



# WUU NEWS

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## A Vision for the Future

BY REV. LAURA HORTON-LUDWIG

*If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea. — Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

At a gathering of local clergy the other day, we were talking about how our various religious traditions tried to serve the common good. When it got to be my turn, what I shared with my colleagues is the truth: that I am humbled every day by the people in my congregation and all that you do to try to make a difference in this world. I told them, you all are out there living your values, working hard to serve our community, and frankly I'm just trying to keep up with you! Listening to your stories of why you serve, I know it's not just because you're looking for something to do with your free time. I hear in your stories a commitment to a vision of justice, a longing for a world where everyone is treated with respect and compassion. This is what gives us the strength and the persistence to get the "tasks and work" done.

So, too, our congregation has a vision for our future. Service is a big part of it. I'm especially excited about two new initiatives you'll be hearing about this fall. In solidarity with immigrant communities here in Virginia, we are developing a new ministry to serve the needs of immigrants at risk of deportation. Also this fall, we are launching a project to put enough solar panels on our roof to power the entire building, helping us contribute to the climate solutions our world so urgently needs. There will be tasks and work to be done. I know we will do them in the service of our deepest longings for healing in this world.

Other changes will be coming too. On Sunday mornings, we'll be experimenting with our new hospitality teams. We'll be considering other changes to our Sunday morning worship and religious education experience, too, to be as welcoming as we can possibly be to newcomers and longtime members alike. Worship times may shift. We may ask you to accept some new ideas. It may feel like work! But it will be in the service of our congregation's growing more and more into what we are meant to be—a community open to all, welcoming to all who are drawn to this free faith.

This February, WUU will celebrate our 30th anniversary as a congregation. What better time could there be to make a fresh commitment to a vision for our future? As we enter into this new congregational year, I ask you to bring your longings, your love, and your willingness to serve. It's time to set sail!

In faith,

Rev. Laura



## WUU Choir

Time to dust off your vocal chords and get ready for the WUU Adult Choir. We had our first rehearsal on Wed, Aug 29th at 7:30 in the Sanctuary. All newcomers are welcome to join us. We rehearse every Wed from 7:30-9 and sing twice a month for Sunday services. All skill levels and ages are welcome. We'll be gearing up for our big St. Cecilia music service on Nov 18 and a Come one, Come all Hallelujah Chorus on Dec 2. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Jamie C. Bartlett at [jcbart@wm.edu](mailto:jcbart@wm.edu).



## New WUU Staff Covenant



The WUU staff met last month to kick off the new congregational year with a working retreat. In addition to some annual goal-setting and fun social time, we created a covenant to guide our work together. Here it is:

### WUU Staff Covenant

(created August 8, 2018)

As members of the WUU staff, we promise:

- To have fun and practice humor and joy! We will also try to avoid negativity.
- To take care of ourselves and be generous to each other.
- To celebrate each other's successes and challenge each other toward growth.
- To accept and support one another.
- To keep confidentiality when needed. This includes but is not limited to personal/pastoral information about each other or anyone in the congregation. It also includes being mindful not to share decisions prematurely.
- To encourage direct communication and avoid triangulation among ourselves and within the congregation. We will strive to have each other's back and refrain from getting drawn into criticism of others. We will also refrain from jumping to conclusions, but instead seek the whole story whenever we hear criticisms.
- When taking actions and making decisions within our spheres, to be mindful of how they may affect other staff members and ministry programs.
- To keep our commitments and be dependable.
- To ask for help when we need it.
- To stay focused on the mission of the congregation.

# September Worship Schedule

## SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 am

**"The Dignity of Work"**

**Dr. John Whitley**  
**Guest Worship Leader**

Why Labor Day? Continuing the 'as if I were you' focus, the service weaves the Dignity of Work into the fabric of UU's First Principle, The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person. Set before the backdrop of the labor movement and the inception of Labor Day, explore the devastating realities of economic oppression today and discover the power of empathic synergism to create a new Labor Way. All are worthy. All are welcomed.

The WUU membership book is open for signing today by those who have completed Pathway to Membership sessions 1 and 2, or are transferring from another UU Congregation, or are a young person who has completed the coming of age course, we welcome you to come forward at the end of the service to sign our Membership Book, signifying your commitment to WUU. We invite current members and friends to witness the signing and to meet our newest members.

## SEPTEMBER 9

9:45 am & 11:15 am

**"Water Communion Service:  
Bless You/Bless the World!"**

**Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, Minister**

Welcome back! Today we kick off the new congregational year with two beloved rituals. The Water Ceremony gathers and blesses the community; then the Blessing of the Backpacks sends us out again to bless the world. All are invited to bring a bit of water from a place that's special to you.

**\*\*Note this Sunday brings us back to our schedule of two services at 9:45 am & 11:15 am.**

## SEPTEMBER 16

9:45 am & 11:15 am

**"Looking Deeply"**

**Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, Minister**

Ancient and contemporary Buddhist teachings lure us to look more deeply--to see with fresh eyes and question everything we think we know, in the service of growing in wisdom, compassion, and connection.

## SEPTEMBER 23

9:45 am & 11:15 am

**"Who Do You See When You Say "We"?"**

**Rev. Laura Horton-Ludwig, Minister**

People of many ethnic and cultural backgrounds have contributed to Unitarian Universalism since its earliest days. Today we celebrate the historical and living diversity of our faith."

## SEPTEMBER 30

9:45 am & 11:15 am

**"We Carry the Shrapnel of the Past,  
and it is Festering."**

**Rev. Dr. Cheryl Clark, Guest Minister**

Lessons learned from history and in the name of righteousness persevere, and ultimately, we hope, for the greater good. Rev. Dr. Clark will explore the Biblical story from Matthew concerning the beheading of John the Baptist, and relate that to events that occurred in the Jim Crow era, not so very long ago. Lynching was used during that time to instill fear and exert control — to preserve white supremacy and to suppress black civil rights. Fortunately, we currently find actions that demonstrate the inherent goodness in humanity. Coupled with the desire to learn from history and to find justice and compassion for all, The Equal Justice Initiative, at its newly opened National Memorial for Peace and Justice, identifies more than 4,400 victims of lynchings in the United States between 1877 and 1950. What lessons have we learned, and how may we guide our actions always to the ultimate good for all?



## Hospitality News!

**Sunday, September 9th – a new beginning for WUU – a new ministry of doing our Sunday Morning Hospitality.** We hope everyone will accept the invitation to be a part. If you have not yet done so, please pick up your invitation letter in the Gathering Hall and visit with one of the coordinators at the Hospitality table.

**Another new beginning -- a new time for coffee and conversation: 10:30 to 11:15 – between the services.** If you come to the early service, stay a little longer, take some time to visit with each other and those who are newcomers, and enjoy a snack and a beverage. If you come to the second service, come a little earlier to do the same.

For more information, please contact the Hospitality Ministry Coordinators at [hospitality@wuu.org](mailto:hospitality@wuu.org).

## Share the Plate for September

(NOTE. The September Share the Plate collection will be on the third Sunday rather than our usual second Sunday.)

On Sunday, September 16, we are introducing a newcomer to the Share the Plate lineup - the STP recipient will be **Hampton Roads Refugee Relief (HR3)**. Their mission is "to promote self-sufficiency and wellness of refugees resettling in Hampton Roads." The organization provides refugees with additional education, links them with employers, assists with housing and transportation, familiarizes them with available social services, assists with medical care and more. These activities ease the transition to the United States and make sure refugees have every opportunity to succeed and become productive members of society.



HR3 is a relatively young organization, obtaining its non-profit status about one year ago. It has operated thus far on donations from several individuals and the good will of volunteers (including WUUs) determined to welcome and assist these refugee families to the best of their abilities with limited resources. Each Sunday, families, primarily from Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, and Morocco, meet at a Boys and Girls Club in Newport News to participate in Islamic studies/prayer in a safe environment, learn English and share a provided lunch, all thanks to dedicated volunteers. There are also special speakers and events, such as immigration attorneys and health fairs. Please give generously to this organization and show WUU support for the safety and well-being of these new members of our community and to send the strong message that they are welcome here! For more information, contact Kim Barbarii: [kbarbarii@cox.net](mailto:kbarbarii@cox.net).

## More on Share the Plate

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, this year we are adding several new organizations to our Share the Plate regulars. The item above presents one such newcomer. We welcome nominations from WUU members for potential recipient agencies, in particular those groups that might be offering needed services to our community but are under-funded and lack visibility. We seek to "move the needle" with our donations, to their benefit and ours, as well. Our WUU values are most efficiently projected when they go to worthy organizations most in need themselves. Your continuing generosity is encouraged.



# Soul Matters Covenant Groups Coming Soon!



After last spring's successful pilot program, this fall WUU is launching new Soul Matters groups open to everyone in the congregation. Soul Matters groups are a new kind of small group, connected to our monthly worship themes, with a unique practice component that helps us not just think about the themes, but live them.

All are welcome to a café conversation introducing the Soul Matters groups on Sunday, September 23 right after the 11:15 worship service. Signups will begin that week.

## **What are Soul Matters groups?**

Soul Matters groups invite people to deepen their connection to self, others, and spirit, through regular monthly meetings and reflection and spiritual practice on your own. The groups ask you to make a commitment to do your own inner work in between meetings—it's more than just showing up once a month—but many participants have found the added structure and depth to be deeply rewarding. Another key feature of the groups is, when we gather, we listen to one another. Soul Matters groups aren't discussion groups. We don't give each other advice. What we do is listen, and in the listening, many participants have found that they hear their own inner wisdom more clearly than they ever have before.

To get a better taste of Soul Matters, check out a sample group packet [here](#). Group members will receive similar packets each month.

**What's the time commitment?** Soul Matters groups meet once a month for 2 hours, plus reflection and practice time on your own. Groups will ask for a commitment of one year.

**How do I get involved?** Signups will begin later this month. We'll announce the signup link in the weekly Spiral email. Signups will be first-come, first-served.

**What if I have more questions?** If you can, come to the café conversation on Sunday, September 23. Soul Matters facilitators will be there along with Rev. Laura to introduce you to the groups and answer any questions you may have. Or, if you can't make it, contact Rev. Laura to learn more.

# Board Report

## Reflections on Transitions and Our New Strategic Plan

The Board meeting in August was the first meeting since we adopted a new Strategic Plan in June. Already, we have found how important it is to review our work in the light of our new plan.

- **Two worship services.** This is a critical need if we are to grow, yet finding the right fit for WUU has been a challenge. The Board enthusiastically endorsed Rev. Laura's outline of task force work and appointed Rachel Delbos as the Board's representative.
- **Becoming a Partner Congregation.** Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) representatives Wayne Moyer and John Whitley recommended to the Board that WUU become a Partner Congregation. The first question was how that fits in with the Social Justice part of the Strategic Plan. With the support of Social Justice Co-chairs Helen Hansen and Jessica Sapalio, the Board endorsed the recommendation. WUU is now a Partner Congregation, joining a host of congregations including five other UU congregations.
- **Walt Learning Tree.** The Board received a request for more than \$7,000 from the WLT Steering Committee for the next year. This request was an unbudgeted surprise. The Board moved to provide funding to cover the expected deficit for the fall semester to support WLT and it will make a decision about the spring semester later this fall. The Board understands that WLT has a long history, yet the Board and Rev. Laura have responsibilities to evaluate WLT's future role in the context of staff resources, fiduciary responsibilities, employment practices, competing priorities, and the Strategic Plan—all important considerations as we grow and mature.

Other more routine Board actions related to the approval of a plan to promote the Meditation Memorial Garden program, approving a gift of a new piece of playground equipment, and selecting new leadership for our Annual Giving Committee.

Speaking of leadership, we were saddened to learn that Board Vice President Ty Alexander has resigned for health reasons. Ty will be sorely missed for his compassion, executive experience, thoughtful leadership and diversity perspective.

Our By-Laws state that the Vice President shall also serve as Personnel Chair and states that the Board may fill a vacancy until the next congregational election. That, in turn, set in motion a series of discussions about how to reassign our Board responsibilities with a minimum of drama.

Drumroll please, effective September 1:

- **Meet New Board Member Ariel BenYishay!** Ariel will serve on the Board until May. Welcome Ariel!
- **Meet President Jessica O'Brien!** She will serve as our Board leader for the remainder of the year (until May).
- **Meet Vice President and Personnel Chair Les Solomon!** I will serve in this role until the end of my term in May.

It has been an amazing experience to serve as either your Board president or Building our Future chair since 2012. Thank you for your continuing support and trust. During this period, WUU has grown in so many ways. I look forward to growing with you in the years ahead.

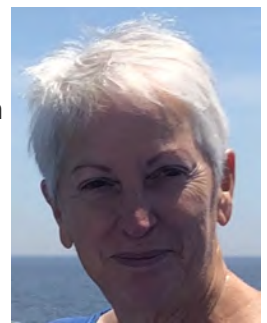


Les Solomon, Retiring Board President.

Ariel BenYishay



Jessica O'Brien



# Tidewater Cluster Registration is Open!



Thanks to our registration team, registration is now open for this year's Tidewater Cluster which will be hosted by the WUU on Saturday, October 13th!

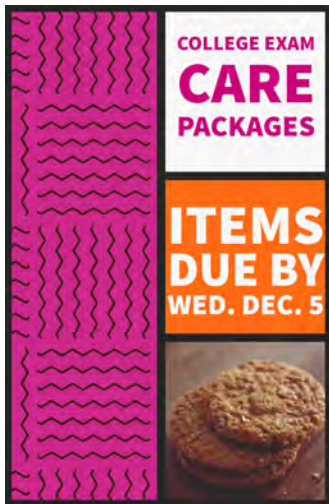
Our steering committee has worked very diligently to design a day that should meet the interests and needs of many within our communities. We have 15 different workshops planned, and Connie Goodbread will be our keynote speaker and a workshop presenter. Rev. Laura, Jessica O'Brien, John Whitley, Ben Thacker-Gwaltney, David and Linda Lane-Hamilton, Allen Cooke, and Les Solomon join with other UU's across Tidewater as workshop leaders.

The link to registration, our workshop offerings, and schedule can be found both at our website:

<https://wuu.org/> or

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/WilliamsburgUnitarianUniversalists/TidewaterClusterRegistrationForm>

Let's make this a day of transformation, fellowship, and UU joy!



We have a wonderful opportunity to help lift the spirits of some of our William and Mary Unitarian Universalist Circle members as exam time comes around. If you would like to participate, please drop a donation for a care package for a student who needs some calm and encouragement.

Needed items:

- Home baked cookies (no peanuts, please) labeled and in packages of 6
- Travel size packs of tissues
- Dental floss
- Notation flags
- Mints
- Fun pens or pencils
- Slinky or other small toy
- A hand written (or drawn!) note of encouragement

We have about 20 students in need of a care package.

Please drop off donations in the office at Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists by Wednesday December 5.

Contact Austen Petersen at [austen@wuu.org](mailto:austen@wuu.org).



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Barbara and John Chowning** moved here from the Washington DC area five years ago. They both worked at the US Department of Labor, where Barbara served as a trainer for a workers' compensation program that provided benefits to nuclear weapons workers and John managed education curricula for Job Corps, a training program for disadvantaged youth.

Since their retirement three years ago, Barbara has kept busy serving on their HOA board and doing consulting work for friends. John has spent a lot of time in his home recording studio, recording and mixing music he has written. John has participated in the Monday Night Buddhists Meditation at WUU for the past three years, and from that experience the couple was introduced to the church community.

Since attending services and meeting a variety of members, they have both come to respect the mission and the sincerity of the WUU community. Their daughter and grandson live in the Portland, Oregon area.

## United Way Day of Caring

Join the WUU Team for the United Way Day of Caring  
Friday, September 7, 2018

Please join Helen and Doug Hansen, Liz Dye, Wayne Moyer, Phoebe and Jim Kent, Larry Ventis, Chris Llewellyn, Lauren Weeks, and the Felipe family for a fun day of service at Jamestown Settlement.

Last year we had a great team working outside or inside at Jamestown Settlement. We had a good time together and were told that we "mature adults" had completed more tasks than the "kids" from William and Mary. So - let's keep our reputation intact and help the venue get prepared for the big events coming for the 2019 Commemoration of the first African American's arrival in Virginia.

Volunteers are invited for breakfast and photos at the 4H Center and lunch at Jamestown Settlement. You'll see how much the staff appreciates Team WUU!!!

Please contact Helen Hansen [helenfoxhansen@gmail.com](mailto:helenfoxhansen@gmail.com) to volunteer for TEAM WUU United Way Day of Caring at Jamestown Settlement.



## The Harbor Day Shelter Needs More Volunteers

There is still a great need for volunteers to assist with serving food, conducting intake, and visiting with guests. Volunteers can sign up for as few or as many days as they wish.

Contact Ellen at [eboyko@bedeva.org](mailto:eboyko@bedeva.org) or 757-253-0664 to sign up for a private training session or attend the next scheduled one Thursday, September 6 at 1:30 PM

## Spotlight on WUU Member



**Christine (Chris) Faia**



A native of Los Angeles, I have lived in Williamsburg since 1970. I was fortunate to have a rewarding career in healthcare, as an administrator for inpatient services including a substance abuse program and programs for acute psychiatric treatment and acute medical care. Before retiring in 2004, my final work was as executive director of Hospice Support Care of Williamsburg, during which time we planned and built the Hospice House, which began admitting patients and families in 2002.

Franz Gross and I have been married for 40 years, and until eight years ago our home was in Williamsburg within walking distance to his office at the College of William and Mary. He and I now live on the Chickahominy River, where we enjoy gorgeous sunsets, vivid changes of season and watching the osprey couple that returns each spring to build a nest and raise its young on a platform next to our dock. Our move to the river has meant an 18 mile “commute” to town, but we are that much closer to Richmond where a daughter, two grandsons and my sister live, and where I travel every week to the Virginia museum’s ceramics studio.

As a feminist and political activist, I was on the organizing committee for Virginia Women’s Political Caucus, chaired the Williamsburg City Democratic Committee, volunteered for local, state and national political candidates and served as secretary of the City’s electoral board. Nonpartisan community service has included volunteering for hospice and serving on the corporate board for Williamsburg Landing. Along with Franz, I am a charter member of WUU, and in early days when services were held at the library, my job was to help Melissa Ackley who was in charge of hospitality. Wearing my healthcare hat, I served on our first minister’s pastoral care committee and on the first RE committee and later taught RE. I joined the first team of worship associates, and served two terms on the board, including a year as president. Following board service, I chaired the stewardship committee for two years, and last fall, on completing three years as co-chair of the RE committee, decided that would be my final role in a leadership position. Today I am on the caring committee roster and helping Sue Walkley tend the playground garden. Recently, listening to Lola Warren describe the new Sunday morning hospitality teams’ rotation in the year ahead, I realized that on taking my turn, I will have come full circle as a WUU volunteer!

## Social Justice

Several members of the immigration team have been researching possible needs of the undocumented immigrant community in WJCC. We have talked to immigration attorneys, Child Development Resource, Virginia Interfaith Center, First UU Richmond (they have a family in sanctuary), elected officials, and other members of the faith community in WJCC. We know that ICE has contracted with the VPRJ to house detainees, and that there are many undocumented families in the area. We have some ideas for projects locally that will be announced in the Spiral as they are developed.

First UU Richmond has a need for volunteers to be in the building constantly to protect Abbie, their person in sanctuary. If you would like to join a team at First UU Richmond, or would like to join our WUUSJ Immigration team, please contact [sjchair@wuusj.org](mailto:sjchair@wuusj.org).

Virginia Interfaith Center has developed a program called Circles of Protection. If you are interested in providing transportation to our undocumented neighbors to the north, please contact Leslie Waters, [cvsnttransportation@gmail.com](mailto:cvsnttransportation@gmail.com) and tell her you are a member of WUU. A working knowledge of Spanish is helpful, but not necessary.

For the past year, our Transportation Circle has been an incredible group of volunteers dedicated to providing transportation to our undocumented neighbors to:

- ICE check-ins in Fairfax
- ISAP check-ins in Midlothian
- Immigration Court in Arlington
- Trips home from detention
- USCIS appointments in Norfolk
- Transportation to family members of those in public sanctuary.

The need is growing, and additional volunteers are desperately needed.

## The Grit of Kids by Austen Petersen, Director of Religious Education

We had such a wonderful failure in religious education today.

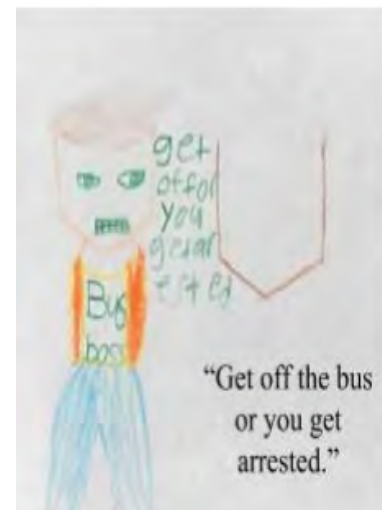
Helen Hansen and Jessica O'Brien transported us to 1950s Montgomery, Alabama this past Sunday in Children's Chapel. As the children entered the room, we all sang Ain't Nobody Gonna Turn Me Around. We sang together and talked about the grit of the Grimke sisters ([click for more information](#)). Helen and Jessica had a wonderful lesson plan worked out. They'd poured much love and attention into this session, and we were going to divide the children into two groups. The groups would take turns pretending to be black and white on the city bus in Montgomery, and we'd talk about how it felt to be black during that time and what courage Rosa Parks had.

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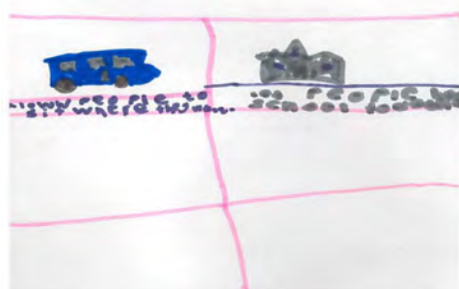
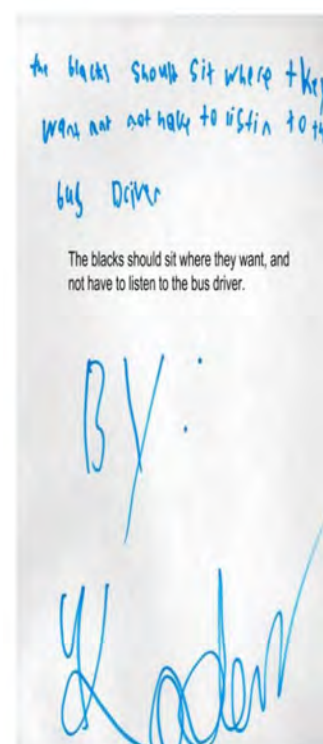


Before I tell you what happened next, take a deep breath and remember what it was like to be five years old. Do you remember how strange adults sometimes seemed? Perhaps you felt like you had to ask permission for everything - permission to wear an outfit, permission to leave the classroom, permission to go to the swing set. Saying “no” to an adult authority figure was hard, wasn’t it? In this classroom, the kids had three adult authority figures.

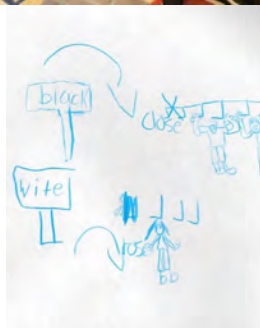
We all arranged the big foam cubes in order to make believe it was the bus. We had signs set up saying one section was for “whites” only and the other section was for “colored” people only, just like the Rosa Parks story. We divided the kids up into two groups, and Jessica pretended to be the bus driver. Austen pretended to be Rosa Parks, and Helen pretended to be the police officer. The bus driver told Rosa that she had to move, but Rosa didn’t move. The bus driver told her again to move, but she still didn’t budge. Finally, the bus driver called in the police officer (Helen), who arrested Rosa and took her to jail. Just as the officer arrived, the kids all stood up, grabbed the signs, and said “nope, this stinks. We’re not doing this.” Together, they carried the signs into the corner of the room and erased the words “white” and “colored.” They looked at the police officer and at Rosa and said “See? Now there’s no problem, everyone can sit together.” The kids dismantled the system.



We, the “teachers,” were stunned and incredibly happy. We congratulated the children on their grit. After all, they’d just stood up to the teachers and the game, totally refusing to play a game with crooked rules. We went into our reflection room, the room with all the tables, and each child made a drawing, comic book, or written statement about how they felt about the experience. I’ll let the kids have the final word.



This is a comic book in progress that declares all people should sit where they want, and also that all people should go to school together.



This drawing shows the emotional experience of segregation on the bus, and Rosa’s role.

# Shamanic Journeying & Drumming at WUU

This fall, WUU is launching a new spiritual practice opportunity: a monthly shamanic journey circle, led by Rev. Laura's husband John B. Ludwig, an advanced student with Michael Harner's **Foundation for Shamanic Studies** (FSS). Shamanic journeying is a practice known to almost every human culture. The "Core Shamanism" taught by FSS is particularly designed to give Westerners access to this ancient spiritual tradition. The techniques taught are safe and drug-free, using drums or rattles to help students alter their consciousness and journey to unseen realms beyond our ordinary reality.

If you'd like to try shamanic journeying, John will be leading a basic workshop in October:

## Introduction to Shamanic Journeying

Saturday, Oct. 6, 4-6 p.m. in the Little Sanctuary at WUU



The workshop will introduce participants to the shamanic worldview and provide opportunities to journey to the Lower and Upper Worlds of classical shamanic cosmology.

Open to all adults and high school youth, no prior experience required. Most journeys are done while seated or lying down. Chairs are provided, but bring cushions, yoga mats, and/or blankets as you desire. An eye cover (such as a sleep mask or bandanna) is recommended, as is a journal for taking notes. Feel free to bring a drum and/or rattle. Movement or dance is encouraged, but not required to participate.

Pre-registration is required. To register, click [here](#).

Following the workshop, John will begin leading a monthly practice circle at WUU:

## Ginkgo Fire: Shamanic Journey Drum Circle

Second Thursdays beginning on Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m. in the Little Sanctuary

Participants should have some familiarity with shamanic journeying. If you're unable to come to the workshop on Oct. 6, please contact John to arrange for a brief orientation session before your first visit to the circle. Sandra Ingerman's *Shamanic Journeying: A Beginner's Guide* is also a great resource for those new to journeying. To sign up to receive monthly reminders, click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact John ([john@ludwigstudio.net](mailto:john@ludwigstudio.net)) or Rev. Laura ([revlaura@wuu.org](mailto:revlaura@wuu.org)) We hope to see you there!

## Circle Dinners



Circle Dinners involve small groups of 7 to 10 people who enjoy having dinner together. The style is casual and potluck; the talk is good, and the food delicious. Each group arranges its own schedule, but most groups get together about every 4 to 6 weeks. Members of the Circle usually host one dinner each during the year. Circle Dinners provide an opportunity to get to know WUU people well and have a good time. Each Fall the Circles are reorganized, giving a chance to be with a different group of people for the next year. New members can join a Circle in the middle of the year. You can sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Space, by contacting [dfbanks@earthlink.net](mailto:dfbanks@earthlink.net), or going to this link. You can also sign up for a restaurant group (lunch or dinner).





## Fundraising News

Now that summer vacations are coming to an end, it's time to think about fun WUU activities, such as fundraising events, for the coming months.

WUU Bed and Breakfast is up and running with an enthusiastic team finding new ways to spread the word throughout the UU world about our wonderful town and great host members. Several requests have been received and are being filled by our fellow members. If you are interested in becoming a host or just want to learn more, please contact Kerry Mellette.

The next Auction is scheduled for February 23, 2019. Jessica O'Brien continues as chair of the team. Dates for the 2019 Yard Sale are yet to be determined. Co-chairs Pat Russo and Katrina Landon will let us know details in coming months.

The Book Sale program with Amazon will begin again this month. Please leave books to be donated in the designated crates in the side entryway. If books are not suitable to sell on Amazon, they will be given to the public library for their Friend's sale, since we are not planning to sell books at the Yard Sale. For more information, please contact Lola Warren or Les Solomon.

If you have ideas for other fundraisers, please contact Lola Warren, Fundraising Chair.



## Building a Vocal Community Workshop Returns

**GREAT NEWS!** Dr. Ysaye Barnwell and the "Building a Vocal Community" workshop will return to Williamsburg on **January 25-26, 2019.**

On a frosty weekend in January 2017, many of you enjoyed this fun event--singing and learning together in the African American tradition--and asked for an opportunity to do it again. It's happening! Come join us next January. The cost for admission has been reduced this year, thanks to generous financial support from the William & Mary Music Department, the Lemon Project, and the 100th Anniversary of Women at William & Mary: \$30 for general admission and \$10 for students. As in 2017, the event will begin on Friday evening (6-9pm) and continue on Saturday (9am-4pm), with lunch provided. Registration is now open at <https://williamsburgvocalcommunity.eventbrite.com>. Please share this information with anyone you think might be interested.

Jodi Fisler, Wayne Moyer, Jamie Bartlett and Jessica O'Brien, organizers from WUU

# Religious Education at Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

September 9 Ingathering Sunday

Multigenerational Service, Blessing  
of the Backpacks

Everyone in the big sanctuary  
together



September 16

Preschool: Chalice Children:  
Welcome

Lower Elem.: Big Orange Splot

Upper Elem.: Faith

Middle School: OWL

High School (YRUU): Unitarian  
Universalism: The Journey Starts at  
Home

September 23

Preschool: A Tour of the Inside of  
Our Congregation

Children's Chapel: Green Sanctuary  
with Ariel and Rachel

September 30

Preschool: A Tour of the Outside of  
Our Congregation

Lower Elem.: Old Turtle

Upper Elem.: Questioning

Middle School: OWL

High School (YRUU): Indigenous  
Religions: The Earth Speaks

October 7

Preschool: Making Chalices

Lower Elem.: Grandad's Prayers for  
the Earth

Upper Elem.: Integrity

Middle School: OWL

High School (YRUU): Hinduism:  
One God, a Thousand Faces

October 14

Preschool: All Around Us

Children's Chapel

October 21

Preschool: Chalice Necklaces

Lower Elem.: Owen and Mzee

Upper Elem.: Flexibility (duck tape)

Middle School: OWL

High School (YRUU): Introduction  
to Eastern Religions



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October 28 Multigen. Day of the Dead

Preschool: Halloween

Thursday December 6th, 2018 Bread and Puppet Show

November 4

Preschool: Beauty of Nature

Lower Elem.: To Everything There is a Season

Upper Elem.: Democratic Process

Middle School: OWL

High School (YRUU): Taoism

December 9

Children's Chapel



December 16

Preschool: Winter Lights

Lower Elem.: On the Night You Were Born

Upper Elem.: Expression

Middle School: OWL

High School (YRUU): Buddhism 2

November 11

Preschool: Fruit Chalices

Children's Chapel

November 18: St Cecelia Service

Preschool: Thanksgiving

Friday December 21 Winter Solstice

November 25

Greg Greenway leads  
multigenerational service

December 23

Multigenerational

Friday November 30 Yule Sing!

December 30

No classes

December 2

Preschool: Chalice Flannel Board

Lower Elem.: Elijah's Angel

Upper Elem.: Reflection

Middle School: OWL

High School (YRUU): Buddhism 1

