



## Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

### The Spiral August 14, 2014

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#### This Sunday at WUU: August 17, 2014

**10:00 am**

**"Give Us Back the Ballot"**

**Rev. Sherman Logan**

In a 1957 speech titled "Give Us the Ballot," Dr. King spoke plainly about the imperative of equal voting rights. For Dr. King, the right to vote was sacred and foundational. He knew that unfair elections laws did not just hurt minorities or the working poor, they rendered hollow the very essence of American government.

It's a message that's still rings true today as it did then. The 49-year old Voting Rights Act has stood the test of time, but there are new obstacles to the ballot springing up in today's America. Voting rights for so many are under attack.

#### **Summer Arts Program for Children and Youth**

Children will go directly to Fahs House to rehearse "The Bursting Bush" which will be performed at the worship service on September 14.

#### Weekly Calendar

##### Thursday, August 14

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 10:00 am, Meditation, Sanctuary

##### Sunday, August 17

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

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### Monday, August 18

- 10:00 am, Gayle Henion Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 10:00 am, Membership Team Leaders Meeting, Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

### Wednesday, August 20

- 12:00 pm, Brown Bag Books-Lunch Book Group, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Thursday, August 21

- 10:00 am, Meditation, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Fahs House

[View the entire WUU Calendar Here](#)

## Next Sunday: August 24, 2014

**10:00 am**

**"Unfulfilled Dreams"**

**Rev. Sherman Logan**

Fifty –plus years after Dr. Martin Luther King made his " I Have A Dream speech; there are still places in our society, especially in our houses of worship, where Dr. King's dream of an inclusive society has remained an unfulfilled dream. Will the dream of Unitarian Universalist to become fully inclusive, multi-cultural faith come to fruition or will remain for some an "unfulfilled" dream?

## 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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PrideFest, now in it's 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 UJFP and UCNorfolk...join us!

To volunteer or for more information please contact Fred Gilbertson at [fredgilbertson@msn.com](mailto:fredgilbertson@msn.com), 757-253-2633

## **WUU's Garden**

Lily Bolling lent a helping hand in the garden and harvested some cherry tomatoes.



## **Caring Committee**

Please contact [caringchair@wuu.org](mailto:caringchair@wuu.org) if you know of a member of the Congregation in need of support, or if you are in need of support.

## **Pianist Position Open**

### **Farewell to Joelle**

After 15 years of providing outstanding music for our worship services, Joelle Griffin Russell has submitted her resignation. Joelle will be working to complete her counseling license requirements which will lead to full-time employment.

Joelle and her family will continue to be a beloved member of this community, and she will play for us as our regular substitute pianist. Joelle has generously offered a flexible end date to give us time to find a new pianist.

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## 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](mailto: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.

### Join the WUU Team for the United Way Day of Caring

Friday, September 19, 2014

Teams from throughout the Williamsburg area will spend a day giving back to the local community. Projects include landscaping, home repair, trail maintenance, painting, cleaning, organizing, and gardening. There will be a kick-off breakfast at 7:30 am at Legacy Hall with food, drinks, games, t-shirts, and entertainment for all the volunteers. Our WUU Team will go from there to our designated service project site. WUUs (and friends!) of all ages are welcome to come out and work together on this fun day!

To join the team, please contact Jess Hench at [jesshench@gmail.com](mailto:jesshench@gmail.com) or 804-339-3500.

## Upcoming Events

- August 20: 12 pm, Brown Bag Books (Lunch Book Club), Fahs House
- August 23: Noon-7pm, Hampton Roads PrideFest, Town Point Park-Norfolk
- September 11: 7pm, Laughter Yoga, Sanctuary
- September 19: United Way Day of Caring

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