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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral April 10, 2014

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This Sunday at WUU: April 13, 2014

9:15 am

The Circle: Contemplative Worship "We are of the Earth"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

11:15 am

"Lo the Earth Awakes Again"

All-Ages Worship (45-minutes)

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

Our annual Earth Day celebration is a worship service for all ages, full of stories and music. We gather to remember that we are of the Earth, and we awaken ourselves to the consequences of that fragile relationship.

11:00 am, Middles-OWL for registered participants, Parker House

12:15 pm, Meet the Minister, Library

12:30 pm, Parents as Spiritual Teachers, Fahs House

12:30 pm, Secret Friends Luncheon, Sanctuary

2:00 pm, A Year to Live, Fahs House

4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House

7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, **Fahs House**

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

Thursday, April 10

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

Friday, April 11

- 6:30 pm, Social Justice Dinner and Program on Climate Change, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 12

- 9am-noon, Spring Grounds Clean-Up Day, Meet at Fahs House
- 2:30 pm, Mandala Dissolution Ceremony, Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm, Memorial Service for Virginia Kory, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 13

- 9:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
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- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, **Fahs House**

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

- 6:30 pm, Compassion Deep Study, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex

Wednesday, April 16

- 12:00 pm, Lunch Book Discussion Group, Fahs House
- 6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 17

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

Next Sunday: April 20, 2013**9:15 am****The Circle: Contemplative Worship "Easter Sunday"****Rev. Jennifer Ryu****11:15 am****"Paradise: Here and Now: UU Easter Sunday"****All-Ages Worship (45-minutes)****Rev. Jennifer Ryu**

This all-ages Sunday begins with Pancake Breakfast and is followed by an Easter Egg Hunt. In between we have music and stories from Persephone to Jesus, as we rejoice in the power of renewal and rebirth.

- Middles--No OWL Today
- No YRUU

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Next Sunday, April 20th is our annual pancake breakfast and Easter egg hunt (for children Pre-K-5th grade.

The pancake breakfast will take place in Fahs House at 10 am and **volunteers are needed** to help cook, serve, and clean up. Please contact Ellyn in the office at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org.

Please bring your eggs (plastic, filled with candies or small toys ...or real eggs...) to donate to the hunting cause to Pat Hoppe and David Benson who will be stationed in the foyer before and after services on April 13.

Social Justice News

FISH Needs

Help out your neighbors by bringing in some pasta and canned sauce each Sunday in April for our donation to FISH.

April 11, 2014 Climate Reality, The Science and What You Can Do

"How can there be global warming when it's so darned cold?"

Through videos and photos from around the world, we'll examine the causes of global warming, climate change, and how they affect the weather and our lives. Pat Okerlund, from Chesapeake, VA, was trained and certified last year in Chicago by former Vice President Al Gore to give his Climate Change Presentations that he gives all over the world.

A light dinner will be provided a 6:30 PM, followed by the presentation from 7:15 - 9 PM. Please RSVP for dinner at sjchair@wuu.org. Brought to you by the WUU and the [Williamsburg Climate Action Network](#).

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation May 4 and May 10

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, May 4, from 4:00 - 6:00** with the second part offered on the **following Saturday, May 10, from 9:00 - 1:00**, with lunch included. Both classes are held at Fahs House. Childcare is available if requested by April 28. Please register at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/may2014orientation> or sign up at the Visitors' Table. Membership representatives staffing the Visitors' Table will be happy to answer questions.

Celebrating The Earth Through Art

CELEBRATING THE EARTH THROUGH ART

Twenty-two visual artists, ten writers and one musician/composer, contributed to the fifth annual "Celebration of the Earth through Art." Their work brightens the Sanctuary throughout the month of April. Take a moment at some point to read, enjoy and reflect on the work of our many creative WUU's. A beautiful book of original poetry and prose can be found on the podium up front near the Spiral. Sculpture can be found on the chancel platform.

Visual Artists: Ellen Busching, Ann Jo Cosgrove, Rebecca Delbos, Lucile Kossodo, Beverly Levinson, Evelyn McKenney, Kathi Mestayer, Melinda Morgan, Beth Pepper, Shirley Roby, Dulcinea Russell, Lynn Savoie, Louis Seyler, Donna Stanford, Anne Stevens, Debbie Taber, Regina Thek, Megan Tschannen-Moran, Patricia Wells, Elizabeth Wilkins, Lisa Williams, Pat Winter

Writers: Gillian Dawson, Mary Magoon DeLara, Sharon Dorsey, Louise Hamilton, Patricia Hoppe, Vanessa Jones, Mac Mestayer, Beth Shamaingar, Carol Sherman, William van Elburg

Musician/Composer: Glen Morgan

Appreciation to those attending the reception last Saturday--to enjoy the art work, sample some wonderful refreshments and listen to our poets read from their original writing. Glen Morgan's soaring, "Flight of Eagles," composition added a special component to the evening. Thanks to all who participated!

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.

Yard Sale News

Annual WUU Yard Sale

Friday, May 30 (5:00 till 8:00 p.m.)

Saturday, May 31 (8:00 a.m. till 12 noon)

Volunteer Sign-Up beginning Sunday, April 27th

[Click here for full-page flyer and a list of suggested donation items](#)

Donation Times: Drop Off at Church Sanctuary: Sunday, May 25 (after church service); Mon. through Thurs. (9 till noon and 5 till 8 p.m.); Fri. 9 a.m. till noon)

NOTE:

NO Clothing; NO Electronics; NO Perishable Food (except what is donated to Bake Sale), NO Mattresses of any kind

BAKE SALE: Need donated Brownies, Pies, Cakes, Pastries, Cookies all individually wrapped

Chairs: Ruth Hopkinson; ruthhop46@gmail.com (757-879-9080), Catherine Laarhoven; catnye75@gmail.com (508-801-3734), Jacqui Winther; moonhyme@aol.com (757-645-7941)

Other News

SPRING GROUNDS CLEANUP DAY

THIS SATURDAY 12 April 9-noon. Pizza to follow.

Plenty of Spring work on the grounds--come and bring gloves, clippers, rakes, wheelbarrows. Let's make the WUU campus bright and shiny for the season!

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup Scheduled!

We'll do our first-of-the-year **Green Sanctuary** cleanup of Ironbound Road on **Saturday, April 19**, meeting at the Fahs House at 10 AM (weather permitting, as always). This is part of our WUU celebration of Earth Day. We always welcome new recruits, so please come join our crew to enjoy the fresh air and company. We do need **pre-registration**, by emailing rbaldwin-at-widomaker.com.

Passover Seder, April 20 4-7pm

The UU Fellowship of the Peninsula is hosting a Passover Seder on Sunday, April 20 from 4-7pm. This family-oriented, UU-flavored Passover combines readings and music with traditional foods and a potluck, taking place in our Sanctuary building at 415 Young's Mill Lane in Newport News. For the potluck, please consider bringing "traditional" Seder foods: simply search on-line for "Passover recipes" and you'll find lots! We'll provide the traditional Seder plate items, including matzoh, charoset and grape juice. Please note: bread, pasta and beans are not considered "kosher for Passover", but rice is a suitable compromise for our purposes! Please RSVP at the following link: <http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/UUFPPassoverSeder5774>

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

Upcoming Events

- April 6-11: Mandala Creation, 4-6:30 pm, Sanctuary
- April 11: Social Justice Dinner and Climate Change Program, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary
- April 12: Mandala Dissolution Ceremony, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary
- April 12: Memorial Service for Virginia Kory, 4 pm, Sanctuary
- April 16: Lunch Book Discussion Group, 12:00 pm, Fahs House
- April 18: 3rd Potluck, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary
- April 19: Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up, 10:00 am, Meet at Fahs House
- April 20: Pancake Breakfast, 10:00 am, Fahs House
- April 20: Easter Egg Hunt (walking-5th grade), 12:30pm, Outdoors
- April 22: Poetry Class, 2:00 pm, Fahs House
- April 27: Rainbow Potluck, 12:30 pm, Fahs House

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