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## Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

**The Spiral January 15, 2015**

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### This Sunday at WUU: January 18, 2015

**9:15am & 11:15 am**

**"Black Lives Matter: How to be a Good White Ally"**

**Rev. Jennifer Ryu**

**Religious Education:**

Lower Elementary: A Peaceful & Fair World

Upper Elementary: A Matter of Perspective

Middle School: Service is the Rent We Pay for Living

**4:00pm YRUU-MLK Recognition, Parker House**

### Weekly Calendar

**Thursday, January 15**

10:00 am, Meditation, Sanctuary

7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Fahs House

**Sunday, January 18**

9:15 am, Worship, Sanctuary

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12:15 pm, Cap. Camp. Wrap-up for Visiting Stewards, Sanctuary

12:30 pm, New Member Orientation-Session A, Fahs House

4:00 pm, YRUU, Parker House

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7:00 pm, Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, January 20**

6:30 pm, Compassion Covenant Group, Fahs House

7:00 pm, Young Adult Gathering, Sanctuary

### **Wednesday, January 21**

12:00 pm, Pathfinders Book Discussion Group, Fahs House

7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Thursday, January 22**

10:00 am, Meditation, Sanctuary

7:00 pm, Alternative Funding Task Force, Fahs House

7:00 pm, Laughter Yoga, Sanctuary

[View the entire WUU Calendar Here](#)

## **Next Sunday: January 25, 2015**

**9:15am & 11:15am**

**“What 21st Century Racism Reveals”**

**Rev. Jennifer Ryu**

#### **Religious Education:**

Lower Elementary: Peaceful Choices

Upper Elementary: Our Heritage's Calling

Middle School: Privilege

YRUU: Fairness (redux)

## **Homeless Shelter News**

### **Community of Faith Mission Winter Shelter**

WUU will be hosting the COFM homeless shelter February 15-22. We are hoping all of you will take the opportunity to participate. You may have already given financially at the Christmas Eve service.

You may volunteer for a shift on Sunday after services or on line.

Below is the link for volunteer sign-ups. There are 3 shifts:

- Evening - this includes welcoming and registering guests, serving dinner, entertainment, giving a blessing.
- Overnight stay - 2 different shifts to monitor and insure safety of our guests.
- Morning - includes serving breakfast, signing out guests and returning their belongings.

We encourage congregants to limit sign ups for one evening shift, but you are welcome to volunteer for several overnight or morning shifts.

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Contact Helen Hansen [helenfoxhansen@gmail.com](mailto:helenfoxhansen@gmail.com), Ruth Hopkinson [ruthhop46@gmail.com](mailto:ruthhop46@gmail.com), or Kathy Suslik [ksuslik@cox.net](mailto:ksuslik@cox.net) with questions.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094FA4AD28A0FE3-cofm](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C094FA4AD28A0FE3-cofm)

Thank you for your support of this important social justice work.

### **Cooking for the Homeless Shelter**

How about contributing to our effort by providing food during the week of February 15-22?

We need various dishes for dinners and breakfasts—menus have been prepared. SIGN-UP sheets are available in the Narthex each Sunday, including number of servings and recipes where appropriate. If you have questions, contact Jessica O'Brien, 810-7859 or

[newjb2001@hotmail.com](mailto:newjb2001@hotmail.com)

## **Social Justice**

### **Today! Dr. King Memorial Service**

The History Ministry of **First Baptist Church** will present a public program on **Thursday, January 15, at 6:00 p.m.**, in remembrance of and to honor the birth date of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The one-hour program, "**Rally For Justice: Looking Back, Moving Forward**", will highlight the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the current issues such as voter suppression, inequality in education and economics, gun violence and the criminal justice system, and the importance of the NAACP, in the face of such difficult times. The event will conclude with a symbolic Rally/March from the First Baptist Church sanctuary to the MLK Memorial Marker at the triangle on Scotland and Prince George Streets. A reception in the FBC Fellowship Hall will immediately follow the program. I encourage you to support First Baptist as they honor the life and work of Dr. King, and the role of the NAACP in the rally for justice.

As we continue to honor Dr. King, remember the ACT-SO Breakfast on January 19 - still time to purchase tickets - and make it a priority to see the movie **SELMA**, playing at the Movie Tavern, New Town Cinemas, and Regal Kiln Creek.

### **Guest At Your Table Last Chance for Donation Collections**

A friendly reminder that this is YOUR LAST CHANCE to give to the Guest At Your Table program run by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), which can be found at [uus.org](http://uus.org). Get your donations to Suzanne in the office by the end of January to participate. Thanks!

### **What is "Green Sanctuary" and How is WUU Involved?**

The Green Sanctuary Program – guided by the Unitarian Universalist Association – provides a structure for congregational study, reflection, and action in response to environmental challenges. WUU gained accreditation as a Green Sanctuary in 2012 in recognition of our service and dedication to the Earth. Currently, the Green Sanctuary Program at the denominational level is focusing on issues of climate change and environmental justice. This is an opportune time for WUU to rejuvenate and refocus our Green Sanctuary program, and to raise congregational awareness of current environmental issues. Under the Social Justice umbrella, there is potential for greater understanding of what forces – large and small – are shaping our environment and effectively advocating on behalf of humanity.

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We are now forming an exploratory group to assess where we are and what might be worthwhile initiatives in this arena. If you feel strongly about doing what we can to save our “pale blue dot,” please join us in Fahs House at 5pm on Thursday 1/15.

### **Come with us to Richmond on 1/20!**

Travel with us to Richmond on Tuesday, January 20, 2014 to take part in the Day for All People. We'll be joined by other UUs from the UULM-VA Group at this Virginia Interfaith Center sponsored event. This is your chance to interact with our legislators on important issues. Registration is required. Contact David Wilcox or John Whitley for more information.

We'll meet at WUU at 7 am and carpool to the Greater Richmond Convention Center for a day of fellowship, education and advocacy. The morning will include a welcome address and policy briefings, after which we will walk over to meet with our Senators and Delegates, and watch committee hearings and the floor sessions. We will then return to the Convention Center for lunch and an afternoon speaker.

Since space is limited and online registration is required, please register using this [link](#) and let us know at [sjchair@wuu.org](mailto:sjchair@wuu.org) that you'll be coming with us so we don't leave you behind! For more information about the day, you can find an [agenda online here](#).

### **Food For FISH (Our local community food & clothing pantry)**



For January let's fill up our wagon with soup and crackers. Please check the dates on the soup and only donate unopened boxes of crackers. [agenda online here](#).

## **Religious Education**

Each Sunday all children begin in the worship service. Following the wisdom story, children may go with their teachers to class or choose to remain in the sanctuary.

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## **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.

## **Parents as Spiritual Teachers**

### **Parents as Spiritual Teachers Group Now Accepting Registration**

Together we'll read *The Conscious Parent* by Dr. Shefali Tsabary.

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Using this book as the anchor, we'll discuss issues and ideas we've had parenting as Unitarian Universalists. Join us!

Facilitated by Stacey Felipe and Vanessa Jones

Meetings on Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 17 at 12:30-2pm in Fahs House

Lunch provided, please RSVP. Childcare provided upon request, one week notice required.

Email Stacey Felipe at [stacey.felipe@gmail.com](mailto:stacey.felipe@gmail.com) if planning to attend.

## Other News

### Last Chance for Covenant Group Sign Up

Join one of the covenant groups. Your choices are:

- Covenant Group with Les Solomon. **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 2:00 PM in Fahs House.**
- Covenant Group with Bobby Oliver on **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays at 7:00-8:30 in Fahs House.**
- Compassion Group **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30-8:00 in Fahs House.**
  - The Compassion Group will have an open house night on January 20th at 6:30 PM in Fahs House. Join us!

### It's time for the Young Adults of WUU to come together!

{**Young Adult**, *adj.* A loosely defined age group consisting of people in their late 20s, 30s, and early 40s who find common ground and want to hang out with like-minded others}

**Tuesday, January 20th in the WUU Sanctuary**

**6:00pm - Meditation** This will be a casual gathering to sit quietly and reflect inwardly. Never meditated? No worries! Just come try it out and see what you think.

**7:00pm - Social Gathering** Enjoy some free pizza and the company of others. This will be a nice time to get to know each other, enjoy some casual conversation, and share ideas for ways we would like to connect this year. Perhaps we can even come up with a name for ourselves?

Come for either one or both! \* You don't have to be a regular member of WUU to attend!

Please bring a friend and/or share this email with anyone we may have missed who falls within this "young adult" category!

\* Please RSVP to [Austen Petersen](mailto:Austen.Petersen) so we have a headcount for pizza.

### New Member Appreciation Potluck

This month our Fourth Friday Family Potluck is dedicated to welcoming new members and friends to WUU! We will meet on **Friday, January 23 at 6:00pm** in the sanctuary. Bring a dish to share and we will get to know one another and have some fun-This is for all members and families are encouraged to attend!

### New Member Orientation

In order to become a member of WUU, potential members are required to attend to orientation classes. Those transferring from other UU congregations are invited to participate to learn about us and make new friends.

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**Upcoming Workshop for all ages on Sunday, February 8th, 12:30 pm, Fahs House**

What role does money play in our lives? What is your money story? Come join us for a post service program that will focus on how we can develop spiritually healthy approaches to money. Child care will be provided based on sign ups by those needing it. You can sign up on Sunday or by using Survey Monkey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WisdomPathworkshop020815>.

## Upcoming Events

- **January 18:** New Member Orientation Session A, Fahs House
- **January 20:** Young Adult Gathering, Sanctuary
- **January 23:** Family Potluck, New Member Appreciation, Sanctuary
- **January 25:** New Member Orientation Session B, Activities Room
- **January 25:** Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House
- **February 8:** Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- **February 15-22:** COFM Homeless Shelter at WUU

## Links



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