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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: May 4, 2014

****Note - It is May and we have begun our "Summer" schedule with one service at 10:00 am; don't miss it!****

10:00 am

"The Roots of UU Earth-Centered (Pagan) Worship"

All-Ages Worship (45-minutes)

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

At 11 o'clock this morning, we will celebrate Beltane, as we do every year on the first Sunday of May. How did Unitarian Universalists come to incorporate Pagan observances into our liturgical year? What is the connection between the UU Faith and earth-centered spirituality? And what does the word "pagan" mean?

Today during the 10am service, we will welcome everyone who joined the congregation in the past 6 months. Please take time to meet these new members over coffee and cupcakes.

11:00 am

All-Ages Outdoor Maypole Ritual

Liz Wiley

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for this outdoor celebration of May Day! We will gather on the lawn behind Parker House.

Weekly Calendar

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

- 9:30 pm, DBT Meeting, Parker House

Sunday, May 3

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:00 am, Beltane Maypole Celebration, Outside Behind Parker House
- 12:30 pm, Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, New Member Orientation (Session A), Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, YRUU (Highschoolers), Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, May 5

- 10:00 am, Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, DBT/GTA Meeting, Parker House
- 6:00 pm, FFT Meeting, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhish Meditation, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm, SC Meeting, Parker House

Tuesday, May 6

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

Wednesday, May 7

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 8

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

[View the entire WUU Calendar Here](#)

Next Sunday: May 11, 2014

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10:00 am "Three Mothers of Unitarian Universalism"

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10:00 am Children's Program (Children's Chapel):

- This Sunday the children will be celebrating brave women from the Bible and from contemporary American culture. We will see the story of Ester (from the Old Testament) who saved the Jewish people from extinction 400 BCE and we will discuss the ideas of courage in the face of authority. We will discover modern women of courage like Eleanor Roosevelt, Sojourner Truth, Sophia Lyn Fahs, Hillary Clinton, and Michelle Obama. When we discuss social justice issues, we will include the actions of these women to help us understand what kind of courage it takes to speak up in defense of children, the poor, the homeless. Music, crafts, and video are included in our morning together that begins promptly at 10:00 am in Fahs House; please bring children here first.

The Membership Book will be open for signing for members who are transferring from another Unitarian Universalist Congregation; or those who have completed both sessions of WUU's Orientation Classes.

May's Share-the-Plate: A New Recipient--**The NAACP Scholarship Fund**

Please be generous on May 11th when we take our Sunday Share-the-Plate collection for a local Social Justice group. The York-James City-Williamsburg Branch of the NAACP offers scholarships of \$1000 to deserving minority high school students every year. Depending on our total, our donation will endow one scholarship to help a student with college expenses. According to the Scholarship Application, "the scholarship will be based on academic excellence, letters of recommendation, an essay, participation in school activities, community service and NAACP Youth Council."

Social Justice

FISH

Please help fill the shelves at FISH with canned tuna and chicken each Sunday in May. Remember to check the "sell by" and "use by" dates on all donations.

Building Our Future

Congregational Workshop

Sunday, May 18 - immediately following the 10:00 service.

The architects from Guernsey Tingle will return to present their designs for a phased master plan of expansion reflecting the priorities expressed by our congregation in visioning circles and focus groups. The presentation will include 3-D building views. Details are in the BOF Newsletter. [Click here.](#)

Yard Sale News

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We are in need of many volunteers to make our annual yard sale a success. Please go to the following link and let us know how you can help:

[Click Here to Volunteer](#)

If you have any questions or trouble signing up please contact the office at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org

You may also contact the chairs of the Yard Sale: Ruth Hopkinson ruthhop46@gmail.com (757-879-9080), Catherine Laarhoven catnye75@gmail.com (508-801-3734), Jacqui Winther moonthyme@aol.com (757-645-7971)

[Click here for a list of items that we need and items that we can not sell](#)

Caring Committee

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

WUU Artists with work on display in the Sanctuary...

Once the congregation leaves the Sanctuary this Sunday morning (May 4), to proceed to the Maypole Celebration outside, all artwork will be removed from the walls and tables by a few exhibit elves. Your work may be picked up immediately after the indoor service or following the outdoor celebration. Work will be placed in the library for easy access. If you won't be attending this Sunday, please collect your work next week, or as soon as possible.

April's "Celebration of the Earth through Art," was enriched, this year, by the inclusion of poetry and music. Thank you, to all the artists and writers who participated. Many appreciative comments have been received about the exhibit and how much the poetry and music have added. Happily, the contributors to the Poetry Album (on podium near Spiral) have graciously allowed us to keep the album of their works, in tact. You will find it in the WUU Library, where you can read it at leisure.

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.

Music News

"Our wonderful WUU Choir takes a much-deserved break over the summer, but that doesn't mean the music stops! If you would like to share your musical gifts as an individual or group in one of our services during June or July, please speak with Jane Ferguson or email her at jane@wuu.org

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Upcoming Events

- May 4: Beltane Maypole Celebration, 11:00 am, Behind Parker House
- May 18: Congregational Town Hall Meeting with GTA, 11:15 am, Sanctuary
- May 25: Rainbow Potluck, 11:15 am, Fahs House
- May 26: Memorial Day, Office Closed
- May 30: WUU Annual Yard Sale, 5-8pm, Sanctuary
- May 31: WUU Annual Yard Sale, 8am-noon, Sanctuary
- June 8: WUU Annual Picnic, 3pm, Chickahominy River Front Park

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