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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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New Director of Religious Education

WELCOME AUSTEN PETERSEN, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!

The Search Committee interviewed four candidates for our open position, and we are happy to announce that our top choice has accepted our offer. More details to follow.

In the meantime, please help me to thank the search committee: Rachel Delbos, Stacy Bolling, Susan Walkley, John Hochella, Pat Hoppe, and Linda Lane Hamilton. Every member of the committee picked Austen as the most qualified applicant and the best fit for WUU. We can't wait for you to meet her! --Rev. Jennifer

3rd Friday Potluck Cancelled

The 3rd Friday Potluck that was scheduled for 6pm this Friday has been cancelled.

This Sunday at WUU: April 20, 2014

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

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

Thursday, April 17

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

Friday, April 18

- 3rd Friday Potluck Cancelled

Saturday, April 19

- 10:00 am, Adopt A Highway Clean-up, Meet at Fahs House

Sunday, April 20

- 9:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am, Pancake Breakfast, Fahs House
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm, Easter Egg Hunt for Children, Outside
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, April 21

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

Tuesday, April 22

- 2:00 pm, Poetry Class, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:30 pm, Board Meeting, Fahs House

Wednesday, April 23

- 6:30 pm, Mission Trip Planning Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 24

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

Next Sunday: April 27, 2013

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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.

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 services.

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.

New Member Orientation

Pathways to Membership in WUU

There are 2 paths to membership in WUU. One is for those who have been a member of another UU community. Others must complete the 2-session WUU New Member Orientation. The sessions do not need to be completed simultaneously. Child care is available if requested in advance. You officially become a member of WUU by signing the Membership Book the first Sunday of any month.

In addition to learning more about Unitarian Universalism and WUU, the orientation will give you a chance to reflect on spiritual questions and meet a small group of people with similar interests. Rev. Ryu will lead the Sunday session.

For more information or to register, speak with someone at the visitors' table before or after services. Register online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/may2014orientation>.

Building Our Future (BOF)

WHAT ARE THE *BUILDING OUR FUTURE TEAMS* DOING NOW?

All is revealed in the latest edition of the BOF Newsletter!

Three core teams are now in place: **Steering Committee, Design/Build Team & Financial Feasibility Study Team**. To learn more about the exciting work of these core Building Our Future teams, please click [here](#).

Sunday, May 18: The Congregation will meet with Guernsey Tingle Architects for a presentation of GTA's first conceptual designs for possible campus and facility expansion.

Stewardship News

Pledge Canvas Results Announced

Thank you to the 176+ families who have contributed to raising at least \$311,000 toward our 2014-15 budget. With some contributions yet to come in, we expect to raise over \$320,000 for the next operating year beginning July 1, 2014. Our average pledge among those who have pledged is about the same as a year ago, and many individual gifts have increased. At the same time as we have lost a few long time generous members, we have gained a number of new pledging members. The Board's proposed operating budget for 2014-15 includes \$331,000 in pledges. I have made an additional gift to help reach that goal; I encourage those who have not pledged - or those who can do more - to join me.

The gifts you have made will help us meet our commitments to Jennifer and her staff and will support our social justice activities. Your ongoing connection to our congregation is a blessing to all of us. Please let the Stewardship Committee or Suzanne Huddleston (WUU Financial Assistant) know if you have any questions about your pledge.

With your gifts, you have helped WUU thrive and bless the world! Thank you!

Peter Mellette, for the Stewardship Committee (Dave Banks, Priscilla Caldwell, Allen Cooke (Board *ex officio*), Martha Elim, Christine Faia (immediate past chair), Joe Fisler, Ruth Hopkinson, Peter Mellette, Ben Puckett, Jennifer Ryu (*ex officio*))

Caring Committee News

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Anne Stevens' father, Kingsley Stevens. Please keep Anne and her family in your thoughts at this difficult time.

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; moonthyme@aol.com (757-645-7941)

Other News

Final Call for Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup!!

We'll do our first-of-the-year **Green Sanctuary** cleanup of Ironbound Road this **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>

WVA Mission Trip Meeting

Curious? Interested? Adults and teens welcome to come hear about and discuss our upcoming Social Justice project, August 3-9th, in the Pipestem area of West Virginia. We will meet at Fah's on Wednesday, April 23rd, 6:30pm for about an hour. Have questions? Contact Jessica O'Brien at newjb2001@hotmail.com

Williamsburg

Area Learning Tree (WALT)

Don't miss out on these great classes:

Natural History of Yorktown with Jerre Johnson

Thursday & Friday April 24, 25: 10: 15 am - 12:15pm

Watermen's Museum of Yorktown \$25

The Secrets of Historic Green Spring House with Roger Guernsey & Cary Carson

Thursday, May 22: 7-8:30 pm

Williamsburg Regional Library - Schell Room \$15

Learn More Online At: WWW.WUU.ORG/WALT

Online Registration with PayPal For more information call (757) 220-9975

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 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 23: Mission Trip Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm, Fahs House
- April 27: Rainbow Potluck, 12:30 pm, Fahs House

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