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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: March 30, 2014

9:15 am The Circle: Contemplative Worship
"When Shame Gets in the Way"
 Rev. Jennifer Ryu

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Sometimes the hardest person to love is the one staring back at us in the mirror. Can we face our imperfection, vulnerability and shame and learn to love the "stranger who has loved you all your life?" (from "Love After Love" by Derek Wolcott)

- **Middles-- 11:00am** OWL for registered participants (Parker House)

11:15 am, Children's Program:

- K-2nd grade-- Lesson Title: "Journey to the Underworld" (Spirit Play)
- 3-5th grade-- Lesson Title: "Jesus the Teacher" (Bibleodeon)

12:30 pm, Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House

4:00 pm, YRUU--will meet in Parker House to watch the movie "Contact" and plan a worship service/cafe conversation around the ideas of science and faith.

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

Thursday, March 27

- 1:00 pm, Spiritual Journey Group, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Membership Team, Activities Room

Sunday, March 30

- 9:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm, Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, March 31

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

Tuesday, April 1

- 6:30 pm, Compassion Deep Study, Fahs House

Wednesday, April 2

- 5:30 pm, BOF Financial Feasibility Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 3

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

Next Sunday: April 6, 2013**9:15 am****The Circle: Contemplative Worship "Wakefulness"****Rev. Jennifer Ryu****11:15 am****"Buddha is Awake, Are You?"****Rev. Jennifer Ryu**

When people asked the Buddha, "are you a prophet? are you a teacher? are you a healer?" he said, "no." When they asked, "are you a god?" he said, "no." "What are you?" they asked. And the Buddha replied, "I am awake."

11:15am Children's Program

- Spirit Play (K-2nd), Jewish Passover
- Bibleodeon (3rd-5th), Jesus' New Ideas
- Middles (6th-8th), No OWL, see the movie "Contact"

The April 6 Share the Plate Collection will go toward the Lackey Free Clinic, a faith-based medical mission providing healthcare to the citizens of Williamsburg, JCC, Poquoson, and York County who live under 200% of the national poverty line. The medical professionals involved are volunteers who provide specialty care to the chronically ill and primary care for others, as well as medicines. The guest speaker will be Jerry Hartigan. Please be generous.

Mandala**Mandala Coming to WUU April 6**

Sand mandalas are a tradition of Tibetan Buddhist monks and use symbols to heal; monks typically spend eight years training in sacred geometry before participating in their art of mandala making.

Caroline Hardy, WUU member and professor at Thomas Nelson Community College, is a mandala facilitator and yoga instructor with 500 hours of preparation and training.

The sanctuary will be open from 4-6:30pm, Monday, April 7-Friday, April 11 to view the creation of the mandala. The Williamsburg community is invited to add to the mandala on Monday and Tuesday, April 7 & 8, from 4-6:30pm.

Martha Kiger, mentor to Caroline Hardy and a Unitarian Universalist from Asheville, NC, will join WUU for the final ceremony known as the 'dissolution' on April 12th at 2:30pm

Building Our Future

Last Sunday's Congregational Work Session with the Architects from Guernsey Tingle brought out about one hundred WUU's. Architects reviewed what they've heard in the focus groups. Details of Sunday's meeting (March 23) can be found in the *BOF Newsletter* [Here](#)

Celebrating The Earth Through Art

Thirty-five WUU's will display their original visual, written and musical art in the sanctuary from April 1 through May 4. **A reception on Saturday, April 5 at 7 pm** is an opportunity to view the art and meet the participants. Hear some of our amazing writers and musicians share their work.

Note to registered artists, writers, musicians - all work is due in the WUU Library by Sunday, March 30. Be sure your name is attached to the back of all visual art pieces. Written works must be placed in the folder on the library table. If other arrangements must be made, contact Donna Stanford.

New chair arrangement - to protect the visual art in the sanctuary and to provide space for viewing for the month of April, a new chair arrangement will be in place. Groups using the sanctuary are asked to protect the art work when re-arranging the space. Thank you!

Stewardship News

THE ANNUAL APPEAL ENDS SOON

WUU needs everyone who benefits to lend a hand by making a pledge. The appeal will end in the next week, if we are able to hear from those of you who have made a pledge in the past (or are new members) and have not made a pledge yet.

As of Thursday, March 27th, we have received approximately \$284,426 in pledges from 148 pledging individuals and families. So, we have 86% of our goal. For the 2013-14 pledge year we had 180 families and individuals contribute. So we still have yet to hear from many past donors.

PLEDGING IS EASY

You can complete the pledge form in the packet or you can go online to the WUU home page (www.wuu.org) 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 (Dave Banks, Priscilla Caldwell, Allen Cooke, Martha Elim, Chris Faia, Ruth Hopkinson, Jennifer Ryu (ex officio))

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.

Rainbow Potluck

Our next rainbow potluck is this week, Sunday March 30 at 12:30pm in Fahs House. Bring a dish to share and join a welcoming group of LGBTIQ, family members, friends, and other straight allies who gather together to share good food and supportive friendship. If you have any questions please get in touch with Bobby Oliver at slimstar at hotmail.com.

Caring Committee News

Please contact them 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**POETRY, ANYONE???????**

Bob Turvene and Bev Baldwin have scheduled three afternoons to get together with others to read and share poems that have spiritually inspired us. Everyone attending will be asked to contribute a poem or poems. This program was inspired by the poetry reading class held by Preston Moore and Jennifer Ryu In February. Those attending the two classes expressed an interest in continuing to read poetry together. If you are Interested or have any questions please email me at rbaldwin@widomaker.com. Our first gathering will be Tuesday, April 22nd 2:00 to 3:30 pm at Fahs house. Our other two sessions are scheduled for May 20 and June 24th. Please contact me by April 15th if you plan to attend. Happy reading everyone!!!!!! , Bev Baldwin

Attention Gardeners!

The WUU raised bed garden will be starting up as soon as the weather warms-perhaps even by St. Patrick's Day. Susan Walkley will again act as unofficial coordinator to assign beds and set up a watering schedule. I will be on call to offer encouragement but for advice think about attending the Master Gardener's Grow It and Eat It class on vegetable gardening. This basic class will be held in the JCC Community Center on March 29, 2014, from 9:00 until 11:30. It is open to the public and preregistration is not required. Wayne Moyer

Upcoming Events

- March 29: 3rd Annual Tidewater Cluster Gathering
- March 30: Rainbow Potluck, 12:30pm, Fahs House
- April 5: WUU Art Reception, 7:00pm, Sanctuary
- April 6-11: Mandala Creation, 4-6:30pm, Sanctuary
- April 11: Social Justice Dinner and Climate Change Program, 6:30pm, Sanctuary
- April 12: Mandala Dissolution Ceremony, 2:30pm, Sanctuary
- April 12: Memorial Service for Virginia Kory, 4pm, Sanctuary

- April 16: Lunch Book Discussion Group, 12:00pm, Fahs House

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