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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: August 3, 2014

10:00 am

"Tambien de Este Lado Hay Suenos "

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

Rev. Jennifer was invited to preach at SUUSI this year, and this is a version of that sermon. Dreaming of the Promised Land, immigrants sail the oceans, climb walls, and walk hundred of miles.

How do they help to create the Beloved Community that Unitarian Universalists are called to build?

Summer Arts Program for Children and Youth

Children will begin by sitting with their families in the sanctuary and will be sung out to their Religious Education class to rehearse The Bursting Bush and participate in a craft, Smile in a Bag.

Share the Plate

The Share the Plate collection on August 3 will benefit the Avalon Center for Women and Children, serving our local community. Avalon provides shelter and support to those experiencing domestic violence and sexual assault. By offering tools for safety, self-sufficiency, and empowerment, Avalon works to break the cycle of abuse and helps create a positive future for its clients. For more information on the Center, please visit www.avaloncenter.org. If you cannot attend the service, contributions may be sent to the WUU office (check payable to WUU, with Avalon in the memo line please).

Membership Book

The WUU Membership Book will be open to signing this Sunday (and the first Sunday of each month) for those who have taken the WUU Orientation courses and/or have transferred here from another UU congregation.

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11:15 am Café Conversation-Immigration

Please join us after service as we welcome guest speaker Jennifer Bickham Mendez.

Weekly Calendar

Thursday, July 24

- 10:00 am, Meditation, Sanctuary

Sunday, August 3

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Cafe Conversation-Immigration, Sanctuary
 - Guest Speaker, Sociologist Jennifer Bickham Mendez (The College of William and Mary)
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, August 4

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

Thursday, August 7

- 10:00 am, Meditation, Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm, Navigators Monthly Meeting, Fahs House

[View the entire WUU Calendar Here](#)

Next Sunday: August 10, 2014

10:00 am

"Searching for G-D"

Rev. Sherman Logan

God is a subject that many UU's would like to avoid. Non-theists don't find God language useful, while faithful theists often restrained from using the "G" Word. Why is there so much discomfort in talking about God in our congregations?

Social Justice

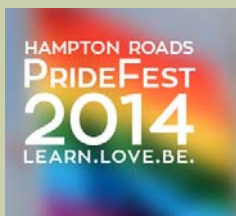


FISH (FISH is our local community's food & clothing pantry)

For August Let's fill the FISH wagon in the Narthex with easy to heat and eat meals such as Spaghetti Os, raviolis and macaroni.

Some of these meals in the individual portions are expensive, but children can heat and prepare them for themselves and they are a filling comfort food.

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Hampton Roads PrideFest

PrideFest, now in its 26th year, is the largest annual LGBT festival in Southeastern Virginia. PrideFest combines entertainment, vendors, and fun activities for all ages. PrideFest attracts thousands of visitors and brings together local residents, families, community leaders, civic organizations, and businesses to rally for and celebrate equality.

Admission is FREE and OPEN to everyone! WUU will be sharing a table with UUFP and UCNorfolk...join us!

To volunteer or for more information please contact Fred Gilbertson at fredgilbertson@msn.com, 757-253-2633

Religious Education News



Religious Education for Sunday

Everyone will begin Sunday in the sanctuary. Children may sit with their families and will be sung out to their Religious Education class to rehearse The Bursting Bush and participate in our craft, Smile in a Bag.

What is Smile in a Bag?

Smile in a Bag assembles and delivers activity bags to children who are caught up in the immigration dispute at the border. Each labeled activity bag contains a handwritten, brightly colored message card and or activities for a range of ages. This is a way of acknowledging that no child is an illegal person and that we all have the power to stand on the side of love. In the words of Mother Teresa: "We can do small things with great love."

Are you interested in learning more about this social justice issue?

<http://standingonthesideoflove.org/blog/dispatch-from-the-border-what-you-need-to-read-now/>

http://qctimes.com/news/opinion/mailbag/stand-on-the-side-of-love-for-refugees/article_37c3768b-e21b-56d1-aab9-8a7d7654f1c4.html

<http://standingonthesideoflove.org/blog/lessons-from-the-border/>

Caring Committee

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.

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Gifts and Talents Survey

We would love to get to know our congregants! To date less than 1/3 of our congregation has filled out our Gifts and Talents survey. This is very important information that we use in a variety of different ways (get togethers, planning, committees). We cannot determine what new programs and causes to support if we do not know where the interest is.

Please take a few moments to fill the form out if you have not yet done so. All are encouraged; even children!

[Click Here to Fill Out Gifts and Talents Survey](#)

Other News

Invitation to Ritual Cleansing/Re-Energizing of the Norfolk Church

The Unitarian Church of Norfolk (Unitarian-Universalist) CUUPS group is going to be hosting a ritual cleansing/re-energizing of our space on Friday August 15 from 7 to 9 pm. We will be smudging the building inside and with enough people we hope to encircle the church outside and blast it with good energy. We would like to extend the invitation to anyone from your congregation who wishes to join us in this effort.

If anyone has any questions, you can contact us at cuups@ucnorfolk.org

Brown Bag Books

The Lunch Book Club will have its next meeting on Wednesday, August 20 in the Fahs House from 12-1:30 p.m. We invite you to bring a sack lunch and join us! For August, we will be discussing *Living with a Wild God: A Non-Believer's Search for the Truth about Everything* by Barbara Ehrenreich. It's available on Kindle, and in paperback through [Amazon](#), and can be requested at the Williamsburg Regional Library.

WUU Photographs

Some of you might have noticed a young man darting around at different services snapping pictures. This is our WUU photographer, Bret Veverka. If you would like to see the pictures that he has been taking please visit: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/wuuchurch/>

WUU Photo Directory

Our Directory is still being worked on and more photos need to be taken. We will post more photography dates as they are confirmed.

To access our current directory visit this link: [WUU June 2014 Directory](#). This directory is password protected; if you don't know or have forgotten the username/password combination please contact the office at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org

Upcoming Events

- August 3: 11:15 am, Cafe Conversation-Immigration, Sanctuary

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- August 3-9: West Virginia Mission Trip
- August 9: 3:00 pm, Worship Workshop, Sanctuary
- August 20: 12 pm, Brown Bag Books (Lunch Book Club), Fahs House
- August 23: Noon-7pm, Hampton Roads PrideFest, Town Point Park-Norfolk
- September 19: United Way Day of Caring

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