

Sunday Services

May 28 – Dr. Shirley Ranck – 11 am
For Memorial Day, a story of courage in the midst of the Nazi occupation of Europe.

June 4 – 11 am -- *Rainbows and Reasons*:
Kim Scholpp, Sara Mackey, and the children and teens of WUU will share with you some of what they have gathered on their faith journeys this year. You will hear from children of every age; all children, youth, and teens are invited and encouraged to attend. An important celebration will occur during this service; we will honor our YRUU seniors with a Bridging Ceremony.

June 11 – 11 am - *The Great Transparency*
Some reflections on why we need a religious community, by Dr. Shirley Ranck.
VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SUNDAY

June 18 – 11 am
Merry Meet and Merry Part: Thoughts on the process of saying goodbye--and hello, by Dr. Shirley Ranck.

From June 25 through Labor Day, services will begin at 10 am.

June 25– 10 am *Spirituality: Scanning the Horizon beyond Religion*, by Rev. David Tetrault

Shirley's Cauldron

When interim ministers meet they never ask "Where are you from?" but rather "Where are you going?" My goal is always to have an answer ready before I head off to General Assembly in June. I'm happy to say that this year I have an answer. I will be moving to West Vancouver, British Columbia to begin a one year interim ministry at the North Shore Unitarian Church there.



My two years in Williamsburg have been a wonderful opportunity to acquaint myself with colonial history and to participate in present day events that revive that history--like the governor's inauguration (where else would you have both Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry speaking?), and New Year's Eve at Bruton Parish Church. You Williamsburg UUs are already a strong and growing presence in the community. During these interim years you have moved with courage and determination toward a healthy future. I feel sure that you will grow and flourish with your new co-ministers.

Looking at all the familiar faces in the congregation on Sunday, I realize that even in two years one gets attached. Leaving is difficult. June 18 will be my last service. I will be at General Assembly June 20 - 26. Early in July I will probably make a short

trip to British Columbia to look for an apartment. Between now and June 18 I hope I'll be busy saying goodbye. Lunch anyone?

Most of July will be a combination of vacation and packing. Toward the end of July I will drive to Sonoma California (to visit my daughters), probably going by way of New Jersey (to visit my cousin Don), New York City (to visit my son Scott), Madison, Wisconsin (to visit my son Jim), and Dillon, Colorado (to visit old friends). A pleasant trip that I have made a few times in past years! Then I'll make my way up to British Columbia around the middle of August.

At the Interim Seminar one year the opening worship service began with Johnny Cash recording of "I've Been Everywhere" and ended with Willie Nelson's rendition of "On the Road Again." The one I love best is Judy Fjell's song: "You're all my friends. I take you with me when I go. You're all my friends and there's one place we'll never be apart. Over all the miles and all the years we'll still be together in my heart."

Blessed be!

Shirley

Chalice Gazing: Notes from the DRE

Sophia Lyon Fahs is one of the most widely known names in liberal religious education. Her daughter-in-law, Jamie Fahs, was a charter member of Williamsburg UU. Sophie Fahs emphasized that children learn through their experiences more than through what they are told.

What we have long called RE—religious education—is now being called lifespan faith development, and it focuses on the experiential rather than the academic aspects of sharing our faith. Would you enjoy having companions younger than you as you develop your own faith? Would you enjoy supporting the journey of younger people as they develop their faith? As you know, the children and teens of Williamsburg UU are among the brightest, kindest, wisest, and funniest people that you will find anywhere. Imagine being able to share with them the most deeply rooted elements of your faith. Do you experience art as spiritual expression? Come join us. Do you feel called to do justice work in the community? Come join us. Do you love story telling and the wonder of language? Come join us. You won't have to create the program yourself; we have curricula that will guide your planning. However, your own creative energy and talents are welcomed, and you won't be required to follow a set pattern. Most importantly, you won't be required to "know the answers". You'll be encouraged to open the way for the questions, and discuss them together.

If you will have a child or teen registered for our faith development program this fall, we ask that you participate as a volunteer in the program (with any age group). If you have no children in the program, we invite you to participate as well. You have faith experience to share; our children and youth have faith experiences to share. Here, you can affirm each other's faith together.

Blessings,

Sara

From the Top Spot

As I end my tenure as president and look back over the year many things could be said about my tenure. What I think I would like to leave you with is a couple of old sayings from my dear, sainted mother. She was one of the original “givers” and since she didn’t have much money, read none, she usually gave of herself. One of her favorite sayings was “It is more blessed to give than receive” and all the ones that go with that. She baked, cooked, delivered whatever she could to help any one who needed it. She also said “you get more from the giving than the person receiving”.

Then in my first marriage, my late father in law, the venerable Charles Ottis Jordan, used to say “Praise the bridge that carries you over” as a way of letting those who have helped you know that you appreciate it.

Now what do these things have to with WUU? We are close to the end of our pledge campaign and it is so close that not to complete it would be unthinkable. You’ve been harassed, cajoled, told, begged to get in your pledge. You are the only one who can understand why you haven’t done it.

Then one other little thing re: Praising the bridge, as Ottis Jordan said, in 1994-95 a little known group known as the Chalice Lighters gave us an outright gift of \$11,102.00 when we couldn’t help ourselves. Probably you didn’t know that but knowing what are you going to do about it? Check out the website <http://www.tjd.uua.org/cl/> and “Praise the Bridge”! Isn’t it about time we paid some of those folks back? As little as

\$10.00 per gift wouldn’t hurt anyone in this congregation and it would help another “WUU” somewhere to get started!

Remember, listen to your elders! Blessed be!

Fred Adair

Board elections were held on May 7th. New board members are

- Joe Fisler, President
- Chris Faia, Sunday morning
- Liz Snyder, Secretary
- Bob Winther, Treasurer

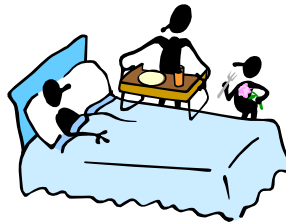
Dave Wilcox moves to the Community cluster. Wade Rawlins will fill the remainder of the Physical Plant cluster term. Continuing members include

- Dave Banks (finance)
- Dave Stanford (vice president)
- Jan Brown (programming)
- Bunkie Righter (religious education)

The nominating committee will consist of Fred Gilbertson, Donna Stanford and Dawn Traver.

Pandemic Flu Preparation Discussion

There has been much recent media attention to the prospect of a pandemic flu (“bird flu”) outbreak in the U.S. What that might mean to us will be discussed at a meeting



of the **WUU Friends in Disaster Task Force**, Wednesday, June 7, from 7 to 9 pm in the sanctuary. A new informative video will lay the groundwork for thinking about our own preparations, as families and as a congregation. **All are encouraged to attend.** For further information please

contact Roger Baldwin at rbaldwin "at" widomaker.com.

WUU Auction date set waaaaaaaay ahead of time!!! Postpone visits to Aunt Louise, the Eiffel Tower, and the Seven Natural Wonders of the World! Attend our festive **WUU Annual Auction** on Saturday night, November 4, 2006. Eat heartily, laugh loudly, and bid generously as we join together for our most successful fund-raiser of the year. Ruth Hopkinson, Chair



MOTIONS OF THE BOARD

May 18, 2006

1. MOTION: that the Board approve the WUU Budget FY 2006-07, as presented by Dave Banks for the Finance Committee.

Moved: Dave Banks; Seconded: Joe Fisler
Approved.

2. MOTION: that the Board approve the "Intent to Lease Agreement" with the Creative Hearts Day Care School. This agreement outlines the conditions of the rental of the Fahs House, starting July 1, 2006, to Crystal and Jay Harrison, the owners of the school.

Moved: Dave Banks;
Seconded: Mike Gaus Approved.

All Together Reads

Please join us at 7:00 pm, June 5, in the Williamsburg Regional Library as we look into the issues of human rights through reading relevant books. We'll be discussing "The Left Hand of God: Taking Back Our Country from the



Religious Right" by Michael Lerner. Contact David Wilcox for more information.

Grounds dangers

We have several animals on the grounds of WUU, including insects, deer, birds, frogs, and snakes. An approximately 2 foot long snake frequents the pool area in the Memorial Garden. It is probably a non-poisonous water snake, but those spotting it are not experts, so keep a good distance if you see it. Speaking of poisonous—we do have some plants that are poisonous. There are some hellebore plants and there is lots of poison ivy in some places (one of those is the Memorial Garden). The ivy can be found both on the ground and growing up trees and hedges. Be sure you know how to identify it.



The 2006 UU Pledge Campaign



The campaign to raise funds for the coming WUU fiscal year is at its end. As of today (May 16), we have raised \$221,285 (83.2% of our target). There were 158 pledges, from 217 members (74% of the membership).

The mean pledge was \$1400, up about \$200 from last year. The median was \$1000. You can see the names of those who have pledged on the big "Thank You" board in the narthex.

Again, a big thank you to our Pledge Campaign Committee: Bob Cowling, Joe Fisler, Kit Fournier, Mike Gaus, Mary Ellen Lloyd, Jennifer Rawlins, and Bob Winther!

Dave Banks



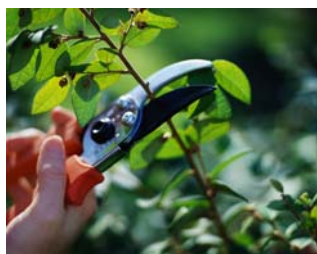
The Welcoming Congregation Committee will be sponsoring a **summer film festival**. Our mission is not only to educate our members about issues important to the LGBT community but also to entertain and have some fun. All movies will be shown on Saturday evenings in the sanctuary. Show time is 7:00pm. Here is the schedule:

- June 17th - "The Birdcage" starring Robin Williams and Nathan Lane
- July 15th - "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" - a rock musical like you've never seen
- August 19th - "Transamerica" - starring Felicity Huffman ("Desperate Housewives") who won an Oscar nomination for her portrayal of a transgender person

Please mark you calendars now!

David Hamilton
film festival

A special thank you to all the people who worked so hard on grounds day, May 20, 2006. They included Roger Baldwin, Joe Fidler, Bob Winther, Anna and Randy Drake, Wayne Moyer, and Dave and Virginia Banks. If you have wondered what the committee does—we work on the obvious things like flowers and pulling weeds, pruning, cleaning the parking lots, maintaining the catch basin, maintaining our dam by cutting down volunteer trees that could make it fail, etc. Did you know that we have a dam? And we



help care for the Memorial Garden. Join us sometime.

GUIDELINES FOR ARTICLES:

- General events of church-wide interest (such as, social action activities, all church parties, church sales and special presentations—100 word limit
- Announcements of interest to a smaller group of people (clusters, committee meetings) —75 word limit
- Focus articles—church program areas, board news, auction, pledging, written by staff or board member—300 word limit
- Attachments preferred to email.
- Events must include date, time and place.
- Submissions must be related to WUU.

Approved by the Board, March 2006

Deadline for July newsletter: **June 17**, Noon (editor will not be in town for the week of June 20.)

DATES to remember

- Middle School Overnight, June 3-4
- June 5, All Together Reads
- June 7, Pandemic Flu discussion
- June 11, Volunteer Recognition Sunday
- June 14, **Flag Day**
- June 15, WUU board meeting
- June 17, Film festival
- June 18, Shirley's last service at WUU
- June 18, Father's Day



We must be free not because we claim freedom, but because we practice it. William Faulkner

June 2006						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30p-8:30p MAA / PH	2	3 10:00a- 6:00p. UCG-S 1:30p-4:30p-WYO practice FH, PH 6:00p-11:59p-MS Overnight-S
4 <i>RE Recognition Sunday</i> 09:30-10:45a Welcoming Cong Mtg-A 12:00a-9:45a MS Overnight-S 11:00a-12:30p-Worship Service / S 11:00a-12:15p RE all ages /FH,PH	5	6 6:30p-7:30p Silent Med-S	7 6:30p-7:30p Friends in Disaster TF	8 12:30p-2:00p- Sep Checks/S 5:30p-8:30p MAA / PH 7:30-9:30p-Pers Comm	9	10 10:00a- 2:00p. UCG-S 6:00p-11:59p- Ruritan Benefit Concert (Preston)
11 <i>Volunteer Recognition Sunday</i> 9:00a-10:30a-Finance Comm-PH 11:00a-12:30p-Worship Service / S 11:00a-12:15p RE all ages /FH,PH	12 7:00p-9:00p- Dream GP-PH	13 6:30p-7:30p Silent Med-S	14	15 5:30 p-8:30p MAA / PH 7:15p-9:30p Board Mtg-MP	16 2:30 Membershi p comm.- PH	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00a-6:00p UCG 6:30p-10:00p- Welcoming Cong Film Fest-S
18 <i>Father's Day</i> 10:00a-11:30p-Worship Service / S 10:00a-11:15p RE all ages /FH,PH	19	20 6:30p-7:30p Silent Med-S	21	22 5:30 p-8:30p MAA / PH	23 5:00 p- 9:00p- Wedding Rehearsal	24 10:00a-2:00p. UCG-S 3:00p-11:59p- Wedding
25 10:00a-11:30p-Worship Service / S 10:00a-11:15p RE all ages /FH,PH	26	27 6:30p-7:30p Silent Med-S	28	29 5:30 p-8:30p MAA / PH	30	

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