



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: 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?

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.

11:15am Meet the Minister

Are you new to WUU? Have you met our minister (or summer minister)? Do you have a burning question to ask? Our minister, Rev. Jennifer Ryu, and our summer minister, Rev. Sherman Logan, will be in the library at 11:15 to meet and answer brief questions.

Weekly Calendar

Thursday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 9

- 3:00 pm, Worship Workshop, Sanctuary

Sunday, August 10

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- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Meet the Minister, Library
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, August 11

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

Tuesday, August 12

- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Sanctuary

Wednesday, August 13

- 6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Brene Brown Book Group, **Parker House**

Thursday, August 14

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

[View the entire WUU Calendar Here](#)

Next Sunday: 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.

Social Justice



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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.



Hampton Roads PrideFest

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, 757-253-2633

Worship Retreat

Worship Retreat
Saturday, August 9, 2014
3pm -- 5:30pm
Sanctuary

For current worship associates, and also for anyone who is interested in worship at WUU. All are welcome to attend this afternoon session. We will reflect on every aspect of our worship service, learning why we do what we do and how we can do it more effectively.

Caring Committee

Gwen Costello has entered the final days of her life. She is receiving hospice care at Memorial Regional hospital in Richmond. Her husband Richard, son and sister are with her. Please keep this family in your prayers and in your hearts.

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.

Pianist Position Open

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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.

In many ways, Joelle is irreplaceable! However, if you know of anyone who might be qualified for this 15 hr/wk position, please send them to this [Position Description](#).

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.

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 or 804-339-3500.

Upcoming Events

- 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 11: 7pm, Laughter Yoga, Sanctuary
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