

WUU news

Monthly Newsletter of Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists
April 2015



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Graceful Exit Part One

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

Since I only have a few more months with you, I have decided to set aside the monthly spiritual themes in my newsletter column. Instead I will spend this time saying goodbye.

This morning I visited Ann Cowling who is moving to Phoenix, Arizona and will be in her new apartment by the time you read this column. Ann is 88 years old, and she is moving one last time so that she can be closer to her son. We both said these difficult words to one another, slowly and deliberately: "I will not see you again." The finality of this truth was not as cold as one might imagine. In fact, it made the moment even more poignant. Looking into her eyes I saw the hours we spent planning Bob's memorial service. I remembered the times I ran into her at Hospice House when she was volunteering at the front desk. I thought about how sociable she is and how easily she will make new friends. These thoughts flashed through my mind in an instant as I held her hand. Then I said, "Goodbye, Ann."

You and I will spend the next few months talking about all that we accomplished together in this shared ministry. Then the day will come when "goodbye" doesn't mean, "see you next Sunday"-- it means, "I will not see you again." This is a sad and difficult truth. And at the same time, there is a certain clearness to this sentiment that I appreciate. It allows us to speak the truth about what we have experienced in this relationship while telling the truth about its ending.

In these early days of spring, may you be alert once again to beauty. Inhale deeply the changing air and just as importantly, exhale the remnants of the long winter's breath.

Blessings,
Jennifer



April Worship Schedule

Friday, April 3, 2015

7:30pm

Tenebrae at Sunset

Rev. Jennifer Ryu & Richard Costello

When you enter the sanctuary this evening there will be 7 candles burning on the altar. One by one, we extinguish a candle as we remember someone whose life was taken because of what it represented. When all the candles have been blown out, we sit in darkness until one by one, people leave in silence as they are ready. This contemplative service leads into a period of deep contemplation until we are ready to emerge--born anew--on Easter Morning.

April 5, 2015

9:15am & 11:15am

Easter Sunday

An All-Ages Service

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

A Unitarian Universalist Easter celebrates the miracle of new beginnings with music, stories, and an Egg Hunt! A Baby Dedication for Jaxen Honor Craig will take place during the 11:15 service. There will be an egg hunt after the 11:15 service.

April 12, 2015

9:15am & 11:15am

The Care and Nurturing of Ministry

Rev. Don Southworth

What does it take to care and nurture ministers and ministry? As your congregation prepares for the changes that a new minister and a new building will bring, we will reflect on how best to care for and nurture ministry. What can a congregation do to ensure their minister and their ministry is as strong, as healthy, as excellent as possible?

The Rev. Don Southworth is the first Executive Director of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association. Prior to serving the UUMA he was a parish minister for ten years in San Francisco, Atlanta and Durham, NC. He has consulted with congregations and ministers throughout North America and England on growth, entrepreneurial ministry and stewardship.

Religious Education

Lower Elem. (Pre-K-Grade 2): Helping

Upper Elem. (Grades 3-5): See Others With Awe

Middles (Grades 6-8): Coming of Age

(Rev. Jennifer is taking a vanload of WUUs to Durham, NC to attend services at the Eno River congregation. This was her offering from last year's auction.)

April 19, 2015

9:15am & 11:15am

Earth Day Sunday

Jamie Brunkow, "Riverkeeper" James River Assoc.

Jamie began his career as an environmental educator working with teenage youth, and went on to work at Friends of the Rappahannock, leading restoration, education and advocacy projects. A native Virginian, Jamie grew up in Stafford County with a love for all things outdoors and earned a B.S. in Biological Sciences from Virginia Tech.

(Rev. Jennifer is preaching in Norfolk today)

Religious Education: Children's Chapel

April 26, 2015

9:15am & 11:15am

The Green Sanctuary

Rev. Jennifer Ryu

Three years ago, WUU was certified an official "Green Sanctuary". The designation acknowledged the incredible work of the GS team and articulated our commitment to being a place where each individual considers his/her environmental impact in every action. What is the status of our commitment today? How does consideration for the environment intersect with our overall Justice work?

Religious Education

Lower Elem. (Pre-K-Grade 2): Families

Upper Elem. (Grades 3-5): Do Unto Others

Middles (Grades 6-8): In Services

News From the Board

Spring has sprung and the Board is springing, too, ever into action ---

In our role of ensuring adequate facilities, we take action toward expansion:

You have been invited to join the Board on April 19th at 4:00 pm at a Special Meeting of the Board to see and hear the proposals for WUU's facilities expansion from the Board's Building Our Future (BOF) Task Force and Finance Committee. Although the Board has endorsed the mortgage lender and terms of a mortgage and has voted that the project cost not exceed \$2,250,000, the full Board has not seen the finalized design proposal. We will see that design on April 19th and vote on accepting it and presenting all the pieces to the congregation for your vote on May 3rd. Input from leadership teams and committees as well as other interested congregants is needed as we review the plan. It will provide concerns, questions, suggestions for the Board and its committees to consider as we prepare the congregation for its decision-making on May 3rd.

On April 26th, between the services, the BOF and Finance Committees will present a preview of what will be taken to the congregational meeting. You can expect to receive the needed information for your vote in the days between April 19th and May 3rd. Please be on the lookout for it.

In our role of ensuring excellent, appropriate staff, we take action toward acquiring an Interim Minister and providing equitable compensation for all staff:

For the process of selecting an Interim Minister, please see the article in this Newsletter.

Changes in some staff benefits, which will keep WUU in line with UUA recommendations, were approved by the Board to take effect on July 1st. The Board approved a modest increase of our Financial Assistant's hours, effective immediately, as she assumes the responsibilities related to the building project's funds.

In our role of ensuring the financial health of WUU:

The Stewardship Committee of the Board is asking for congregants to consider how he or she is led to support this spiritual home and to work toward support of the

WUU mission. Without such financial giving, and offering of time, WUU cannot do what we were put here to do.

The Finance Committee of the Board is preparing the budget for the Board's review and adoption at its April 28th meeting. The finalized budget will be presented to the congregation by the Treasurer at the end-of-fiscal-year congregational meeting on June 7th.

The Board accepted with gratitude the report of its Task Force on Alternative Sources of Income (Roy Snyder, chair, Roger Baldwin, Dave Banks, Rich Costello, Susan Fournier, Franz Gross, Ruth Hopkinson, Paul Luchsinger, and Richard Thek). In years ahead, the need for acquiring income from entities outside of WUU well may be essential. The Task Force has identified well-considered possibilities. Now, the Board is planning to engage a small group to further investigate the feasibility of the items in the report and their relationship to the WUU mission. If interested in serving in such a group, please notify me at president@wuu.org.

And, in our role of ensuring quality governance of WUU:

The Board will be welcoming new members Pat Hoppe, Michael Coirin, Jess Hench, and Jane Reilly to the Board the end of this month, as we heartily thank outgoing members Rachel Delbos, Wayne Moyer, and Donna Stanford for their many contributions to the work of this Board and its committees. "Thank You" cannot fully express the gratitude we, who continue, feel.

On May 9th, the Board (old, current and new) will spend a day in retreat, with facilitator Sally Fisk, as we plan for the coming year.

And then -- don't forget -- you are always welcome to sit in on a Board meeting -- 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Fahs House. Let me know you are coming so we have a seat ready for you.

Lola Warren, Board President



WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS



Swing



INTO

Spring

Auction

Saturday, April 11

6:00pm

WUU Sanctuary



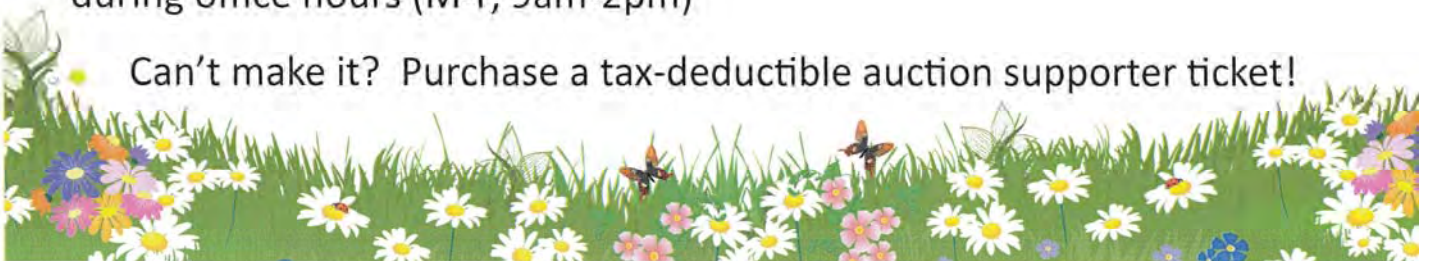
Food, Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffles

\$20/Ticket includes Dinner (limited number of tickets available)

\$10/Hand Painted Wine Glass with Unlimited Fills

Tickets available for purchase after services on Sunday and in the office during office hours (M-F, 9am-2pm)

Can't make it? Purchase a tax-deductible auction supporter ticket!



The Search for an Interim Minister

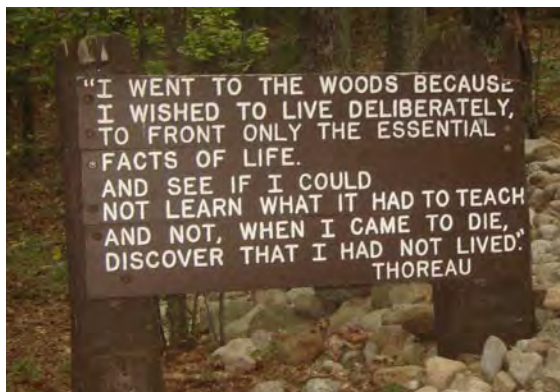
At the direction of the UUA Transitions Office, a sub-committee of the Board was formed to select an Interim Minister to serve WUU for two years, beginning this summer. These two years will allow sufficient time for the congregation to think, reassess, take a long look at our needs, strengths, etc. before calling a new settled minister. Dave Neiman, Jim Kent and Lola Warren were designated to serve as the interim minister search sub-committee.

UUA has a very straight-forward seven-step procedure for hiring an Interim Minister:

- Step One: The committee completes a somewhat detailed application form about the community, our congregation, and what we need from an Interim Minister. Our application will be sent to the Transitions Office within the next few day.
- Step Two: The search committee prepares a very detailed information package about WUU and what we offer an Interim Minister, such as opportunities and compensation.
- Step Three: In late April, the Transitions Office staff meets with ministers who have been trained and are accredited to serve as interims. At that time, each minister selects up to five congregations that seem to match their skills and desires.
- Step Four: On May 4th, the search committee selects from those ministers the ones whom we believe might best fit us and our needs.
- Step Five: WUU's information package is shared with the candidate(s) of choice, who, in turn, provide similarly detailed information about themselves. At the same time, the search committee makes background checks, contacts references, and interviews the candidate(s).
- Step Six: In mid-May, the search committee offers the position to our candidate of choice. If unable to identify the right match for WUU, the search committee works with the Transitions Office to continue our search.
- Step Seven: WUU welcomes our Interim Minister in August or September!

The search committee will keep the congregation informed as things progress, but don't expect to hear anything between now and May. Assume that no news is good news.

If you have questions, please contact Jim, Dave or Lola.



Transcendental Club on April 12 at 12:30

In this third session, we will discuss *Walden*, Civil Disobedience and *Thoreau as a Spiritual Guide*. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Meeting will be in the Sanctuary

A WORD ABOUT 2 SERVICES

The Leadership Team has started planning for the summer, fall and winter seasons at WUU. Anticipating construction of the new facility, it will be necessary for about 50 people who regularly attend the 11:15 service to switch to 9:15. This is because the parking lot may be constrained during various phases of construction.

The two services are nearly identical, with music, nursery care, and a modified children's program. The worship elements such as the rituals, readings, prayers, and sermons are exactly the same.

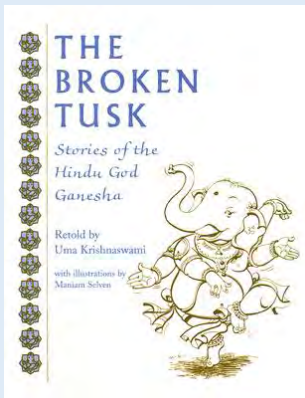
Starting on June 7th, we switch to ONE service at 10 am. Please seriously consider changing your Sunday morning routine to 9:15 when we return to the regular schedule in September. This is the only way we will be able to accommodate everyone comfortably.

Thank you,

Rev. Jennifer

April's Spiritual Practice for Families

Now is your chance to check out that family gateway you made in honor of the god Janus way back in January. Did you leave behind the things you wanted to leave behind? Have you welcomed newness into your lives? What could use a little extra room in your lives, and how can you help make that happen?



Make a copy of the month of April from a favorite calendar. Give each family member stickers. They may put a sticker on the calendar for each day they know there is room for change, for the new, for the unknown. They may also place a sticker as a way to welcome newness. It might be a time to create a sticker key; a star indicates time to welcome newness, a flower shows it is time to celebrate growth, etc. This could be a chance to set a timer for five minutes and notice ways new things have already come into our lives, going for a walk in a favorite park to see what changes await you, painting a picture of the seasons and how the plants and animals change, or playing a new recording of a favorite song. Time to get creative!

[Book link: *The Broken Tusk, Stories of the Hindu God Ganesha*](#)

CELEBRATION FOR REV. SHERMAN LOGAN



Rev. Logan was our summer minister last year. Already ordained as a Baptist minister, he received Fellowship from the UUA in December. Rev. Sherman wants all of you to come celebrate this accomplishment with him!

Sunday, April 12, 2015

First Unitarian Church of Richmond

1000 Blanton Ave, Richmond, VA 23221

4:00pm

**This is also your chance to see the impressive renovation of their church building.

Harry Potter Camp 2015!

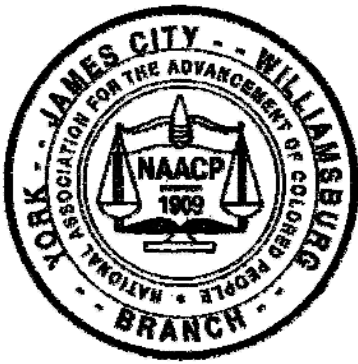


Sundays July 12-August 31 (Rising 2nd graders to middle school, with high school & young adult prefects)

Starting in June we will start registering children for camp so they can be properly informed of their acceptance to the WUU Hogwarts Extension School. We will be weaving the WUU principles of the interdependent web, treating others with compassion and working cooperatively throughout many magical activities. Classes will include Defense Against the Dark Arts (anti-bullying), Care of Magical Creatures (our interdependent web), Divination (listening to conscience), Potions (web), and Herbology (web) and the summer semester will end with a Quidditch match! A few old friends may appear...

Share the Plate Sunday, April 5

NAACP Scholarship Fund



Please be generous when we donate our Sunday Share-the-Plate collection on April 5th to the Scholarship Fund of our local branch of the NAACP. Every year, the York-James City County-Williamsburg NAACP offers scholarships of \$1000 to deserving minority high school students. Our collection will likely endow at least one full scholarship to help a student with college expenses. According to the scholarship application, "the scholarship will be based on academic excellence, letters of recommendation, an essay, and participation in school activities, community service, and the NAACP Youth Council".

On Saturday, June 6th, the NAACP will host a Celebration of Scholars to recognize the scholarship recipients, which is attended by many members of the community. I've experienced this event as a warm, encouraging embrace of young people headed off into promising futures. Why not attend and see where our gift is going? More information on this event will be forthcoming.

Jessica O'Brien, Secretary, YJCCW NAACP

Easter Egg Hunt



Sunday, April 5 after the 11:15am service
Kids--remember your basket to collect your eggs

Building our Future 2016!

Over the last three months, your Design/Build Team has worked to advance the Phase 1 building design and ensure it aligns with the project budget. Here are the highlights:

- With the Board and Finance Committee, working on behalf of the congregation, the team coordinated their work to make certain that we have what we need for Phase 1 at the price we can afford. In addition to the Phase 1 construction and remodeling, the plan includes site planning, coming into compliance with JCC code requirements (e.g., retention pond repair), and parking improvements.
- The team reduced the total square footage of the building addition by more than 10%, to contain costs, while at the same time preserving the key elements of the original design that we all valued. The Team solicited input from several WUU ministry/program teams to ensure that our needs could be met with the reduced space. The results are a more efficient and pleasing use of space.
- With the Steering Committee, the team interviewed five contractors and recommended that the Board select E.T. Gresham Construction to manage the preconstruction and construction work.
- Working with Guernsey Tingle Architects and E.T. Gresham, the team is working to make certain that Phase 1 *continues* to stay within the budgetary guidelines as more firm construction estimates are applied to the plan. Our current pre-construction work is designed to help us make these final modifications before actual bidding occurs on construction.

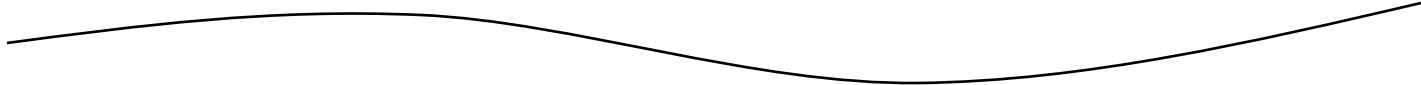
Between now and April 19, the team will finalize the plans, cost estimates, and timelines.

Mark your calendars for April 19 at 4:00! The Board is hosting a rollout of the design and costing to leadership and congregants. If weather permits, we will take a site tour of the Phase 1 plan.

For those who cannot attend the April 19th meeting, mark your calendar to attend the meeting on April 26 (at 10:15 between the two services). This will provide another opportunity to review the plans in preparation for the congregational meeting. We may schedule a third meeting, if needed. Additionally, there will be plenty of resources available at WUU.org.

Then, on May 3, at the Board's Special Congregational Meeting, we will vote on whether to approve the final design of our expansion/renovation, the projected cost, and mortgage details. With this is the green light, E.T. Gresham can proceed with final construction planning. Unless there are surprises between May and September that require congregational action, the vote in May will be the final vote to Build Our Future-Phase 1 construction in September and occupy in 2016!

Les Solomon
Chair, Building our Future

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- ⇒ Did you see all the space in the storage/sound room? Thanks to many Leadership volunteers for making a huge difference one Saturday afternoon!
 - ⇒ Thanks to **Fred Bergman, Fred Gilbertson, Dave Banks, Les Solomon** and a few shelter guests for helping to clean the snow on the driveway and walks! We will do a better job next year to keep the primary pathways clear.
 - ⇒ Thanks to **John Hinckley, Jonathan Wiese** and **Les Solomon** for cleaning the grounds and the Memorial Garden pond, and making new birdhouses for the campus.



Food For FISH
(our local community's food & clothing pantry)



It's April, spring and Easter!

Let's fill the FISH bucket with small canned hams, canned sides such as baked beans, sweet potatoes and greens and lots of canned fruits so people can enjoy a nice Easter meal!

Thanks so much for you generosity!

Remember to check dates and make sure all packages are unopened.

You may notice our red FISH wagon is missing

It has apparently caught the acting bug and is appearing in a play at Jamestown High School until the end of March. We hope it will decide to return to its day job with us! Until then you will see a plastic container with a FISH sign in its place.

How Do the Other Half Live?

WITH YOUR LOVE



HELP US GROW
& BLESS THE WORLD

On many Sundays, Rev. Jennifer reminds us of the “have nots” in our midst and how we can reach out **to** help.

In the case of the annual canvass, it is the “have not pledged or responded” to whom WUU reaches out **for** help.

Perhaps there is a better way to communicate why your pledge is so important. Truth be told, we need everyone’s support to carry out the WUU mission and vision of ministry, social justice, religious education, and community. So if you are reading this and have not yet made a pledge, please do so.

As of March 19, 2015, we have raised \$213,866 for the WUU year beginning July 1, 2015, almost 65% of our budget goal of \$331,000. 88 individuals and families have made a financial commitment to WUU operations for the next year. But we are still waiting to hear from over half of the individuals and families who benefit from the community we all share.

So if you are one of the 88, many thanks! If your pledge has not been received yet, we look forward to hearing from you. Please complete your pledge form on paper or online from the WUU home page and contact Suzanne Huddleston in the WUU office should you have any questions.

Peter Mellette, for the Stewardship Committee (Dave Banks, Nancy Carnegie, Martha Elim, Peter Mellette, Ben Puckett, Trena Tankersley, Jennifer Ryu (*ex officio*))

New Member Orientation



Anyone who is "New to UU" and would like to know more may register for the Spring Orientation Class. To become a member of WUU, a person must attend both sessions A and B. The classes are April 12 and April 19 following the 11:15 a.m. service. A light lunch will be served in the Fahs House. Childcare will be provided. Register online, at the guest table or call the office. You will be contacted by Carolyn Greathouse preceding session A.

Do you know every WUU? Neither do I.

That's why we want to include a brief member biography in every newsletter.

Maybe you'll discover someone who shares your background, interests, or hobby. Maybe you'll learn something new about someone you already know. Or maybe you'll be moved to reach out to someone who needs to hear from you.

Please help us strengthen the WUU community by sharing your story. Together, we can weave a growing web of friendship, support, compassion, and love. Melissa Ackley, ackleymw@gmail.com



Spotlight on Jess Hench

I grew up in a small town called Suffield, Connecticut, and moved to Virginia in 2000 when I started school at Roanoke College. There I studied Elementary and Secondary Education, as well as English, and became certified in K-12 teaching. After graduating, I spent four months student teaching on an Army base in Vilseck, Germany. While I was in college, half of my family moved to Charlottesville, and I had fallen in love with Virginia, so I got a teaching job in Henrico County. I spent six years teaching elementary school there, and earned a master's degree in Adult Learning at VCU. I loved living in the Fan District of Richmond for years, and that is

where I met my partner Patrick Dollar (featured in Williamsburg's Next Door Neighbors in March!). Patrick and I moved to Williamsburg in August 2012 when I was accepted into a PhD program at William & Mary. I am studying Educational Policy, Planning, and Leadership, and I am now working on my dissertation about college leadership programs, the final step of the process. Patrick has a painting and handyman business and has enjoyed getting to know Williamsburg through his work.

As you can tell, education and learning have always been important to me- in fact, I can hardly think of a time in my life when I was not in school in some form! But I do also enjoy some non-academic activities. I love fitness and exercise, and I have run ten marathons. At 16, I rode a bicycle across the country from Seattle to Connecticut. That really sparked my interest in travel and learning about the world, and I have since visited many U.S. states as well as Europe, Australia, and China. I spend time with my families in Charlottesville and Connecticut, and I am newly enjoying being an aunt to a darling niece and nephew, both just over a year old. And of course, I enjoy Sundays at WUU and the many activities (now including the Board!) I have been able to engage in as part of this wonderful community.

Lost & Found



Did you leave a jacket in Fahs House? Some of the jackets on the hooks (children and adult sizes) have been hanging out in Fahs House since November. If they're not picked up by April 5th, they'll be donated to FISH. Questions? Contact Austen@wuu.org.

There are also other miscellaneous items in the office (book, kindle, etc)

Contact Elyn at 220-6830 or office@wuu.org to identify the items and arrange pick-up.

Greater UU Upcoming Events

Multicultural Leadership School, is an annual gathering of soul-renewal and leadership development for UU youth and young adults of color from July 10-14th, 2015 at the Walker Center outside of Boston, MA. Apply by April 15th, 2015. Registration fee is \$275 (includes transportation) and there are many scholarships available! - See more at: <http://blueboat.blogs.uua.org/2015/03/17/nottheonlyone/#sthash.clgHj4Ej.dpuf>

Virginia UU Young Adults (VUUYA) Nature Conference, April 17-19, 2015

A weekend of worship, workshops, and intentional community put on by Virginia Unitarian Universalist Young Adults (VUUYA). All Unitarian Universalist Young Adults--UUs ages 18 to 35--and YAs who don't identify as UU are welcome! **Questions?** Register [here](#).

Activate New Orleans: UU College of Social Justice Youth Training 18-26 July, 2015

Open to all high-school-aged youth interested in justice, UUCSJ's Activate programs offer you the chance to gain hands-on skills to help organize, transcend boundaries, and engage in justice work grounded in UU theology. This active urban program, run in partnership with the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal, introduces youth to the issues of justice involved in rebuilding a thriving New Orleans.

Learn more or apply at uucsj.org/youth.

SWUUSI Registration is Open!



Southwest UU Summer Institute (SWUUSI) is a week-long multigenerational summer camp experience in Hulbert, OK. Each year SWUUSI offers opportunities for faith development, education, entertainment, and recreational activities for all ages. Our theme this year is "Just Good Food." Imagine Food Network for Unitarian Universalists on the shore of beautiful Fort Gibson Lake! Learn more and register [here](#).

GA Registration and Housing



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The housing and registration systems are open for [General Assembly 2015](#) in Portland, OR. To make GA more financially accessible, there are scholarship and volunteer (work in exchange for registration) opportunities, as well as more affordable dormitory housing options. Register soon for the best availability!

Did you know that March is climate justice month?

CLIMATE JUSTICE MONTH

Climate Justice Month 2015

From World Water Day to Earth Day (March 22 to April 22, 2015), Unitarian Universalists and other people of faith and conscience will begin a spiritual journey for climate justice organized by Commit2Respond, the new climate justice initiative led by groups across the Unitarian Universalist (UU) faith movement.

Individuals, families, groups, and congregations will get faith-filled resources, engage in powerful practices throughout the month, learn together, and figure out how to best shift to a low carbon future, advance human rights, and grow the climate justice movement. [Get the details and sign up](#) for Climate Justice Month. If you're part of a congregation, [sign up your congregation or group](#) and save the dates for Climate Justice Sunday and Earth Day events.

Be inspired, get connected with other people of faith and conscience committed to climate justice, and commit to long-term actions that will help save our world. This is your movement. You have the power to make a difference. How will you respond?

What is Commit2Respond?

[Commit2Respond](#) is a coalition of Unitarian Universalists and other people of faith and conscience working for climate justice. Commit2Respond was launched out of the People's Climate March in New York City in September, and Climate Justice Month is its first campaign.

Commit2Respond's grounding in climate justice means we recognize the central role inequality plays in the current crisis. We envision a future where the most vulnerable are protected from these heart-breaking consequences.

As individuals, congregations, and organizations, we will commit to take action in each of three ways:

- shift to a low carbon future
- advance the human rights of affected communities
- grow the climate justice movement

Unitarian Universalists see ourselves as one thread in a single fabric of all existence. We embrace nature's beauty and are in awe of its power. We have a responsibility to care for our home and stand together with those most affected by pollution, environmental destruction, increasingly severe natural disasters, and other impacts of climate change.

[Find out more](#) about Commit2Respond, or check it out on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Join the movement at [commit2respond.org](#) and sign up for Climate Justice Month!



The Third Wednesday Pathfinders Book Group

The next book being discussed is [Their Eyes Were Watching God](#) by [Zora Neale Hurston](#)

Join us on April 15 at noon in Fahs House, all are welcome!



GoldMine 2015

Youth Leadership School

July 5th-July 11th, 2015

**At the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the
Peninsula, Newport News, VA**

The Leadership school begins at 3:00pm on Sunday and will continue through noon on Saturday.

An intense week-long school for high school aged youth where you will:

Develop your personal creed

Deepen your knowledge of **Unitarian Universalists'** challenging religious heritage and values

Expand your skills for growing healthy groups

Explore paths of worship

Hone leadership skills so you can better heal our world

Learn to be a better leader and communicator

Bring an open mind. Come and create community.

Be prepared to dig down deep and come out ready to give your gifts to the world.

This week will change your life and your community.

Who should attend? Rising Freshmen through Senior high students.

If you want to gain a new understanding and improve your leadership skills, GoldMine is for you.

If you've:

- Worked on a committee or attended a meeting
- Held an office or organized anything
- Taken part in a worship service or felt moved by a justice issue
- Participated in a discussion or been involved in a conflict
- Or wanted to do any of these things

You can expect to gain the confidence and competence to put your faith in action and to take a more meaningful role in the life of your congregation, your district, and your wider community.

For more information and registration forms contact:

Joanne Dingus at jmdingus@verizon.net or 757-867-7363 or go to www.uufp.org

Fee per person is \$300 please inquire about scholarship availability

Registration Deadline is May 31, 2015

GoldMine can only accept 12 participants so register early!



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TIME SENSITIVE

CELEBRATE! CELEBRATE!

Looking for a way to acknowledge a friend or relative's special day? Why not make a contribution to the WUU Endowment Fund in their name? We will then send out a letter acknowledging that the WUU Endowment Fund has received a gift from you in the name of that special person. What a unique way to recognize an occasion! For a Memorial Gift Form, contact Endowment@wuu.org.

(To add your name and month to the birthday and anniversary list, contact Ellyn Stephens in the office at office@wuu.org.)



April Birthdays

April Anniversaries

Phoebe and Jim Kent
 Marion and Richard Wolfe

Melissa Ackley
 Don Ackley
 Elisabeth Berning
 Sam Brecker
 Cary Caldwell
 Richard Costello
 Nancy Crowell
 Kekoa Felipe

Patricia Folds
 Julia Laarhoven
 Karen Little
 Paul Luchsinger
 Clancy Racimo
 Carol Sherman
 Aurora Wilkins