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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral April 4, 2014

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This Sunday at WUU: April 6, 2014

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"

12:30 pm, Cafe Conversation-Sand Mandala, Sanctuary

Join us after services to learn more about sand mandalas and to add to it yourself. Pizza provided--please RSVP to dlfd@wuu.org so that we may order enough pizza.

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.

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

Saturday, April 5

- 7:00 pm, Art Reception, Sanctuary

Sunday, April 6

- 9:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm, Cafe Conversation-Sand Mandala, Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm, YRUU-Sand Mandala, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 8

- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Fahs House

Wednesday, April 9

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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

Next Sunday: April 13, 2013

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

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

12:30 pm, New UU Brown Bag Lunch, 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**

Mandala

Mandala Coming to WUU This Sunday

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

Celebrating The Earth Through Art

CELEBRATING THE EARTH THROUGH ART: APRIL 1 - MAY 4

The Sanctuary, on Monday, was a buzz of activity as a team of twelve rearranged chairs, moved art work into the sanctuary, and organized it for display. While most were involved in sorting and positioning the visual art, two others were diligently trimming and matching the creative writing and music with appropriate background paper for the beautiful album, now displayed on the stand, up front, near the Spiral. Some poetry is also posted on the walls. The team attempt attempted to relate the written work with the visual. Look, also, for the children's book, illustrated by one of our own members. And check out the sculpture and ceramic art displayed in the chancel area.

The Exhibit Team: Linda Bergman, Ellen Busching, Emily Dabney, Susan Dexter, James Gerald, Louise Hamilton (album), Melinda Morgan (album), Beth Pepper, Shirley Roby, Lou Seyler, Donna Stanford, Lisa Williams.

RECEPTION AND PROGRAM - 7 PM SATURDAY, APRIL 5, IN THE SANCTUARY

An opportunity to view the visual art and to enjoy the poetry. Several of our poets will read their poems and we'll listen to original musical composed by a talented musician.

FOR A QUIET TIME TO VIEW THE EXHIBIT ON YOUR OWN...

The Sanctuary will be open to the WUU's and the public April 7 - 11, from 4 - 6:30 pm. This is an opportunity to read and reflect on the writings displayed, as well as the visual art. The primary reason the sanctuary will be open during that week is the ongoing creation of a sand mandala on display M - F. (Check this Spiral for more information on the mandala.)

Stewardship News

THANK YOU to all who have pledged financial support for the year ahead. Our total pledges and numbers will be published next week. If you are one of the few folks who have told us that you plan to pledge, and you haven't yet gotten around to it, you are encouraged to mail or email or telephone your pledge to the WUU office asap. This month, the Finance Committee will be preparing next year's budget, so your commitment now is important. Thank you for your support!

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](#).

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

- 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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