

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

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This Sunday at WUU: November 2, 2014

9:15am & 11:15am **Rev. David Hicks MacPherson** "Transforming The World"

Our Guest Minister this week is the Rev. David Hicks MacPherson, who has served our churches in Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. He is the Minister Emeritus in Richmond, VA.

Share The Plate

The Share the Plate collection for Sunday, November 2, will be donated to FISH. This well-known agency, with continuing support from WUU and many others, provides food, clothing and housewares for people in need after referral from other human services agencies. The all-volunteer staff also offers transportation to medical appointments. FISH always needs financial donations to buy new socks and underwear, to fill the food gaps on the shelves, and to pay the rent.

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Reminder The WUU nursery is staffed for both the 9:15am and 11:15am service

Weekly Calendar

Thursday, October 30

- 10:00 am, Meditation, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Social Justice Discussion, Compassionate Consumption, Fahs House

Saturday, November 1

4:15 pm, Harvest Gathering, Outside Fahs House

Sunday, November 2

- 9:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary
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Monday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 5

7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, Nobember 6

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

View the entire WUU Calendar Here

Next Sunday: November 9, 2014

9:15am & 11:15am

Rev. Kenn Hurto & Rev. Jennifer Ryu "Souls On Fire"

The Rev. Ken Hurto is the Southern Region's lead Congregational Life Consultant. He will draw on Elie Wiesel's book "Souls on Fire" to deliver an inspiring message as we begin our capital campaign.

Social Justice

Next Steps for Choosing Compassionate Consumption

On October 30 at 7pm in Fahs House, there will be a meeting of people concerned about the economic and safety conditions of restaurant workers. Many of you have read and discussed the book, Behind the Kitchen Door by Saru Jayaraman.

We now plan to make some decisions about the best way that we at WUU can get involved in the effort to change poverty wages, lack of earned sick leave and occupational segregation in the restaurant business in the Williamsburg following guidelines of the UUA and ROCU -Restaurant Opportunities Centers United.

Contact Melinda Morgan at minda5411@yahoo.com with any questions or comments.

Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle

The College of William and Mary invites you to attend a free seminar on the subject of the African American experience in Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary November 6 9:30-4:00. The seminar is free but registration is required: virginiahumanities.org/createdequal/, you can view the flyer here

Contact Helen Hansen helenfoxhansen@gmail.com if you are interested in carpooling to the college.

Winter Homeless Shelter

WUU will again be hosting the winter shelter. Our dates are Feb. 15-22. We will begin sign ups for volunteers in January.

We have had the benefit of the experience of our current key leaders for two years, but we invite others with a passion for the work to begin learning the tasks required to operate the shelter. At this time we are looking for co-chairs for these key leader positions:

- Volunteer sign ups
- Over-night shift
- Registration and check-in
- Over-all chair

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- AM Check Out

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The Shelves are Bare and Donations are in Great need at FISH (our local food pantry) For Fish during the month of October let's do breakfast items: cereals hot and cold (small to medium sizes) and individual boxes, juice, breakfast bars, pancake mix...non perishables items of course. Please look for the Red Wagon to put your items in.

Again this year, we will be collecting NEW socks and underwear (all sizes) for the holiday. Our church has always been a good friend to Fish and they continue to appreciate all of our contributions.

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Caring Committee

There will be a memorial service for Malcolm (Mac) Tremblay on Saturday, November 8 at 11 am in the WUU Sanctuary

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.

Building Our Future

The Capital Campaign Gala will be held at the Hellenic Center on Mooretown Road from 6-9 pm, Saturday, November 8.

Expect to see surveying flags and archaeological holes dug around the property before the end of the year! Why? The answer is in this week's BOF Newsletter, which also features an updated Timeline for WUU's expansion. Click here.

Other News

Harvest Gathering with the UU Garden Ministry

November 1, 2014 @ 4:30pm behind Fahs House

Come celebrate the end of the growing season, honor our beloved dead and help sustain solidarity gardens in Haiti. All ages are welcome to join us, but monsters, ghosts or other folk in costume or big hats will be particularly honored guests. Help turn the wheel of the year and prepare for the winter months with a brief service of music, poetry and planting bulbs. If you are so inspired, bring a favorite food of a departed loved one, a cereal/oatmeal for FISH and/or make a donation to **Lusc.org** (through Ellyn at office@wuu.org) to help sustain garden projects in Haiti. Join us for a cup of cider or go for a walk in the labyrinth after the service. **Please arrive at 4:15pm as we will be beginning promptly at 4:30pm.**

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Available Spots For Local, Guided Kayak Outing, Nov. 8th

Navigators USA, Chapter 36 (the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalist sponsored scouting organization) invites you to join us for our kayaking excursion on Saturday, Nov 8th. This is a great chance to get a guided (and subsidized) tour of creeks leading into the James from the nearby Eco Discovery Park – and to meet other members of our congregation (you don't need to be a Navigator!). Please see below for additional details about our two, simultaneous outings (one for children 8 and over and another for younger children).

Please RSVP to Greg Caldwell greg.caldwell@cox.net if you would like to participate (the sooner, the better, since we have a limited number of kayaks left) and identify which event (8 and over or 7 and younger), name of child(ren), name of parent/guardian (and if age 8 and over whether parent would like a boat).

For children age 8 and up (and adults): Venue: Eco Discovery Park at Jamestown marina Date and time: Saturday, Nov 8th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (about 2 hrs. on the water) Cost: \$4 per child, \$5 per adult Maximum attendees: 30 children and 10 adults

For children 7 and under:

Since the longer, guided tour above is for children 8 and older, we will have a parallel kayak event at Jamestown Beach http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/recreation/parks/jamestown-beach.html . We will bring our kayaks to share (let me know if you have one please) and then we'll give our younger attendees some basic instruction and then set them free in a safe, protected and shallow cove.

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Date and time: Saturday, Nov 8th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (or as long as you want to stay) Cost: Free!

Maximum attendees: no maximum assuming we share the kayaks

*****Rides Needed

Rides to the 11:15 Sunday service for the William and Mary students. Contact Austen at austen@wuu.org to sign up! We need people to pick up and Phi Beta Kappa and drop off at the same location after service.

New Member Orientation

For those new to UU, Orientation class has been postponed to November 10 and 17 In order to become a member of WUU, potential members new are required to attend before joining WUU. Those transferring from other UU congregations are invited to participate so as to learn about us and to make new friends. The class will be in the Fahs House 5:30-8:30 p.m. A light supper and childcare will be provided. Register either at the Visitor Table or Click Here. For answers to questions about orientation call Carolyn Greathouse at 757-903-4196.

Upcoming Events

- November 1: Harvest Gathering
- November 8: Memorial Service for Malcolm (Mac) Tremblay
- November 8: Building Our Future Gala Event
- November 11: Veteran's Day, Office Closed
- November 14: LGBTQ Movie "No Dumb Questions" and Potluck
- November 20: Transgender Day of Remembrance
- November 27: Thanksgiving Office Closed
- November 27: Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner
- November 28: Office Closed

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