



WILLIAMSBURG UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

WUUU NEWS

AUGUST 2007

**August 5—10 am—Sara Mackey,
MDiv, Director of Faith Development**

If It's Comfortable, It's Not Diversity

We have voted to become a Welcoming Congregation. That is not the end of the process, though. In fact, it's the very earliest beginning. Where do we go from here?

**August 12—10 am—Rev. David
Tetrault**

**August 19—10 am—Sara Mackey,
MDiv, Director of Faith Development**

Packed into Portland: GA 2007

The UUA General Assembly is a gathering of Unitarian Universalists from all over the country, worshipping, singing, and doing the sustaining work of our denomination. Dave Wilcox will join Sara Mackey in sharing stories of this year's GA in Oregon.

NOTE...following the service, there will be an informal Café Conversation for anyone interested in finding out more about GA. All who have attended GA this year or in the past are invited to come share information and stories.

August 26—10 am—Rev. Jennifer Ryu
**Mindfulness: Reflections from Plum
Village**

Chalice Gazing:

Fahs House has been a busy place this summer, with our younger UUs getting their passports stamped for every country they visit throughout July and August during our Passport to Adventure summer program. Thanks to all the adult travelers who have joined us to share their stories and enjoy the kids; special thanks and hearty congratulations to Charlotte Bush and Tracy Shackelford, summer program coordinators.

We have exciting news for WUU teens...we have hired a YRUU advisor! Kendall Plageman is a graduate student at William and Mary, working toward her MA in Community and Addictions Counseling. She will begin August 1 working ten hours/week, mostly on Sundays. Kendall will be working with the teens, of course, and she will also be working closely with the team of six adult volunteers that we will still need in order to have a strong YRUU. Dave Wilcox will continue as an advisor, and we are currently seeking other adults who will commit to creating and sustaining relationships with the teens. With a team of six, advisors will take turns spending Sunday mornings with YRUU, so no one will have to miss many services. When opportunities for gathering occur outside of Sunday mornings, having a six advisors will assure that there will always be adult allies available to participate with the teens. Safe Congregations policy requires that there be at least two adults with any group of

children, youth, and teens, so even with a part time YRUU advisor on staff, we will always continue to need adult volunteers. Now, though, the volunteers will have support with planning, organizing, and contacting teens, so they will be free to concentrate on nurturing relationships.

Thanks to all who have helped us in the search; we look forward to welcoming Kendall in August.

Blessings, Sara

Introducing the WUU blog: WUU members and friends now have a new way to get up-to-date news about life at WUU. The Spiral, the church's web log, can be found online at <http://www.wuu.org/wordpress>. Not sure what a blog is? It's basically an online journal that can be easily updated. More information about blogs as well as a short video tour of The Spiral is available at the website. Be sure to visit often at <http://www.wuu.org/wordpress> to get the most up-to-date information.

August 2007 UUA Gulf Coast Relief Volunteer Opportunity

The Thomas Jefferson District invites you to work on Gulf Coast relief from August 26 through September 1, 2007. If you are interested, or for more information, please email Annette Marquis, Executive Director, TJD amarquis@uua.org. Include your preferred telephone number, so that you can be contacted to confirm details of the trip. If you've thought about going but haven't been able to before now, here is your chance.

Recovery in New Orleans

Community Church UU, New Orleans, held its first service on its own premises on July 15th. While the Sanctuary is not ready, an annex is. The congregation has had help from Florida State University and the Tallahassee UU Church in restoration of the fabric hanging; chalice from Fox Valley UU in Appleton, WI; and a grant from the Concord, MA church for permanent furnishings for the children. CCUU is working with two other UU churches in the Greater New Orleans area. The CCUU minister, Jim VanderWeele, was once an intern minister at WUU. A WUU member is also acting as the church's webmaster.

North Shore UU Society (Lake Pontchartrain) has called the Reverend Liz Brown to be its part-time minister beginning in August. NSUU has several partner churches including Olympia, Washington, and Wellesley Hills UU Society.

All three New Orleans area congregations have been working together to plan a capital campaign launched at the General Assembly in June. (You can find their joint web site at www.gnouu.org) Funds for the ongoing campaign for post-Katrina recovery and rebuilding will be distributed to the three congregations based on need. North Shore has a large mortgage and lost its roof. One (Wellesley Hills) of its five partner churches paid its mortgage for a year. This was matched by Shelter Rock UU for a second year.

First Church New Orleans has 15 partner churches! The closest ones to WUU are Arlington, Virginia, and All Soul's Church in Washington, D.C.

All three churches have extra burdens in addition to the flooding at Community and First Church and the roof of the roof at North Shore—because they have also lost a number of members who have moved away.

Money Matter\$

WUU finished the 2006-07 church year with a slight surplus: income exceeded outgo despite the many costs associated with calling and settling new ministers and expanding programs.

The coming year promises to be exciting, but thanks to all our pledging members and friends the pledged contributions seem adequate to cover expenses. As we enter the new year, I would ask each of you to do the following:

- If you are not already using the VANCO electronic funds transfer, consider doing so. This is a very low cost method of assuring regular pledge payments “painlessly”.
- If you want to continue using your credit card for pledge payments (to get airline miles, for example), consider increasing your pledge by 3% to cover card processing charges that WUU must pay.
- If you are paying by check, please indicate “pledge payment” on it before putting it into the collection basket. While this seems obvious, the office must deal with checks for a wide range of items (adult RE registration, for example) and your note makes the job easier.

Come Join the Choir

WUU choir will resume with practice on Wednesday, August 29 at 7:30. We rehearse each Wednesday and sing twice a month for



services. One of the great advantages a UU has over other church choirs is that it is not limited to singing sacred music. Our choir also sings classical music, Broadway songs, folk tune arrangements, world music, and even some jazz. And if that isn't enough variety, we sing in German, Latin, Swedish, Spanish, Turkish, Zulu, and sometimes in English.

Dr. Jamie Bartlett is choir director and Director of Music at WUU. She works with our ministers to tailor the music to the sermon topic and to the service as a whole.

New members to the choir are always welcome. We look forward to seeing returning members as well as new ones on August 29. Contact Vicki Hall for more information.

Continuing travel adventures coming for children in future weeks will include the following:

July 29 – Kenya – Debra Hill and Camilla Buchanan

Aug 5 – Palestine – Les Solomon

Aug 12 – Poland – Janusz Szuwalski

Aug 19 – Japan – Heather Jinmaku

Aug 26 – Back to Virginia – Wrap-up party!!!



New Members



Robert Vinson and his daughter



Robert Turvene



Judy and Bob Norton



Concert Series Presents Regional Favorites The Gurleys in August!

Join us on Saturday, August 25th at 7:30 p.m. to welcome Bill, Pam, and Macon Gurley back to the Live Off Five! stage. Bill and Pam have been making music together since their first date. Through hundreds of performances in and out of Virginia, the Gurleys have drawn an ever-widening circle of friends and music lovers around them. One reviewer described the music as “clean and polished, yet still rustic and natural... musical communication on a deep, honest level.” You won’t want to miss this terrific trio!

August 2007 PROGRAM AND EVENTS CALENDAR

1 **Wednesday**
 2 **Thursday**
 7:30 Membership-A
 3 **Friday**
 7:00 Parent support group-S
 4 **Saturday**
 5 **Sunday**
 New Member Sunday
 10:00 am Worship Service-S
 10:00 am LFD all ages-FH, PH
 11:00 am Sunday morning team-A
 6 **Monday**
 7 **Tuesday**
 6:30 pm Silent Meditation-S
 7:30 pm Jazz Band Practice-S
 8 **Wednesday**
 9:30 am Communications-PH
 7:00 pm Social Justice
 9 **Thursday**
 12:30 pm Separate checks-S
 10 **Friday**
 11 **Saturday**
 12 **Sunday**
 8:30 am Finance Committee-PH
 10:00 am Worship Service-S
 10:00 am LFD all ages-FH, PH
 13 **Monday**
 7:00 pm Dream Group-PH
 7:00 pm Global warming-S
 14 **Tuesday**
 6:30 Silent Meditation-S
 7:30 pm Jazz Band Practice-S
 15 **Wednesday**
 16 **Thursday**
 17 **Friday**
 18 **Saturday**

19 **Sunday**
 10:00 am Worship Service-S
 10:00 am LFD all ages-FH, PH
 20 **Monday**
 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline
 21 **Tuesday**
 6:30 Silent Meditation-S
 7:30 pm Jazz Band Practice-S
 22 **Wednesday**
 23 **Thursday**
 7:15 pm Board meeting-A
 24 **Friday**
 25 **Saturday**
 9 am-1 pm Board retreat
 5 pm pre-concert cookout
 7:30 pm Live Off Five-S
 26 **Sunday**
 10:00 am Worship Service-S
 new board installation
 10:00 am LFD all ages-FH, PH
 27 **Monday**
 28 **Tuesday**
 6:30 pm Silent Meditation-S
 7:30 pm Jazz Band Practice-S
 29 **Wednesday**
 7:30 pm Choir practice
 30 **Thursday**
 7:30 pm Membership-A
 31 **Friday**

Key: S –Sanctuary
 L – Library
 A –Activity/Multipurpose Room
 PH–Parker House
 FH–Fahs House

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