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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: June 1, 2014

10:00-10:45 am All-Ages Worship

"Blessing the Community: Celebration of Volunteers"

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

Rachel Naomi Remen once described the difference between helping, fixing, and serving. Service is the core of the WUU Mission. It is the very purpose and reason for our congregation's existence. How is it different from helping or fixing?

There will be a cupcake reception in gratitude for all of our wonderful WUU Volunteers!

Membership Book Open

The membership book will be open for signing by those that are members transferring from another congregation and also for those that have completed both of the WUU membership orientation classes.

June Share the Plate – SpiritWorks Foundation

The Share the Plate collection on June 1st will be donated to **SpiritWorks Foundation Center for Recovery of the Soul**. The mission of this local agency is to help individuals and families sustain long term recovery from the disease of addiction, and to help children and

understanding of the chronic disease, equipping participants with effective recovery management skills and specialized recovery tools. To learn more, visit www.spiritworksfoundation.org.

To nominate an agency or learn more about the Share the Plate program, email stp@wuu.org

Weekly Calendar

Friday, May 30

- 5:00 pm, WUU Annual Yard Sale, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 31

- 8:00 am, WUU Annual Yard Sale, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 1

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Summer Arts for Youth Planning Meeting, Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm, YRUU (High School Youth), Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, June 2

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

Tuesday, June 3

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

Wednesday, June 4

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 5

- 10:00 am, Beginning Meditation, Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm, New UU Covenant Group, Parker House
- 6:30 pm, Navigators Monthly Meeting, Fahs House
- 6:30 pm, Mission Trip Planning Meeting, Activities Room

[View the entire WUU Calendar Here](#)

10:00-10:45 am All-Ages Worship
"Blessing the Graduates: Bridging Ceremony"
Rev. Jennifer Ryu

Today we bless our high school seniors: Robert Armstrong, Max Gerald, Chris Hochella, and Quinton Olson. We also take time to give special thanks to the people who volunteered in the children and youth programs this year.

Congregational Meeting

June 8th at 11:15, Congregational Meeting.

As our fiscal year comes to an end and a new one begins, the Minister and the Board President will be coming to you with information about what is planned for the coming year. The Assistant Treasurer will present the new 3-year budget and current status of our financial health.

After the half-hour or less of business, our Design/Build Team of Building Our Future will bring to you the latest information on possible building design, costs, and next steps in the process of considering expansion.

Please plan to attend. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.

WUU Annual Picnic

Annual Picnic

Mark your calendar and plan to attend WUU's Annual Picnic on **June 8** from **4-7pm** at **Chickahominy Riverfront Park**. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Veggie Burgers and Beverages will be provided. Please bring a potluck item to share. Activities include swimming and games and activities for all ages!

Please [RSVP HERE](#) so we can plan.

*******PLEASE HELP--We Need You and Your Grill*******

We are looking for a couple of folks with large grills that can be brought to Chickahominy Riverfront Park on June 8...the larger the better. Also needed are a 2-4 folks to serve as "grillmasters". Please contact the office if you can provide a grill or grilling services. office@wuu.org or 220-6830

Religious Education

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Beginning June 15th the children and youth of WUU will plan a **musical** to be presented on

planning.....the dancing....the coloring.....the dialog.....the props.....the costumes.....the music.....the rehearsing....the cutting.....the painting....the techie microphone stuff I know nothing about!

The good news is that we have a script!! VANESSA JONES HAS DONATED HER WONDERFUL STORY ABOUT Genesis.....and she has generously agreed to help out.....as have ten others.

If you would like to donate an hour on a Sunday morning....of your time or talent....please come to the meeting that is happening this **Sunday, June 1, at 11:15 in the Sanctuary.**and sign up for your day to help!

Call Pat Hoppe for more information: 757-220-6830.

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.

Gifts and Interests

The programs and initiatives at WUU would not move forward or be successful if it wasn't for Members and Friends getting involved with both their time and talents.

We have developed a new survey that we would like everyone to fill out (even if you have filled one out in the past). This survey will help us to determine where you would like to help and what "gifts" you would be willing to share with us. Please take a moment of your time to fill it out at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Gifts-Interests-Form>

We will also have paper copies available on Sunday.

Yard Sale News

Only two more drop off times for Yard Sale donations, Today, Thursday May 29 from 5-8pm and Tomorrow, Friday, May 30 from 9am to noon.

Don't forget to come by to get some great deals!

Annual WUU Yard Sale
Friday, May 30 (5-8:00 pm)
Saturday, May 31 (8:00 am - 12 noon)

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

Catherine Laarhoven catnye75@gmail.com (508-801-3734), Jacqui Winther moonthyme@aol.com (757-645-7971) with any questions.

Caring Committee

Help Needed

A member of our congregation is in need of some help. The work would be for 3-4 hours per day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and would be paid.

The work is fairly light and the gentleman is not very demanding. He is located in an apartment in New Town. Driving, preferably his car, to go shopping and the library is also included so a drivers license is necessary. If you are interested or have questions please contact returv@cox.net or 757-259-0398.

Please contact 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

Beltane Photographs

You may have noticed Linda House, a professional photographer, taking pictures at our Beltane service. This was for her new photography collection called "Faith." In her own words, "it contains images that I capture of religions in Virginia Beach and beyond. It displays cherished customs, sacred items and demonstrations of Faith. The goal is to portray the diversity of religions in the area and their collective, dedicated work to guide lives and lift people spiritually." (WUU's photos are on page 11 of her collection)

http://foxwoodphotography.smugmug.com/Religion/Faith/35447471_Ww4RXh/

Brene Brown Book Club

The WUU Brene Brown Book Club will kick off on June 11th and then meet every two weeks over the summer. We'll meet at 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Fahs House on Wednesday nights.

The book being read is called "The Gifts of Imperfection" by Dr. Brene Brown, who has written several other books, and we may take those up at some point in the future. If you haven't seen her popular TED talk, search for her name on YouTube, and she also has a column in O magazine.

Book group organizer, Natalie Miller-Moore, has started a Facebook group; please go to the following link and request to be added as there will be discussion on the site between meetings: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1441199506124197/>

Luau at UUFP

When: Saturday, June 7th, 2014 from 5-9pm

Where: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula

Tickets: adults \$20, children/youth \$10 (six years old and under free)

Enjoy delicious foods from the Hawaiian Islands and be entertained by Ohana Mau Loa, a Hula and Tahitian dance company

Dress in your favorite Luau outfit! Contact Joanne Dingus for more information

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- May 31: WUU Annual Yard Sale, 8am-noon, Sanctuary
- June 8: Congregational Meeting, 11:15am, Sanctuary
- June 8: WUU Annual Picnic, 4pm, Chickahominy River Front Park
- June 21: Summer Solstice Picnic and Celebration

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