



# Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists Newsletter July 2005



**10 a.m. SUNDAY SERVICES**  
**The 10 am start time will remain in effect up to  
& including Labor Day weekend.**  
**You don't want to be late for...**



## **JULY 3 - UU HEROES AND MARTYRS**

Sara Mackey, Director of Religious Education

Our faith tradition is a rich source of stories about people whose courage, devotion, and even stubborn resistance still inspire us today. Come this week and hear about two of those amazing people.

## **JULY 10 - WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

From the lighthearted to the serious, Phil Hood and Mary Delara will share their poetry. Put those memories of English classes behind and come to enjoy this delightful service. A picture, an object, or a copy of their selected poems may be used to enhance our enjoyment. As Phil and Mary read, they will share brief insights into the inspirations that led to the creation of each poem.

## **JULY 17 - WORSHIP**

The Reverend David MacPherson

What could we, or should we, expect to happen to us when we come to church?

## **JULY 24 - BIRTHING THE NEW CREATION**

The Reverend David Tetrault

We are used to things developing in a certain order. We project our future out of our past experiences. This transition maybe different. What else can we expect then?

## **JULY 31 - VIRGINIA IS FOR LOVERS: SOME RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY**

Sara Mackey, Director of Religious Education

What does "Welcoming Congregations" mean? Are we one? Why should we be one? What does GLBT stand for? Why should we pay special attention to the rights of gay people; don't other people need our support also? Sara Mackey serves on the Welcoming Congregations committee at her home church, UU Community Church in Glen Allen, and she will address these questions and many others that arise out of conversations about Welcoming Congregations.



## **THE BOARD, IT IS A-CHANGING**

*Fred Adair is replacing Roger Baldwin as WUU President, Dave Stanford is replacing Franz Gross as VP, Jan Brown is taking over Programming in place of Jessica O'Brien, Bunkie Righter assumes Donna Stanford's old RE position (now RE is a separate cluster of its own), and Joe Fisler will be the Physical Plant Chair as Bill Whiteside steps down.*

*Thanks to all those who have volunteered and lead our church in the past, we look to them for guidance as we move forward with another dedicated group of volunteers. Give Board Members a hug next time you see them!*



**SHIRLEY'S CAULDRON**

On break until the September issue.

**GREETINGS FROM THE TOP SPOT**

Since this is my first attempt at putting something down that will be meaningful for all of you, I hope you will allow me a bit of time to become accustomed to the job! I'm sure I thought I had the wisdom and energy to perform the varied tasks of a president of a liberal congregation or I wouldn't have attempted it, so let's just leap in and give it the old college try!

After giving some overnight thoughts to accepting the position of president, I began trying to see what, with your help, could be accomplished during my one year at the top. I came up with at least three things about which I had relatively strong feelings. They are:

- 1 - I think we, as a congregation, might make better use of our inborn talent of being there for each other on a more consistent basis. What I mean by this is that when we notice that someone has not been present for several weeks, we might try to ascertain why that person is not currently in our midst.
- 2 - Having said that, it behooves us to go about the task of finding our "missing members." It's important to get them interested in returning to our fellowship or finding the reason why they left. Ministers come and go; but we, the members, are the constants. We remain after they are gone.
- 3 - It has been suggested that one thing that we might do in the coming year, to better bring us together, would be to hold a congregational retreat; and during that retreat, we should look at the two previous statements (#1, #2) and find ways to make them happen.

Collectively, this congregation is very talented. We have one of the most well educated memberships in town, so together we can approach these tasks with at least the basic knowledge that they can be accomplished if we put our minds to it. If we are able to achieve that goal, my year will have been well spent.

I look forward to working with all of you on these issues. Thanks for listening!

- All the best,  
*Fred L. Adair, President*

**MOTIONS OF THE BOARD/ACTIONS TAKEN**

**June 13, 2005**

**RESOLVED:** That the Board of the Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists recognizes, with deep appreciation, the services of those members leaving the Board at the expiration of their terms on June 30, 2005. Roger Baldwin, Franz Gross, Jessica O'Brien, Donna Stanford and Bill Whiteside have given of their time & energy in the cause of our WUU congregation. They have performed their responsibilities with commitment, candor and integrity. We look forward to their continued contributions in future leadership roles.

**MOVED:** That the Board approve the Board procedures relating to the document, "Committee Procedures", as drafted by Jessica O'Brien, Program Cluster Chair. Moved: Roger Baldwin, Seconded: Dave Banks - APPROVED

**MOVED:** That the following be approved to serve one year terms as members of the Strategic Planning Committee, as established by action of the Board on January 17, 2005, as amended hereby to provide for eight members and the minister, ex officio: Roger Baldwin, interim chair, Robert Cowling, Jane Dickson, 'Kit' Fournier, Linda Lane-Hamilton, 'Liz' Snyder, Donna Stanford, Hans von Baeyer. Moved: Roger Baldwin, Seconded: Dave Banks - APPROVED

**MOVED:** That the Board approve the appointments of the chairs for existing committees for the new fiscal year, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006. Moved: Jessica O'Brien, Seconded: Dave Banks - APPROVED



Dear Friends,  
On behalf of the Williamsburg AIDS Network, thank you for providing your church to hold our Evening with Friends reception. This reception is the culmination of an evening of fun and fundraising to benefit the agency. By helping us to defray the cost of this event, we are able to provide additional funding to our client services and prevention education programs. Thank you again for your generosity and continued support of our agency and its mission.

- Sincerely,  
*Mary W. Browder, M.A., CHES*  
Executive Director, Williamsburg AIDS Network

## WUU CLASSIFIEDS

### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Do you like meeting and talking to new people? Come and join the Membership Committee. Meet and greet visitors who come to WUU. We have lots of different opportunities: Plan new member recognition ceremonies & breakfasts, administer the membership book signing on the first Sunday of the month, oversee the WUU directory printing and plan activities for new members. We need U&U to invest in the future of WUU! Please contact Jacqui Winther, [community@wuu.org](mailto:community@wuu.org).



### NEWSLETTER EDITOR POSITION OR

### SPACE ON THE NEW NEWSLETTER TEAM

Looking for one person to take over the production of the newsletter – once a month. Training offered or you can just take it and make it your own publication. A great way to volunteer from the comfort of your own home. If no one wants to take on the job, we'll form a team of interested people (hopefully 3 or 4 so you would only be responsible for a couple issues a year). Contact Mary Cottrill at [newsletter@wuu.org](mailto:newsletter@wuu.org)

### **The Williamsburg Area Learning Tree (WALT), a Community service project of WUU, is looking for:**

**Instructors** – Do you have a talent or skill that you would be willing to share with others? Be listed in the next WALT catalog coming out in September!  
**Data entry** – Can you help in September by entering registrations for WALT classes in the WALT database? A few hours a week during this heavy registration period will be all that is required. Instruction provided.  
**Photographer** – We need to begin collecting digital pictures of instructors and classes for enhancement of the WALT web site. A camera can be provided. Contact Diane Gilbert, WALT Coordinator, 220-9975.



### **GOING, GOING, GONE!**

The annual auction is one of WUU's best fundraising events each year. Everyone has a great time and we raise a lot of money. This year, we need lead volunteers in five categories: donations, publicity, facilities (set-up and tear-down), food and beverage, and operations. Lead volunteers will make up the planning group & recruit their own team of volunteers for their area. The Auction will be held on November 5th. I am looking for new, fresh ideas to help raise more money than ever for WUU! I am also looking for a co-chair to learn the ropes and take over next year. Please contact Wendy Owens at [auktion@wuu.org](mailto:auktion@wuu.org) if you have any questions or would like to participate.

### **SHELTER NECK WORK & PLAY WEEK**

For more than a century, Shelter Neck has been a meeting place for Unitarian Universalists. Located in rural southeastern NC, Shelter Neck originated as a school for children who otherwise would not have access to education of broad cultural experiences. <http://www.shelterneckuucamp.org/index.html>

We are trying something new for Shelter Neck from July 1st. through July 10<sup>th</sup> – A drop in and work then drop out and play. We need to scrape and paint Williams Hall exterior siding. This needs to be done for insurability reasons, and this is the time to do it. All materials will be waiting for those who wish to do their part. If you have sanding, scraping or painting tools please bring them. Those who eat will share food costs. Room space available on a first come to work, first served basis. If you wish to use Shelter Neck as a home base for a beach trip some days and work on others, that can be arranged. Flexibility is the order of the week. Contacts: Pete Leary 919 781-6494 [guildmasters@mindspring.com](mailto:guildmasters@mindspring.com); Debbie Weeks 919 791-0930 [dmweeks10@rr.nc.com](mailto:dmweeks10@rr.nc.com); and David Jamieson 919 377-5541 [david.l.jamieson@mci.com](mailto:david.l.jamieson@mci.com)

### **NEW TO UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM?**

You can learn more about Unitarian Universalism and ask questions to help you explore this faith on the Unitarian Universalist Association's website at [www.uua.org/newcomers/newcomerbb.html](http://www.uua.org/newcomers/newcomerbb.html). You'll find a list of questions from other newcomers on topics such as creeds, sacraments, sin, atheism and agnosticism, and Unitarian Universalist views on Jesus. A Frequently Asked Questions list addresses many of the most popular questions. Answers are provided by the UUA Office of Information & Public Witness staff and "seasoned" UUs.

## **CHALICE GAZING: NOTES FROM THE DRE - JULY 2005**

As I write this message, my desk is littered with Harry Potter recipes, parchment letters, coloring pages, and class schedules, while a splendid Hedwig the owl puppet perches on the bookcase behind me, looking over my shoulder. Hogwarts has come to the hard-core Muggle territory of Williamsburg, VA, thanks to the devoted efforts of Kim Scholpp and Jennifer Olson, summer RE coordinators. Professor Dumbledore (whom the pre-k and kindergarten students recognize as their own RE teacher, John Bensel) has been to visit; butter beer and frogspawn have been served (to mixed reviews). We anticipate a huge amount of fun and enthusiasm in RE this summer, along with the thoughtful exploration of our four challenges around the values of faith, love, hope, and peace. (Naturally, there will be Quidditch as well!)

If you have no young witches or warlocks at Hogwarts this summer, you are still invited to participate in the program by offering refreshments one Sunday following their lessons. Look on the RE table in the narthex for a recipe sheet, or invent your own Harry Potter goodies. See Kim or Jennifer to arrange a Sunday to bring treats.

At the end of the month, Rev. Shirley I will be headed to Fort Worth, Texas, for the UU General Assembly. My top priority at GA will be to look for new curriculum, as we will enter the third year of our three-year curriculum map this fall. There are many talented people all over the country creating and testing curricula, and the main avenue for finding out about what's new is word of mouth. The Harry Potter program that Jennifer and Kim have created this summer, for example, is based on curriculum written by my colleague Joanne Dingus in the Newport News fellowship. At GA, the freshest, most original offerings in curriculum can reviewed, studied, and usually ordered from the people who have produced them. Thus, after I return, the religious education committee can meet and decide what topics we want to examine, and what curricula we want to purchase for use over the next three-year period, beginning in the fall of 2006. A mighty task!

As you head off on travels and summer vacations, please send a postcard to Hogwarts, in care of Williamsburg UU. Even if you have no children in the program, it will be a treat to hear from you, and the owl post will be operating all summer. Mail will be heartily welcomed!

Stay safe, be joyful, and remember summer service time, 10 a.m.

- Blessings, Sara



### **NEW MEMBERS**

Jan Newton became our 26th member for the calendar year 2004-05 on June 5. Jan moved to Williamsburg in 1997. She is a dance instructor/performer in ballet, modern and liturgical dance employed by William and Mary as well as the Chamber Ballet. This mother of Callie, age 7, and wife of Jim Newton loves to garden. She attended a UU church in Doylestown, PA and wants to continue her religious growth with us. Welcome, Jan!

- Beverly Baldwin, Membership Committee

### **THANKS TO FISH VOLUNTEERS!**

The WUU's once more came through and sent 21 volunteers to the FISH Clothing Bank to size donated clothes every Tuesday during the entire month of May. The Clothing Bank could not exist without dedicated people like you. Many thanks go out to the following volunteers:

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|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Joan Adair     | Gayle Henion   | Virginia Banks  | Nancy Ferguson   |
| Patsy Wells    | Shirley Ranck  | Anne Luchsinger | Shirley Guenther |
| Kit Fournier   | Donna Stanford | Bobby Fidler    | Pat Winter       |
| Ruth Hopkinson | Sally Kellen   | Margo Schaefer  | Bev Baldwin      |
| Ann Cowling    | Carol Sherman  | Shirley Roby    | Liz Snyder       |

Hanni F. Sherman, coordinator

## Significant Events Calendar

June

30 Ending of term of retiring Board Members

July

9 Board Planning Retreat

18 Board Meeting

20 Newsletter Deadline for August Issue

24 FISH Donation Sunday

**REMEMBER – Sunday Services**  
**Now through Labor Day**  
**Start at 10 a.m.**

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