



Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

A Welcoming, Worshiping, Witnessing Community

The Spiral

May 2, 2013

This Sunday at WUU: [May 5, 2013](#)

10:00 am* Worship Service

Elizabeth Wiley, Joelle Griffin Russell & Friends

"May Day/Beltane Celebration"

Beltane marks the mid-point between Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice.

It is also our un-official start to summer at WUU. All-Ages worship together outdoors, behind Parker House. Bring blankets and chairs and be ready to dance around the maypole! The Nursery is closed today.

During the summer months, we have one service only at 10am

7:00pm, Coming of Age, Sanctuary

This Weekend and the Coming Week [Click for entire WUU Calendar](#)

Thursday, May 2

- 4:00 pm, Stewardship Team Meeting, Fahs House
- 6:30 pm, Navigators Monthly Gathering, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, The New Jim Crow Book Discussion, Offsite

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00 am, WUU Orientation Class #2, Fahs House

Sunday, May 5

- 10:00 am, Worship Service, Outside behind Parker House
- 7:00 pm, Coming of Age Ceremony, Sanctuary

Monday, May 6

- 10:00 am, Creative Arts Group, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, Compassion Deep Study, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm Buddhist Meditation, Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 7

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice

Wednesday, May 8

- 7:30 pm, Choir Practice, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 9

- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, The New Jim Crow Book Discussion, Offsite
- 7:00 pm, Theology Class, Offsite

Worship Retreat, May 11 9am-noon**Offsite location in Toano**

What is the purpose of worship? What do the various elements of worship mean? How does worship express our diverse spiritual types and needs? If you want to be part of this conversation, join us for our annual Worship Retreat. Email or call Rev. Jennifer for more information or to

register. jennifer @ wuu. org; 220-6830

Next Sunday: May 12, 2013

10:00 am* Worship Service Rev. Jennifer Ryu

"Where Do I Fit"

Our congregation comprises people who are drawn to different aspects of the UU faith: intellectual clarity, emotional closeness, mystical depth, and social action. Today we will use the work of Corinne Ware to discover our "spirituality types," and then connect them with the various programs at WUU.

Faith Development programs for children:

Spirit Play (K-2nd): Violet Promise, "I love you Sun, I love you Moon"

Toolbox of Faith (3-5th): Atonement, The Level

Heeding the Call (6-8th): Forgiveness

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Parents as Spiritual Teachers, May 12 11:30am-1pm

All parents are welcome to join this conversation led by Sonja Pearson. Today's topic deal with conflict resolution and respectful behavior management strategies.

Lunch and childcare provided.

Share the Plate

The recipient of **May 12, 2013**, Share the Plate will be **Avalon Center for Women and Children** serving JCC/Williamsburg . Shelter is available for those suffering from domestic violence and/or sexual abuse. Avalon works to break the cycle of abuse at the center then next provides housing as needed. This second step allows clients further time to recover and establish their independence in the Greater Williamsburg community. Director of Development and Communication Jacquelyn Jamason will attend the service to speak and share material about Avalon's mission and efforts.

[Visit their website](#)

Thank you note from Navigators

Thank you to the WUU congregation for your generous support and donations at your Share The Plate Sunday, April 7. Your contributions will help us expand our inclusive scouting effort in our local community. As we grow, the spirit of the WUU will follow with us. We appreciate all you do. Greg Caldwell and Dan Moore, Navigators USA co-leaders.

Lifespan Faith Development

LFD Council: Rev. Jennifer is gathering a team to establish the LFD Council. Please contact her directly if you would like to be part of this council whose purpose is to ensure excellent Faith Development programs for our youth & adults. Email [jennifer @ wuu. org](mailto:jennifer@wuu.org)

Social Justice News

FISH: Meat for FISH in May

Help out your neighbors by bringing in some canned meat such as tuna or chicken each Sunday in May for our donation to FISH.

WV Mission Trip: Space is filling up quickly for our WV Mission Trip to the Appalachian South Folklife Center in Pipestem, WV from August 4 - 10, 2013. If you would like to join us on the trip, please fill out the form on the Mission Trip brochure and drop it off in the box on the Social Justice table in the lobby or contact Dave Wilcox at sjchair@wuu.org. There is also a box to check on the form if you would like to help out but can't come along on the trip.

Exciting Social Justice Program in May: Book Group

WUU will participate in the 2013 UUA Common Read, "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander. The book group meetings are open to the community and everyone is welcome. Eileen O'Brien, WUU, Professor of Sociology and author of several books on racism, will lead a three-session book group to discuss this groundbreaking new book, The New Jim Crow. The dates are Thursdays, May 2, May 9 and May 16 from 7-9pm. The discussions will take place at Williamsburg Baptist Church, 227 Richmond Road (Park in back, enter southernmost door)

Gun Violence Event

For many of us, the tragedy in Newtown and other events in the last year have elicited strong feelings about gun violence. We would like to hold an event at WUU to provide a space where the Williamsburg community can address the issue in the context of our faith traditions. If you would like to help organize this event please contact David Wilcox and Helen Hansen at sjchair@wuu.org.

Green Sanctuary News

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle - Let's emphasize "Reduce!"

WUU's are conscientious recyclers! Each week the bins on the Fahs Patio fill with plastic packaging deposited by members of the congregation. Each week for the past year Beth Kennedy has faithfully carried this plastic to one of the three JCC Convenience (Recycling) Centers provided by the county. Beth is no longer able to perform this service due to her health. We need to come up with an alternate solution for handling our plastics.

Let's consider the following:

1. Reduce the amount of plastic recycled by being more conscientious in our food choices.
2. Continue to bring your clean plastics (those we can't avoid) to the bins on Fahs' patio.
3. Individuals or families can volunteer to take all but #5's to a JCC Convenience Center. **Note - #5 plastics are collected separately and taken to Richmond. All other plastics can be mixed together in the other bins for local centers.**
4. Crush and compact the items in the bins to allow for more plastic, with fewer trips to recycling centers, thereby reducing the gas and emissions resulting from transport.

If you can volunteer one day of one week to make the recycling run to any one of the three JCC Convenience Centers, please sign up at the Social Justice Table in the Narthex. [Check online \(http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/recycling/index.html\)](http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/recycling/index.html) for the times and locations of the three centers (Tewning Rd., Jolly Pond, or Toano). If we can reduce and compact the plastics collected, fewer recycling runs will be necessary.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Green Sanctuary at gsc@wuu.org.

This Sunday - Art work to be removed from Sanctuary

Artists should plan to pick up art work from the Sanctuary this Sunday (only one service--at 10 am this week!). Any works remaining after Sunday will be placed in the WUU Library for pick up at a later date, unless other arrangements have been made. Contact Donna Stanford: dgstan1-at-cox.net. We appreciate our WUU artists!

WUU Art Extravaganza coming in April - 2014!

To celebrate our 25th year, visual artists, poets and musicians in the congregation are invited to reflect on the Earth and all its inhabitants. Write a poem, compose a piece of music, take a photograph, paint or draw, create! What can you contribute the 5th Annual Celebration of the Earth through Art?

WUU Garden

The WUU Garden behind Fahs House is starting up again for the 2013 growing season. We would love to have some new participants this year, whether you have a green thumb or are just starting out with gardening. All ages are welcome to be involved. We will meet on Saturday May 4 at 11am to start planting. If you are interested in meeting then or being involved in some way please contact susanwalkley@gmail.com. Please email if you may be coming to the Garden in case times or dates change.

Caring Committee News

Please contact the Caring Committee at caringchair@wuu.org if you know of a member of the Congregation in need of support, or if you are in need of support.

Other News

WUU YARD SALE AND BAKE SALE

Our annual yard sale fundraiser will be held on Friday, June 7 (5-8pm) and Saturday, June 8 (8am-noon) in our Sanctuary. Detailed volunteer and donation information can be found [by clicking here](#).

Please sign up at church on Sunday to be a volunteer or email Ruth Hopkinson at her new email address: ruthhop46@gmail.com or call 565-3298 (home) or 879-9080 (cell). Do not call after 9:00pm please and do not use the email address listed in the most recent church directory.

Marion Wolfe is the bake sale coordinator, please write to Marion at marion217@msn.com with your food donations. Some suggestions are: individually wrapped: Cookies, Brownies, Cupcakes, and other pastry items.

Universalist Convocation May 17-19, 2013

Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church is the host site this year and the theme is "Universalist Voices Then and Now". Friday evening, Rev. Gordon Gibson will share highlights of Judith Sargent Murray's diaries and her contributions to Universalism. Saturday morning will feature Chapel Hill Emmy Award winning Historian and noted Civil War Lecturer, Freddie Kiger speaking about Clara Barton and other Universalists of the era. Saturday afternoon, Eunice Benton and UCONCI leaders will host us at Shelter Neck for a historical talk and tour and Sunday morning worship features Rev. Holly Lux-Sullivan speaking on "Universalism: Present and Future". If you can't make it for the

whole weekend note the adjusted costs and register for the part of the weekend that fits your schedule. Delicious meals included! See Convocation info at the following address:
www.nmuc.org/Convo/

Book Study

Beginning June 2nd, 2013 and concluding July 28th, Pat Hoppe will be leading a book study in her home on Sunday evenings at 6pm. The group is limited to eight people, so call Pat if you are interested at 757-903-7749 or leave a message on her home phone at 757-208-0570. She will give you more information about the structure of the evening and directions to her home when you phone. We will be reading THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED by Scott Peck; each person is responsible for procuring his/her own copy of the book.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: JUNE 19-23 in LOUISVILLE, KY

WUU's five delegates will be appointed by the Board, probably in May. Delegates will make their own travel and housing arrangements, but WUU will refund most of the delegates' registration fees. For those attending who do not want to be delegates, costs can be reduced by volunteering. There are also one-day rates if that's what you choose to do - usually with a free event the night before. Check out GA at the UUA web site, and if you know you want to attend, sign up early to get the most reasonably priced housing! Four WUUs have already expressed interest in attending and we know there are more of you.

For questions or to express interest, contact LindaLaneHamilton@gmail.com (or call our new phone number at 345-2988) or contact Les Solomon at Les.Solomon@gmail.com. Later in the spring we will gather GA participants to preview GA, review the issues, and coordinate our travel where possible.

Navigators USA - Williamsburg Chapter 36 - Spring Campout

Join with Navigators Chapter 22 from Newport News on Saturday night, June 8th, with Friday night June 7th optional in the Newport News Park Campground - group site.
See you in the Great Outdoors! Greg (greg.caldwell@cox.net) and Dan (danartmo@yahoo.com)

WUU Auction

The Auction is only 7 months away! We who paint the glasses for the Auction would love to have your help. First, if you can paint, come and paint with us. Second, painter or not, you can still help by gathering the glasses: donate your extras, collect from your friends, or find them at Yard Sales (but don't spend more than 50 cents/glass). We will have a place at the church where you can leave them. Thank you in advance for your help in this fun project. If you have any questions, call Susan Cardozo at 220-5402, or email susan@cardozo.org

Future Events

May & June

- May 4: New UU #2, 9am-Fahs
- May 11: Worship Team Retreat--Offsite
- May 12: Parents as Spiritual Teachers, 11:30am, Fahs House
- May 17: 3rd Friday Potluck, 6pm, Sanctuary (Welcoming Congregation Anniversary)
- May 18: Coming of Age Rehearsal, 3pm, Sanctuary
- May 19: Congregation Meeting, 11:30pm, Sanctuary
- May 23: Covenant Group Facilitators, 7:00pm
- May 27: Memorial Day, WUU Office closed
- June 7 & 8: WUU Yard Sale, Sanctuary

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