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This Sunday at WUU: March 2, 2014

9:15am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship, "I Want To Be Loving"

Eva Burke, Worship Leader

We all want to be loved, but above all, our most heartfelt wish is to love, deeply and universally. Realistically, though, there are times when this seems like an unreachable ideal. What then? How can we express ourselves, genuinely and skillfully, when showing overt love doesn't work?

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.

Share The Plate

This Sunday the Share the Plate Program will donate the proceeds to the Navigators USA sponsored by our congregation. Navigators USA is a nationwide scouting organization committed to providing a quality scouting experience available to all children and their families, regardless of gender, race, religion, economic status, sexual orientation, or social background. The local Navigators Chapter 36 held its first excursion in January 2013. Leaders Greg Caldwell and Dan Moore (both WUU members) believe that the Navigators fill a real need in the greater Williamsburg community for an inclusive scouting experience. The chapter's first year was successful and exciting things are in store for 2014. The group meets in the Fah's House on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30, and also conducts monthly outdoor excursions. For more information, please contact:

Dan Moore - danartmo@yahoo.com

Greg Caldwell - greg.caldwell@cox.net

11:00 am, OWL for registered class participants, Parker House

4:00 pm, Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU), Parker House

This Weekend and the Coming Week [Click for entire WUU Calendar](#)**Sunday, March 2**

- 9:15 am, The Circle: Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm, UURhythmics Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, March 3

- 10:00 am, The Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 4:30 pm, BOF DB, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 4

- 2:00 pm, Board Governance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 5:30 pm, BOF Focus Group, Activities Room
- 6:30 pm, Compassion Deep Study, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex

Wednesday, March 5

- 5:30 pm, BOF Steering Committee Meeting, Parker House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 6

- 6:30 pm, Navigators Monthly Meeting, Fahs House
- 6:30 pm, New UU Covenant Group, Parker House

Next Sunday: March 9, 2013**9:15 am****The Circle: Contemplative Worship "Loving The Unlovable"****Rev. Jennifer Ryu****11:15 am****All-Ages Worship Service****"Loving The Unlovable"****Rev. Jennifer Ryu**

We begin our month-long reflection on love by considering those who are the hardest to love. Rev. Jennifer is seeking one or two people to share your stories in a 3-minute "From the Heart" about loving when loving is hard. Natalie Miller Moore has offered to help coach those who would like some extra help. Please send an email to Jennifer @ wuu.org if would like to share a bit of yourself.

11:00 am OWL for registered class participants at Parker House**4:00 pm Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) Meet at Parker House****[Stewardship News](#)**

DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL APPEAL - YOUR PLEDGE IS IMPORTANT

Is it your turn? For the last month, we have heard inspiring messages from Ben Puckett, Katharine Fournier, Jennifer Ryu, and Catharine Laarhoven on why they chose to pledge.

As of Monday, February 24th, we have received \$222,250 in pledges from 100 pledging individuals and families. So, 4 weeks into the appeal, we have 67% of our goal. For the 2013-14 pledge year we had 180 families and individuals contribute. So we still have yet to hear from over 40% of the congregation and would like to complete our work in the next few weeks.

For the next 2 Sundays, your Stewardship Committee will have a table set up outside the sanctuary to distribute pledge packets and collect pledges. If you have not already done so, please stop by before or at the end of the service to pick up your personal packet and make your pledge.

PLEDGING IS EASY

You can complete the pledge form in the packet or you can go online to the WUU home page and use the fillable form to complete your pledge.

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

Remember that your gifts help WUU thrive and bless the world. Thank you.

Peter Mellette - on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

Social Justice News**FISH Needs**

March is canned veggie month for FISH: On all March Sundays, let's bring in several types of canned vegetables.

SJ Supper and Film Night

March 14, Join us for a light supper at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a documentary entitled, "Deep Down: A Story from the Heart of Coal Country." Reservations must be received by March 9 on the signup form on the SJ table in the narthex or by email to sjchair@wuu.org.

Community of Faith Mission Homeless Shelter

Thank you WUU for putting our UU principles into practice. You made it possible for 32 of our neighbors to have a warm bed and delicious meals while sheltered in our "home".

Building Our Future: Step by Step (BOF)**GTA Meets with Focus Groups this week!**

Question: Why are these groups small in number? Are there other opportunities for input into the discussion of design needs and options?

Answer: The BOF team will be available on Sundays, wearing special identification badges. Look for us! We want to hear your concerns and answer your questions.

Follow the ongoing process in the [BOF Newsletter Here](#).

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

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.

* **Cost: \$15.00 before March 15, after 3/15 \$20.00. Pay with credit card or check**

* **Register online at:** http://www.uufp.org/Tidewater_Cluster/third_annual_tidewater_cluster.htm

Upcoming Events

- March 14: Social Justice Supper and Film Night
- March 21: 3rd Potluck
- March 29: 3rd Annual Tidewater Cluster Gathering
- March 30: Rainbow Potluck
- April 5: WUU Art Reception

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