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A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral March 6, 2014

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Reminder: Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2:00 am Sunday morning, don't forget to "spring forward" an hour on Saturday night or you will miss services on Sunday

This Sunday at WUU: March 6, 2014

9:15 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship "Loving The Unlovable"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

11:15 am

"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 you would like to share a bit of yourself.

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

11:15 am Children's Program:

- **K-2nd Grade (Spirit Play) Lesson Title "Child Dedication"**
- **3-5th Grade (Bibleodeon) Lesson Title "Johan"**

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

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

Thursday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 8

- 12:00 pm , Board Retreat, Fahs House

Sunday, March 9

- 9:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm, New UU Brown Bag Lunch, Fahs House
- 2:00 pm, A Year to Live, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House
- 5:00 pm, UURhythmic Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, March 10

- 10:00 am, The Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary
- 8:00 pm, DRE Search Committee, Parker House

Tuesday, March 11

- 7:00 pm, Worship Team, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex

Wednesday, March 12

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 13

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 1:00 pm, Spiritual Journey Covenant Group, Fahs House

Next Sunday: March 16, 2013

9:15 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship "And the Greatest of These"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

11:15 am

"And the Greatest of These"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

...is Love. We don't see things clearly sometimes. We stumble in the dark and in the haze waiting for the light to come or the fog to lift. Until that time comes, what will hold us steady? Faith? Hope? Love? The ancient ones say that Love is the greatest of these. Is this true? Can love conquer all and save us from suffering?

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

11:15 am, Children's Chapel "Hinduism/Buddhism: Mandalas" (children should proceed directly to Fahs 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

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**Book Discussion Group**

Come share a meaningful book discussion and a "bring your own bag lunch" once a month with other WUU's including Jennifer. We will be meeting on the 3rd Wednesday @ 12:00 Noon for approximately one hour in the Fahs House kitchen. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, March 19th and the book we have chosen to start with is: God is Not One: Eight Rival Religions that Run the World - by Stephen Prothero (available inexpensively from Amazon). There is room for 20 people and we have 6 people already - first come, first serve. Please respond to Ellen in the office if you are interested - Cheers from your 3 Co-Leaders, Carolyn Wilson, Donna Davenport & Nancy Carnegie.

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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