

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: May 11, 2014

May 11, 2014 10:00 am "Three Mothers of Unitarian Universalism" Rev. Jennifer Ryu

On this Mother's Day, we lift up the lives of three women from our history: Olympia Brown (19th c.), Sophia Lyon Fahs (20th c.), and Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley (21st c.). They had great dreams for their daughters. What dreams do we hold today for our daughters--the women of tomorrow?

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.

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

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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."

Weekly Calendar

Thursday, May 8

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

Saturday, May 10

• 9:00 am, New Member Orientation (Session B), Fahs House

Sunday, May 11 (Happy Mother's Day!)

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Meet the Minister, Library
- 2:00 pm, A Year to Live, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary
- NO YRUU (High School Youth) Today

Monday, May 12

- 10:00 am, Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 2:00 pm, Board Governance Meeting, Fahs House
- 4:30 pm, BOF Meeting, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 13

- 7:00 pm, Worship Team, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex

Wednesday, May 14

• 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 15

- 4:00 pm, Beyond Fundraising, Fahs House
- 6:30 pm, New UU Covenant Group, Parker House
- 6:30 pm, BOF Preview, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Fahs House

Next Sunday: May 18, 2014

10:00 am "Salvation - UU Style" James Gerald, Worship Leader

By what are you saved, or is it salved? By what are you anointed by gentle hands? Made whole? Come join us as we tell our own UU Style Salvation stories.

10:00 am, Children's Program

- Middles-OWL for registered participants, Parker House
- K-5th Grade (Spirit Play), Mountains of Tibet, Fahs House
- 3rd-5th Grade (Bibleodeon), The Bible Today, Fahs House

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

Sunday, May 18, following the service, Guernsey Tingle Architects will present their master plan for possible expansion at WUU.

Stay up to date with BOF activities by reading the BOF Newsletter Here

Yard Sale News

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

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)

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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

Helping Hands Needed

We have had a wonderful donation of a household of items for our Annual Yard Sale--but we need helpers to sort, price, box and move this generous donation. Our next planned time to meet at this home in Queens Lake is tomorrow, Friday, May 9 at 10am. If you can help please contact one of our yard sale chairs for more information: Ruth Hopkinson ruthhop46@gmail.com (757-879-9080), Catherine Laarhoven catnye75@gmail.com (508-801-3734), Jacqui Winther moonthyme@aol.com (757-645-7971)

Upcoming WALT Class

Space is still available for you to sign up and enjoy this last WALT class of the season:

The Secrets of Historic Green Spring House

Discover the most recent research by Cary Carson & Roger Guernsey that changes dramatically our picture of Gov. Sir William Berkeley's mansion home at Historic Green Spring. View real time animations of the exterior as it evolved from 1645 through 1797 as they share the latest during this lecture. **Roger Guernsey & Cary Carson** teamed their research and understanding of historical architecture to develop a better understand of this local historic site. The class takes place on Thursday, May 22: 7-8:30 pm *at the* Williamsburg Regional Library, Schell Room on Scotland Street. The cost is \$15. Register online at www.wuu.org/walt or using a flyer in the narthex.

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 muscom@wuu.org. All instruments and voices welcome, and participation can range from one to several pieces for a service—your choice!"

Upcoming Events

- 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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