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Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral September 4, 2014

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This Sunday at WUU: September 7, 2014

10:00 am "Water Communion: Return to the Well"

All-Ages Worship Service

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

A uniquely Unitarian Universalist ritual, the annual Water Communion service marks the beginning of a new congregational year. With a new Director of Religious Education and our building expansion plans, there is much to celebrate today. As we remember a summer of relaxation, we also acknowledge the tears that were shed for our families and our world.

Everyone will bring a small amount of water from home to represent your summer experiences and travels. We will merge those waters together, then take that water out into the Memorial Garden to remember the people we have lost this year.

Please remember to bring water from home for our ritual. After the service we will dedicate the newly remodeled Memorial Garden.

Share the plate Sunday, September 7

Literacy for Life will be the recipient of the collection plate the first Sunday of September. Literacy for Life has helped people with numerous individual goals, including studying for and passing the U.S. citizenship exam, obtaining a better job, learning to manage family finances, passing a driver's license test, effectively communicating with medical professionals, and helping children with homework.

Weekly Calendar

Thursday, September 4

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

Saturday, September 6

- 10:00 am, Play Preparation, Fahs House
- 10:00 am, Adopt A Highway Clean-up, Meet at Parker House

Sunday, September 7

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, September 8

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

Tuesday, September 9

- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Fahs House

Wednesday, September 10

- 6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 11

- 10:00 am, Meditation, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 6:30 pm, Sunday Team Meeting, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Laughter Yoga, Sanctuary

[View the entire WUU Calendar Here](#)

Next Sunday: September 14, 2014

10:00 am* "The Bursting Bush"

All-Ages Worship Service

***LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHEDULE**

WUU Children & Youth

Today, the children and youth will present this adaptation of the story of Adam & Eve found in the book of Genesis in the Hebrew Bible. Written by our own Vanessa Jones, this version is full of humor and thought-provoking ideas.

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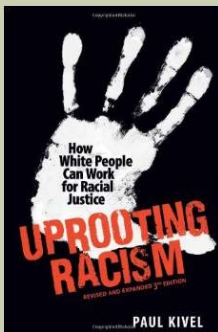
Social Justice



Highway Cleanup this Saturday

The WUU Adopt a Highway cleanup crew will be mustering at 10 am this Saturday, September 6 at the Parker House. We'll be cleaning up litter along a one-mile stretch of Ironbound Road that fronts our campus. Any last-minute volunteers? Email

rbaldwin@widomaker.com



Conversations on Race

"Ferguson, Missouri" conjures up scenes of riot-gearred police, protesters with their hands raised above their heads and political leaders calling for peace but blaming outside instigators. Is racism visible in these scenes or is it hidden? Who has the power and how is it being used? What constructive role can white people play? If you would like to discuss these questions and more within the safety of a group of UUs, please join Conversations On Race this fall. We will read and discuss *Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice*, by Paul Kivel. Stay after services on **September 7th** to learn more about this social justice initiative. (The book is available from Barnes and Noble or Amazon, and is an important read, even if you do not join the conversations.) Jessica O'Brien, John Whitley and Wayne Moyer.



Second Friday Social Justice Gathering

Come out to our mid-September Campfire on **Friday, September 12th at 7pm**. We'll sit outside as the sun goes down and entertain you with photos and memories from the West Virginia Social Justice service trip, live performances (if the kids are willing), a real campfire with campfire songs, and lots of s'mores.



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Thank you for your constant generosity; the need is great!

And a reminder, we will be collecting NEW socks and underwear for all ages later in the fall. You may see some sales and pick up now, as they are a little expensive.

BOF Important Upcoming Dates

Please mark your calendar to save the date and plan to attend these important meetings:

- **September 14:** Q&A for the Congregation. WUU leaders will be on hand to discuss a range of questions in preparation for the vote on the 21st

- **September 21:** Congregational Vote to proceed with phase 1

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.

Sunday Teams-Member Outreach

The Sunday Morning Teams are looking for volunteers to help with 1 service per month. We need 8 people to fill empty positions in our fall roster. It's a great way to meet and develop friendships within our community with only a minimal time commitment. Please call or email Linda Tang at lztang1@gmail.com or 757-645-4401.

Other News

Laughter Yoga Begins September 11 (no class on September 25)

Come get your funny on with Stacey Felipe, Certified Laugha Yoga Leader, in the Sanctuary every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7pm. Have you heard that laughter is the best medicine? Come find out why and play hilarious games. No requirement to be funny. Laughing reduces pain, risk for heart attacks, anxiety, depression, stress and inflammation. It improves happiness, confidence, creativity, mental clarity, and the immune system. The best part is witnessing the transformations and connections with people.

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The Third Wednesday Pathfinders Book Group

Our next book discussion will be on September 17 at noon in Fahs House. Bring a lunch and be ready to discuss "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven" by Sherman Alexie. We welcome new members and ideas of new books to read!

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

- **September 6:** 10am, Adopt A Highway Clean-up, Meet at Parker House
- **September 11:** 7pm, Laughter Yoga, Sanctuary
- **September 12:** 7pm, Social Justice Campfire, Sanctuary and Outside
- **September 14:** 11:00 am, Informational Session on design, fundraising, & finance, with discussion.
- **September 17:** 12pm, Third Wednesday Pathfinders Book Group, Fahs House
- **September 19:** United Way Day of Caring
- **September 21:** 10:15, Congregation meeting to vote on proceeding with Design of Phase One of Master Plan and a Capital Campaign

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