



WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

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WUU NEWS

June 2014

June 1, 2014

*10:00 am "Blessing the Community:
Celebration of Volunteers"
All-Ages Worship (45-minutes)
Rev. Jennifer Ryu*

Rachel Naomi Remen once described the difference between helping, fixing, and serving." Service is the core of the WUU Mission. It is the very purpose and reason for our congregation's existence. How is it different from helping or fixing?

There will be a cupcake reception in gratitude for all of our wonderful WUU volunteers!

June 8, 2014

*10:00 am "Blessing the Graduates:
Bridging Ceremony"
All Ages Worship (45-minutes)
Rev. Jennifer Ryu*

Today we bless our high school seniors: Robert Armstrong, Max Gerald, Chris Hochella, and Quinton Olson. We also take time to give special thanks to the people who volunteered in the children & youth programs this year.

June 15, 2014

*10:00 am "Blessing the Good Guys"
Rev. Jennifer Ryu*

Some of the most dedicated feminists I know are men. They know that our world needs strong women and compassionate men. How do we teach our boys to become men who will reject society's hyped-up machismo and grow into one of the good guys.?

June 22, 2014

*10:00 am "Blessing the Flowers:
A Celebration of Beloved Community"
Rev. Jennifer Ryu*

This annual celebration of beloved community invites each person to bring a flower. As we create one large bouquet, we will reflect on the vision of beloved community. Is it something we create? Is it something that already exists and must be revealed? What kind of work, sacrifice, and commitment does it take to realize this vision?

The Tabernacle Band will provide the service music today.

June 29, 2014

10:00 am "Who We are in the World"

Join us as Worship Associates, Anne Stevens and Eva Burke take us through who we, at WUU, are in our community and the world.

Summer Arts

- ◆ Begins Sunday, June 15
- ◆ Children and Youth ages 5-18
- ◆ See article on page 2 for more information



Summer Arts



SUMMER PROGRAM FOR YOUTH AT 10 AM IS GOING TO BE HERE SOON!

Starting on June 15th at 10 am, WUU's youth will engage in a fun summer of drama, dance, costumes, sets, and....in a word....a MUSICAL PRODUCTION! The script has been written by Vanessa Jones and the songs will be mostly from a Stephen Sondheim musical called "The Children of Eden" which is a light-hearted look at the first few chapters of Genesis from the Bible.

All children from five through high school are welcomed to come participate! And we need you. There are many speaking parts.....two for adults and four for teens and others for elementary and middle school. If your child does not want a speaking part, he or she can dance, sing, be a tree or an animal or a water-fall.....we have a job for everyone!

The Sunday morning musical is led by Vanessa Jones and Pat Hoppe, directors. Other adults who will be taking their turns at helping out on Sunday morning will be choreographers (I know where I can find three dancers! My former W&M dance teacher is one of them!), actors, musicians to help us learn the songs, and costume makers and set makers. Adults who "supervise" will also be needed, so if you would rather just WATCH THE MAGIC HAPPEN, come and offer your time some Sunday this summer.

Following a short opening worship, the youth will prepare, practice, and plan each Sunday morning at 10 am in Fahs (do not go to the sanctuary first; bring kids directly to Fahs at 10 am). On September 13 (Saturday at 4 pm) we will have the dress rehearsal. Then on Sunday, September 14th, the musical will become part of our worship together at both the 9:15 am and 11:15 am service....it will be such fun for the kids and everybody present!

Vanessa and Pat will be recruiting adults in the next week or two....but if you KNOW you love drama and music, please volunteer to make our summer program the best it can be! Blessed be!

Pat Hoppe (Acting) LFD Director

You may contact Pat at dlfd@wuu.org or 220-6830

Share the Plate for June 1, 2014

SpiritWorks Foundation

The Share the Plate collection on June 1st will be donated to SpiritWorks Foundation Center for Recovery of the Soul. The mission of this local agency is to help individuals and families sustain long term recovery from the disease of addiction, and to help children and youth live free from the intergenerational cycle of addiction in their families. SpiritWorks provides peer-led programs and services for individuals and families to deepen their understanding of the chronic disease, equipping participants with effective recovery management skills and specialized recovery tools. To learn more, visit www.spiritworksfoundation.org

To nominate an agency or learn more about the Share the Plate program, email stp@wuu.org.

June's Spiritual Theme is Blessing

MINISTER'S CORNER

By Rev. Jennifer Ryu



Life blesses us with unexpected gifts. And people bless us as well--even people we have never met and will never meet. For me, Maya Angelou was one of those people. She passed away on May 28th. I have always admired the way she lived her life--resisting oppression and fighting injustice with the armaments of poetry and beauty and love. Her voice calls us to our best:

"I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a 'life.'

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."



Maya Angelou (1928-2014)

Change in Office Hours, Minister's Day Off

Rev. Jennifer will be changing her weekly day off; her day off will now be Friday, though you can still call the office to get in touch with her in case of an emergency.

For the summer months the program assistant, Ellyn Stephens, will be in the office from 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Monday through Friday.

News from the Board

We're in the process of laying out our plans for the upcoming WUU year. Our Board committees continue to work diligently at ensuring our finances, personnel, and facilities are fully in place for the congregation to fulfill the mission's needs. If you have not been keeping up with the Building Our Future activities or did not attend the meeting with the architects this month, please read the BOF newsletters and announcements so you can be involved. Everyone's input is most important.



Here is how our voices together can be heard:

On June 8th, at 11:15, after the service, attend the congregational meeting to

- Hear and discuss the end of year reports from the minister, board president, and treasurer, as required by our bylaws. Jennifer, Vicki Hall (Assistant Treasurer) and I will show you what is forthcoming. We told you about work in progress in February; now it is time to tell you what's in store for our 2014-15 fiscal year.
- Learn about and discuss our current financial status and the new budget which, based on your generous giving, ensures our moving forward.
- See and hear our new Religious Education Director, Austen Peterson, as she comes to us through a video.
- See, hear, and discuss the latest rendition of the possible building plans as Roger Guernsey presents the changes based on comments from many of you (please keep them coming) and the continued work by the architects and the Design/Build Committee.

If you are unable to attend, the meeting will be audio streamed, so listen from wherever you are.

Blessings to you all, as we, the WUU, bless the community with our presence and work.

Lola Warren, Board President



June 8th at 11:15, Congregational Meeting

As our fiscal year comes to an end and a new one begins, the Minister and the Board President will be coming to you with information about what is planned for the coming year. The Assistant Treasurer will present the new 3-year budget and current status of our financial health.

After the half-hour or less of business, our Design/Build Team of Building Our Future will bring to you the latest information on possible building design, costs, and next steps in the process of considering expansion.

Please plan to attend. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.



WHEN THE SPIRIT SAYS DO!

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One of the best ways to get to know people in the congregation is to step up and serve. Here are the current opportunities to DO something fun, challenging, and engaging!



Summer Children's Sunday Program: 4 adults are needed each Sunday this summer to help the kids stage a theatrical production. Come learn more after services on June 1! See Pat Hoppe for more information, if you're not able to attend this planning meeting. Email: dlfd@wuu.org

Membership Team Chair: Are you ready to take on a leadership role at WUU? Maybe you've been a member for many years and want to take the next step. This is a perfect team for you. The membership programs are well established and the team is functioning very well. There will be a training and transition period with Jane Reilly and Trena Tankersley. Email: jennifer@wuu.org

Sunday Morning Teams Coordinator: Dave Neiman is completing his 3 year term as the leader of these hospitality teams. The next coordinator will have the benefit of a smooth-running system and established teams. This is an excellent volunteer position for someone who wants to get to know many of the newer members. Email: dneiman236@cox.net

Come join the WUU Mission/Service Trip to West Virginia this Summer!

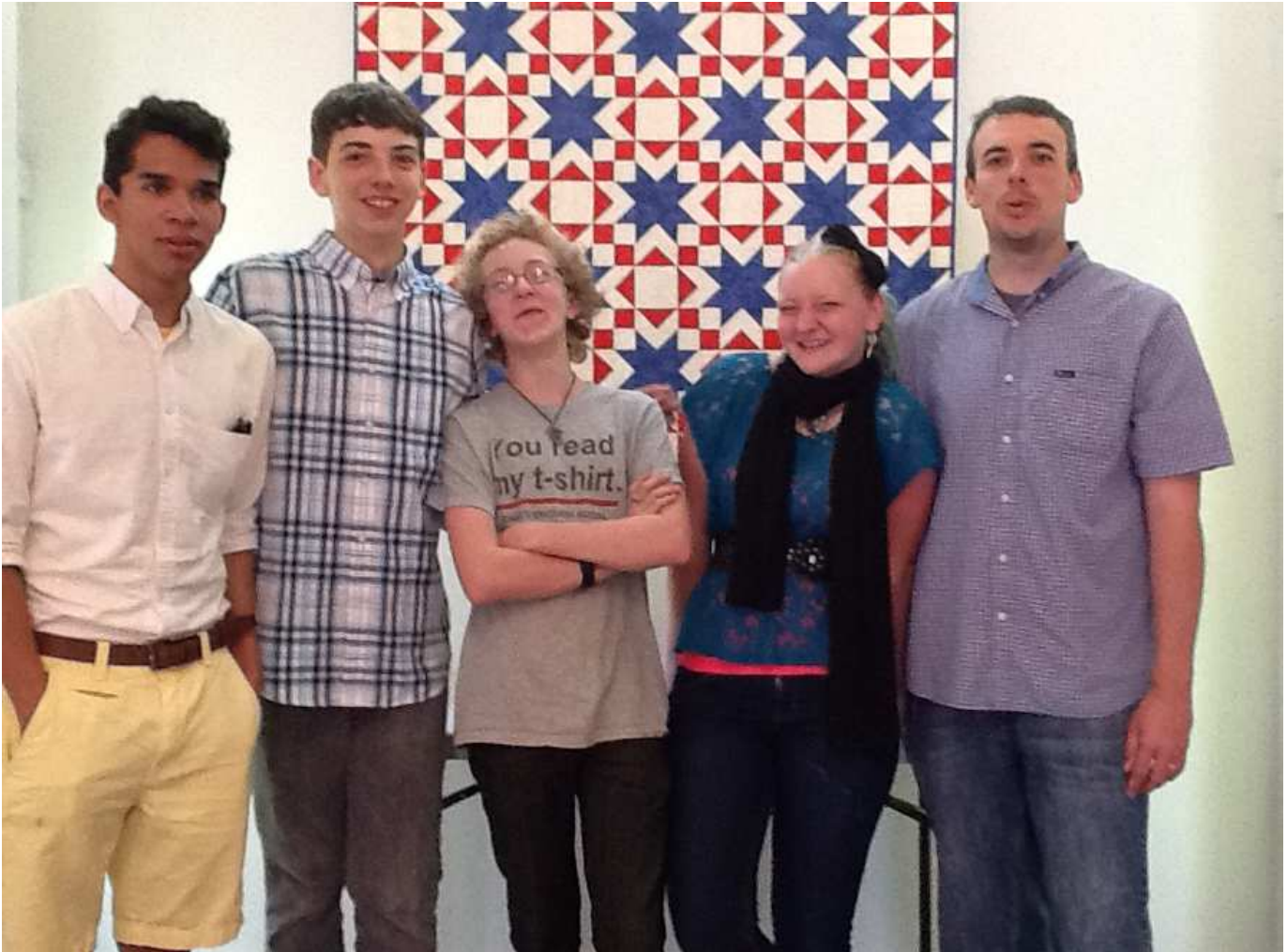


Think you might be interested in participating with other WUUs on our Summer Service Week--August 3rd-9th? Adults and youth, 13 and over, are welcome. With leadership from Appalachian South Folklife Center, you will have the opportunity to make personal and meaningful connections with residents of the Pipestem area of WV.

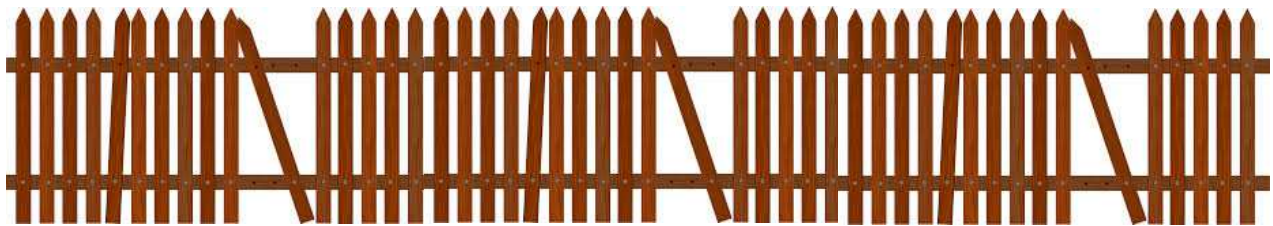
Generally we work on home renovation and general improvement projects which have been evaluated and organized by the Center. Those involved last year found the week to be a valuable social justice experience and enjoyed building stronger relationships through working together on a worthwhile project. For more information contact Jessica O'Brien at newjb2001@hotmail.com

Please join us on Thursday, June 5 at 6:30 pm in the WUU multi-purpose room (aka nursery) for our planning meeting .

YRUU (High School Youth) Led Worship Service on Science and Faith on May 25



From left to right... Nathaniel Johnson, Evan Varney, Sage Wilkins, Aurora Wilkins, and Scott Varney. Not pictured are Kaliska Wiley and Will Friedrichs.



WUU Housing Partnerships Project



Volunteer for Housing Partnerships the first three weekends in June - [June 7th](#), 14th, and 21st! Sign up for all three weekends if you can! We need you for yard work, painting, and basic home repair work here in Williamsburg. Feel free to bring your friends, family (kids too), and minions. A carpool will be coordinated if needed.

Use this link to indicate which days you can help out <https://doodle.com/eedpbi86ned2i4rc>. Then email Corinne Blackford, at blackford.corinne@gmail.com, so she can send you instructions

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jim Wickenden was born and raised in southern Vermont and spent 14 formative summers on North Hero Island in Lake Champlain, first as a camper and then a staff member at the Vermont State YMCA's Camp Abnaki. He came south to William and Mary intending to study American history and go on to law school, but then quickly fell in love with Greek and Latin studies and Italy, where he had the good fortune to spend his junior year studying in Rome. After finishing at W&M, he received a Master's in Classical Studies from UVA, but chose not to pursue his academic career any further. Rather he took a chance on a joyful hobby ...making wooden toys for nieces and nephews...which had surprisingly blossomed into a vibrant summer job while he was in graduate school. In 1980 he opened Toano Toy Works, a one-person -home-and-later-internet-based business that specialized in handcrafted wooden toys for infants, toddlers, and

preschoolers. After 27 very wonderful years as a toymaker and with his toys having been sent to homes all over the country and around the world, feeling that he had accomplished his creative mission, Jim closed the business in 2007, obtained his teaching credentials through the Career Switchers program at ODU, and resumed his love of the ancient world by teaching Latin at Windsor HS in rural, southern Isle of Wight County.

In August 2013, he resigned from that job to become caregiver for his life-partner of forty years, Lew Leadbeater, who succumbed to cancer in January 2014. During this difficult time, Jim drew deeply on the spiritual foundations of his Congregational and Unitarian experiences as a child and teenager. He also felt first hand the power of unconditional and opportune love from family, friends and strangers who lifted and sustained him at the hardest hours. He recognized that same living love immediately when friends brought him to WUU in April. Now as he looks forward to beginning a new teaching job at Hampton High School in the fall, Jim feels that he has found in WUU a kindred and welcoming faith community that embraces the unity of all life's experiences, that strives to live justly in matters large and small, and that joyously celebrates the many intersecting highways and surprising byways on which we travel together throughout our lives.

Laura Bronstein



Look for the biographies of Laura Bronstein and Raffy & Char King in the July newsletter.

Raffy & Char King



Building Our Future: Two more huge steps!

Within a couple of weeks, Guernsey Tingle Architects will deliver to WUU the final products from the exploratory *design* phase. With these documents and plans, we will have our first Master Plan ever! The Master Plan, with its new campus design and phased facility development might change as our vision and mission change and as new opportunities present themselves. However, the Plan shows a way to move into that future, step by step (or phase by phase).

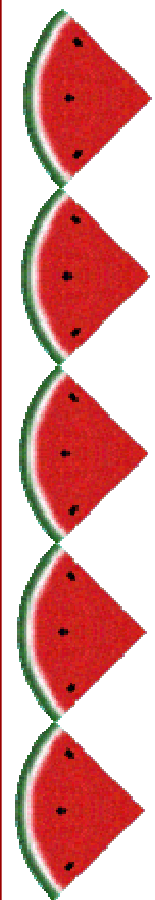
We will also have the long-awaited proposal for a way to solve our immediate needs for space. The Design/Build Team, under Roger Guernsey's leadership, and GTA developed this plan to satisfy as many of the top priorities as possible while minimizing costs. It is a tightly-integrated facility that would, for the first time, provide a fully functional complex under one roof. At the center, uncompromised, is the part that we value so much—our sanctuary. We call this plan Phase 1.

We will continue to gather feedback from the congregation, catalog the comments, and answer questions. However, the Phase 1 plan is the one we will use to complete our exploratory work—the Financial Feasibility Study. Should we decide to vote in September to proceed with a capital campaign to build Phase 1, we will have plenty of time to make certain that the final design takes into account the recommendations that the Team is cataloging now.

Our next major event is on June 8 at the end of the congregational meeting. This will provide an opportunity for us to envision our congregational life together in this new space. In the interim, stop by to see the display in the lobby on Sunday and talk to the Team.

Les Solomon

Chair, Building Our Future



WUU's Annual Picnic on June 8 from 4-7pm

At Chickahominy Riverfront Park

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Veggie Burgers and Beverages will be provided. Please bring a potluck item to share.

Activities include swimming and games and activities for all ages!

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet in the Narthex or at this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hZdsSvnYbX2SKXunn7MuzxIG_BHvsWcegQxkW11fyTQ/viewform

*****PLEASE HELP--We Need You and Your Grill*****

We are looking for a couple of folks with large grills that can be brought to Chickahominy Riverfront Park on June 8...the larger the better. Also needed are a 2-4 folks to serve as "grillmasters". Please contact the office if you can provide a grill or grilling services.

office@wuu.org or 220-6830



Did you see?

This month...

Our landscape contractor accidentally mowed the labyrinth after the Beltane service. Fortunately, with some TLC and white flags to warn the mowers, the labyrinth looks better than ever. It's at the Maypole circle. Why not try it out?



Richard Thek volunteered to look for a contractor (or do some of the work himself) to paint the exteriors of Fahs and Parker. If you are interested in helping, give him a call.

We still have several small projects just waiting for a volunteer or two. Please contact les.solomon@gmail.com for details. Examples include:

- Installing a drainage tube under the brick sidewalk on the way to the Memorial Garden.
- Weeding the garden in front of the sanctuary.
- Building a crawl space door for Fahs.
- Repairing some furniture in the nursery.
- Removing some debris from the Fahs playground.
- Installing a few electrical switches in the Sanctuary.
- Building/repairing some bird houses on the campus.
- Cleaning out the storage shed.
- Hanging the Maypole on the rope outside the shed.
- Removing the brush in the auxiliary parking lot to the dump (requires pickup or trailer)

Les Solomon

Chair, Campus Improvement Team (CIT)

WUU Gifts and Talents Survey



Please take ten minutes of your time

The survey link below takes you to a SurveyMonkey form that will help us understand the Gifts and Interests of our WUU community----and know who to call on as we need one type or another of skill to support program elements. Please take a few minutes of your time to complete and submit it.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Gifts-Interests-Form>

EACH adult or young adult family member should complete her/his own survey!

If you have questions please email Dave Banks at dfbanks@earthlink.net



Joys and Sorrows

Food For the FISH

School will soon be out for the summer and more children will be home for lunch, so lets stock the FISH shelves with peanut butter and jelly and cans and cups of fruit and applesauce. Look for the wagon in the Narthex...let's fill it up!

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 Jessica O'Brien at newjb2001@hotmail.com.)



June Birthdays

Bev Baldwin	John Nichols
Raga Elim	Kaden O'Brien-James
Bobbi Fisler	Ana Romero
Jodi Fisler	Connor Stephens
Ainsley Ford	Dan Tabor
Nan Hart	Trenna Tankersley
Jack Hostetter	Ann Tetrault
Andrew Luchs	Dave Wilcox
Ethan Luchs	Jacqui Winther
Evelyn McKenney	Daniel Wachter
Kirby Moore	



June Anniversaries

Don and Tina Allen
Bev and Roger Baldwin
Nancy and Fred Coy
Bobbi and Joe Fisler
Ruth and David Hopkinson
Lee and Paula Hougen
Liz and Roy Snyder
Trenna and Charles Tankersley
Dave and Lola Warren
Susan and John Whitley

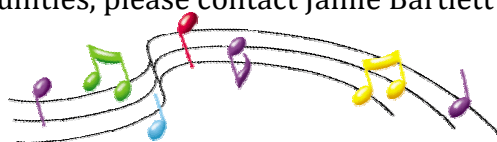
Musical Opportunities at WUU

On **June 15** the Tabernacle Choir will sing for the service. This is a chance for those who, for whatever reason, are unable to participate in choir on a regular basis. They will sing along with our regular choir to provide an anthem. Please mark your calendars if you are interested.

On **June 22**, Tabernacle Band will play for the Sunday service. If you are new to WUU, you'll need to know that Tabernacle Band is an opportunity for musicians of all ages, abilities and instruments to join together to make a joyful noise.

Our wonderful Music Director works her magic on us and the results will amaze you. Contact Vicki Hall to get music for your instrument.

Each of these opportunities will involve one rehearsal before the service in which we are playing or singing. For more information about either of these opportunities, please contact Jamie Bartlett at jcbart@wm.edu or Vicki Hall at vickihall@cox.net



WUU June Calendar

Sunday, June 1, 2014

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Youth Summer Arts Mtg, Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm, YRUU (High School Youth), Parker
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, June 2, 2014

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2014

- 6:30 pm, Compassion Deep Study, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex

Wednesday, June 4, 2014

- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 5, 2014

- 10:00 am, Beginning Meditation, Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm, Mission Trip Planning, Activities Rm
- 6:30 pm, Navigators Monthly Meeting, Fahs

Sunday, June 8, 2014

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:15 am, Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 2:00 pm, A Year To Live, Fahs House
- 4:00 pm, Annual Picnic, Chickahominy Rvr Prk
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, June 9, 2014

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

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:00 pm, Worship Team Meeting, Fahs House

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

- 5:00 pm, Williamsburg Choral Guild Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, B. Brown Book Club, Fahs House

Thursday, June 12, 2014

- 10:00 am, Beginning Meditation, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am, The Odyssey, Fahs House
- 1:00 pm, Spiritual Journey Group, Fahs House

Sunday, June 15, 2014

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, June 16, 2014

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2014

- 6:30 pm, Compassion Deep Study, Fahs
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

- 5:00 pm, Williamsburg Choral Guild Sanctuary

Thursday, June 19, 2014

- 10:00 am, Beginning Meditation, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm, Leadership Team Meeting, Fahs

Saturday, June 21, 2014

- 6:00 pm, Summer Solstice Celebration, Weather Permitting Outdoors

Sunday, June 22, 2014

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 11:30 am, Rainbow Potluck, Fahs House
- 11:30 am, New Member Orientation Make-up, Session B, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, June 23, 2014

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

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

- 2:00 pm, Poetry Class, Fahs House
- 7:00 pm, QiGong Practice, Narthex
- 7:00 pm, Board Meeting, Fahs House

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

- 7:00 pm, B. Brown Book Club, Fahs House
- 7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 26, 2014

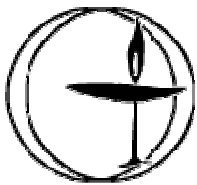
- 10:00 am, Beginning Meditation, Sanctuary

Sunday, June 29, 2014

- 10:00 am, Worship, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm, Insight Meditation, Sanctuary

Monday, June 30, 2014

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



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TIME SENSITIVE



Saturday June 21st at 6:00 pm we will be having a Summer Solstice Potluck Picnic Celebration!

Weather permitting, we'll gather outside on the lawn behind Parker.

We'll walk the labyrinth, celebrate the solstice, and roast marshmallows to close out the night. Come join us!