equipped kitchen--and I'd be happy to show them off to UU friends and acquaintances. Phone remains the same: 229-3239. I'm on the second floor--apt. A-216. Come up and see me sometime! You'd be very welcome!

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

Name Tags

The has been a bit of confusion regarding name tags. Here is the latest and greatest...New name tags were printed and given out to folks that attended the WUU 25th Anniversary Celebration on February 1. The "old" name tags are currently in alphabetical order in the nursery and will be moved to the racks before services this Sunday.

Any member wishing to have the "new" style name tag should contact the office at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org. A sign-up list will also be available in the Narthex at the visitor's table. If you have a question or misspelling please contact the office. Thanks!

Celebrating the Earth Through Art in April!

Participation in the 5th Annual Green Sanctuary, "Celebration of the Earth through Art" is being expanded! To mark the 25th year since WUU was chartered, we are inviting the writers and composers in the congregation to participate along with our visual artists.

Sponsored by Green Sanctuary and the Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group, this exhibit grew out of our effort to become an accredited Green Sanctuary Congregation. The theme is based on our 7th UU Principle, "respect for the interdependent web of all existence." This event is open to WUUs of all ages. A detailed information sheet and registration form can be found [here](#).

Registration forms must be received in the basket in the Narthex by Sunday, March 16. Work should **not** be turned in until Sunday, March 30 (in the Library).

Third Annual Tidewater Cluster Gathering in March

Can we get 25 WUUs to attend the regional UU gathering in March?

Reserve Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. for a day with our seven cluster congregations from central and Eastern Virginia. A special highlight: the keynote and a workshop from Jim Key, former dynamic president of the SE District (who led the district through our name change) and now newly-elected moderator of the UUA. Leaders from the seven congregations are offering workshops through the day, and after lunch a hymn-singing will occur.

Reservations will be online through the UUFP--stay tuned for more information.

Upcoming Events

- February 16-22: COFM Homeless Shelter Week
- February 23: Rainbow Potluck
- February 23: Book Discussion "Behind the Kitchen Door"
- March 14: Social Justice Supper and Film Night
- March 29: 3rd Annual Tidewater Cluster Gathering

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