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## Moving Day, Summer Solstice & Paint Night ...

### Our Moving-to-CVUU-Day has been moved to late June/early July -

Due to a number of delays and wanting to avoid a last minute crisis, our move has moved back 21 days.

Our first service at 809 S Military Highway will now be July 8.

Joe New and the moving team reported on our revised Moving Schedule at the May 20th Congregational Update Meeting:

#### **Moving Schedule:**

June 23—Packing Party at UCN (739)

June 30—Move Small items to CVUU

July 3—Professional movers take heavy things

July 7- Last Move of Small Items and Prep CVUU

Work Parties in the new building will be almost every weekend in June - watch the Gazette, Facebook and Friday emails for details. All skill levels

needed. We also have special projects. If you would like to take something on and work it at your convenience, contact Sharon Harrell, Anne Odell or Judy Welp to help.

This move to our new home was made possible by the financial generosity and the volunteer contributions of everyone in the congregation. Together we should be extremely proud of what we have accomplished and what is to come. Thank you!

#### **Pagans to celebrate Litha, Saturday,**

**June 23**—Join CUUPs (The Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans) at 809 S. Military Hwy. at 5 pm. for a Litha celebration and & Pot-luck!

Litha celebrates the summer solstice.

Childcare is not provided for this event, but children are welcome to attend under parental supervision. So,

bring the family, bring a dish and a lawn chair!

You do not have to identify as pagan to attend. Questions? Email [cuups@ucnorfolk.org](mailto:cuups@ucnorfolk.org)



#### **Save the Date for Clean the Bay Day**

**June 2nd**— Our Youth Coordinator Paul Greggs is the site coordinator for UCN.

We will be cleaning the waterway behind Lakewood Park. It is a canoe/kayak clean-up site only.

Folks can bring their own canoe/kayak or Paul will provide boats, pfd's, pad-



dles and such. Water access is at the crew canoe club. Kids under 18 must be with an adult.

**Get in touch with your inner artist at CVUU's "Paint Night," 4 p.m.**



**Saturday, June 30th** in our new building!

Join us as we raise glasses and funds for our new home. The cost is \$45 (\$15 of that

will be donated to CVUU). We will have complimentary appetizers, beer or wine, and regular drinks available!

A local artist will guide you and your friends through two hours of painting, drinking, and laughing 'til your cheeks hurt. The best part? You don't have to be an artist to have an amazing time.

Go to this link to sign up and get your ticket: <https://www.paintnite.com/events/06-30-18-fundraiser-for-ucn-10074921#>

# Congregational Update brings good news!

In case you were unable to attend the Congregational Update meeting on May 20th, here is what you missed:

**UCN Purchase:** David Howell reported that we have a new contract on the building and a new back-up contract. Both are with new parties who were not previously engaged in conversations with us about the purchase. The first portion of the buyers deposit has gone hard and we look for a late August early September closing. The offer was for \$575,000.

**Stewardship:** Rob Curran reports the Stewardship Campaign exceeded its \$375,000 goal. To date we have \$381,250 in pledges and the Campaign does not end until June 30.

**Green Initiative:** Under the leadership of Phil Gillette, we brought in a total of \$143,000 of which \$7000 - \$8000 is pledged but not yet paid. This has allowed us to make additions to the building and enhance that will make it much more environmentally sound. The Green Initiative

may be ending, but the groups work on environmental issues—both in our building and in the world outside CVUU— will continue.

**Building Shower:** Judy Welp reported we received over \$11,000 in gifts from the shower. Between the shower and the budget the Design Team had for furnishings, we will be able to purchase all of the items we felt were "must have" when we move into the building.

**CVUU Cost:** Ed Welp reported that the total cost of the new building from Cornerstone to completion will be \$3.8 million. To pay for the project we will borrow \$1.5 million.

Donations from the congregation to date are \$1.8 million, with the remainder coming for our Endowment, bequests and cash sale of Yarmouth Street.

Over the next five years we will receive an additional \$400,000 from the sale of our building and \$270,000 in Phase B pledges. Ed not-

**Adult Discussion**

Meets Sundays @ 9 a.m. - discuss philosophical, spiritual, political & religious Issues!

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Annual Meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> at noon

**WORK PARTY DATES!**

**Saturday June 2---UCN** (Clean/prep furniture to be moved)  
**Saturday June 16--CVUU** (Unpacking, placement, last minute details)  
*\*9 - 12 p.m. - dates subject to change!*

**CVUU** Coastal Virginia Unitarian Universalists

Join us at CVUU from 4- 6 p.m. Tickets are \$45

**PAINT NIGHT**

**Saturday June 30**

ed that the total contribution of the congregation in cash and pledges is over \$2 million. Our commitment has allowed us to negotiate favorable terms with the bank. Thank you!

**Summer Worship Services:** Kathryn Perry reports the summer services are planned with the theme of NUU Beginnings.

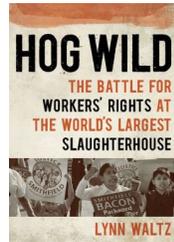
Rev Charlie's last Sunday with us is 6/17 and Rev. Justine Sullivan's first service will be September 9.

Sally Daniel assured us that despite Dr. Brennan's departure, we will have a full summer RE program, "Exploring Our 7 Principles." All parents should register their children and she asks everyone volunteer to teach at least one Sunday. She promises you will have fun.

# A story of two authors!

We have not one, but two published authors in our midst!

Hats off to Lynn Waltz and Marcia Slosser who both have published works out now!



Lynn Waltz new book, "Hog Wild - The Battle for Workers' Rights at the World's Largest Slaughterhouse," is now available. It details the nearly two-decade struggle for safer working conditions and better wages at the Smithfield Foods pork processing plant in Tar Heel, North Carolina. You can order your copy on

her website: <http://lynnwaltz.com/>

Marcia Slosser's short story, "Love Can Be Difficult," was published in the most recent edition of Chicken Soup for the Soul—101 Stories about Hope, Soul Mates and New Beginnings."



You can find her story, a touching account of meeting her true love, on page 295. She will be signing copies at our first CVUU service July 8.

Send an email to [Office@UCNorfolk.org](mailto:Office@UCNorfolk.org) if you are interested in a copy. They are \$15.

## Around Hampton Roads



### Update on policy issues for Virginians

The Virginia Interfaith Center on Public Policy in Richmond has scheduled five "post-briefing sessions" across the state to provide information on the outcomes of this year's Virginia General Assembly.

They are coming to Virginia Beach June 11!

All concerned voters are encouraged to hear the outcomes of this year's Virginia General Assembly from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., location TBD.

Decisions on legislation related to the following will be discussed:

- Healthcare access: Medicaid expansion
- Welcoming all: tuition equity and driver privilege cards
- Criminal justice reform: school to prison pipeline, court fines and fees
- wage & worker justice: minimum wage exemptions, private cause of action, pay stubs
- maintaining a strong social safety net & school meal

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is Virginia's oldest faith-based advocacy group. It is a nonpartisan coalition of faith communities working to create progressive public policy by engaging people of faith and educating the public about social issues, the legislative process and the call to advocacy.

They will be briefing four other cities in the Commonwealth: Blacksburg, Harrisonburg, Charlottesville and Lewinsville.

To find out more, go to their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/virginiainterfaithcenter/>

### Create habitat: Help build an Oyster Reef

The non-profit, Elizabeth River Project, has 9 different dates in June for revitalizing Indian River by constructing a 670-foot "living shoreline." They will have work crews June 6-8, June 11-13 & June 18-20 at 3800 Indian River Road. They are seeking help for installing 777 oyster castles, 60 coir logs, sand, and over 2,000 native wetland grasses to protect the site from erosion and create habitat. Overflow parking is available at post office next door (3810 Indian River Road).

ATTIRE - Please bring gloves and wear shoes that can get muddy. Tools, water, snacks, sunscreen provided. Please bring your own lunch.

RSVP to Grace Saunders. You may email her at [gsaunders@elizabethriver.org](mailto:gsaunders@elizabethriver.org) or 757-399-7487.

Dates and times are subject to change due to weather or other factors.



## HR's PrideFest will celebrate 30th year

This will be the 30th year for Hampton Roads PrideFest, June 21st to June 30th.

PrideFest celebrates the Hampton Roads LGBT and allied communities in support of inclusion, dignity and equality of all people.

There are many events during the week-long celebration. **The kick-off is June 21st with Pride Third Thursday, from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk.** Patrons can

pose with the LOVE sign outside, and then head inside for food, a cash bar and live music by DJ Melody & Co., Ju Ju Drum and others!

You can also create your own flag at the Make & Take table. Third Thursday is free for Museum Members and Hampton Roads Pride members. Third Thursday is \$5 for all others.

**The Seventh Annual Pride Block Party at the Scope is Friday, June 29.** Festivities start 7 p.m. The Pride Block Party has become known around the region as one of the largest and most outrageous nighttime events of Hampton Roads Pride.

Tickets are \$12 online before June 25 and \$15 at the door. Open to all ages. 21+ to drink.

The Hampton Roads LGBTQIA Inter-Faith Group invites you to join with faith groups for the **6th annual Inter-faith Celebration on Tuesday, June**

**26 at 7 p.m. At New Life Metropolitan Community Church.**

Participation is open to ALL faith communities who are part of and/or supportive/welcoming/affirming/friends/allies of the greater LGBTQIA greater community.

**Saturday, June 30th is the big finish for PrideFest—a daylong party in Town Point Park from noon to 7 p.m.**

Don't miss the Pride Boat Parade, which helps to kick off the festivities along the Town Point Park waterfront. Line up on the dock to watch vessels small and large float by with over-the-top theme decorations.

Volunteers from CVUU's Social Justice team will be manning a table at the festival on our behalf. For more information on other Pridefest events, go to <http://www.hamptonroadspride.org/pridefest/>

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For full details go to: <https://www.ucnorfolk.org/calendar/this-month>

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28 2p Chair Yoga 3p Sandwich Makers	29 7p Worship Services C	30 7p Choir Practice 7p Moving Committee	31	1 6:30p Environmental Fr	2	3 11:45a Getting to Know
4 3p Sandwich Makers 7p Buddhist Affinity Gro	5	6 7p Choir Practice	7 7p Thursday Covenant	8	9	10 12a Hampton Roads Gr 12a Annual Meeting 3p UCN/CVUU Public F
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## Happy Birthday!

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to the following congregants of

Coastal Virginia Unitarian Universalists:

April Meadows —6/1; Claire Beasley —6/4; Brian Brennan —6/10; Chanelle Gontarz —6/12; Ron Kledzik—6/13; Nancy Hilliard—6/13; Troy Spano—6/14; Marcia Slosser—6/16; Pat Chenault—6/17; Cheryl Copper—6/21; and Richard Anderson —6/21.



## All The News That Fits!

We want to get the word out!

Send your news items to Susie or Tracy by the 15th of the month and we will include it in next month's CVUU newsletter!



*"You belong somewhere you feel free."*  
- Tom Petty



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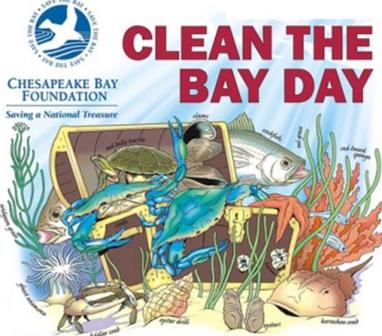
### Come to our Fair Trade Booth!

*We have coffees, chocolates and more ... put your faith into action and make economic choices that promote human rights and help small farmers around the globe!*




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Join us June 2 at 9 a.m. in Lakewood Park in Norfolk for Clean the Bay Day. CVUU Youth Coordinator Paul Greggs will supply the canoes and trash bags. We'll supply the helping hands.



**CLEAN THE BAY DAY**

Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Saving a National Treasure

*Clean the Bay, Save the Bay*

### Water is our way of life

Environmental Forum 7 PM, June 1  
*Learn how HRSD is recharging our fresh water aquifer*




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### GETTING TO KNOW UU - 11:45 AM JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>

*We are a congregation that provides a nurturing community*  
*We foster courageous spiritual growth*  
*We inspire compassionate action*

## WE ARE UU



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### BUDDHIST AFFINITY GROUP

7 PM on June 4




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## June Worship:

Alaskan singer-songwriter Jewel wrote:

*If I could tell  
the world just  
one thing  
It would be  
that we're all  
OK*

*And not to worry 'cause worry is  
wasteful*

*And useless in times like  
these (from "Hands")*

Our theme for June is "Kindness" which is appropriate for a month full of change.

In Islam, the holy month of Ramadan began in May and lasts until June 15 (depending on local moonrise.) The month commemorates the first revelation of the Quran to Muhammad. Our Muslim neigh-



bors will be refraining from eating or drinking from sunrise to sunset, and are also forbidden to smoke or fight. Each night after sunset is a celebration, called an Iftar, where the fast is ended and the month celebrated.

Many of us have been waiting, waiting for our new building to be complete and ready for occupancy. Which may, by coincidence, occur on the last day of Ramadan. As we wait, our services will be filled with loving kindness and preparation for the move to Virginia Beach and our new CVUU home. Let us remind each other that "we're all OK."

Shirdi Sai Baba (1835-1918) taught: "Before you speak ask yourself: Is it kind? Is it necessary? Is it true? Does it improve upon the silence?" Blessings on your summer journeys, trips, visits and outings.  
-Rev. Charlie

**June 3 - "In the End Only Kindness Matters"** - Rev. Charlie Dieterich.

The title comes from a song by Jewel called "Hands." Rev. Charlie will speak on the mission of spreading the Unitarian Universalist Message in coastal Virginia. The Choir sings.

**June 10 - "We Made Sweet Harmony" – Bridging Service** with just about everyone. Our graduating youth class bridge to adulthood, and we all say goodbye to 739 Yarmouth Street. Members of our Celtic Circle add their voices to the occasion.

**June 17 - "Kindly Question"** - Rev. Charlie Dieterich. Blessing and sending delegates off to GA.

We end our time together with reflection on your questions. Summer Religious Education begins!

**June 24 - Summer service series begins.**

## Planning an event? Things to consider:

Any events must be scheduled through the admin office. Send requests to Susie Gullixson at [office@ucnorfolk.org](mailto:office@ucnorfolk.org) or call (757) 627-5371.

When making a request, consider:

- ◆ Room(s) requested, allowing time for setup and takedown!
- ◆ Childcare needs – **Childcare is available Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.** It is the responsibility of each committee or organizer to arrange childcare **directly** with Selene Spelts for hours outside of the above times. It is **not** the responsibility of the Office or the DRE, Brian Brennan. Forward your requests for childcare to [childcare@ucnorfolk.org](mailto:childcare@ucnorfolk.org) at

least **4 weeks prior to your event.**

- ◆ Contact name (with phone number and/or email address)
- ◆ Person in charge of opening and locking up, sound setup requiring a sexton
- ◆ Parking needs (note if 'overflow' parking will be needed)

**Large Print Hymnals** are available at the table in the foyer.

**Hearing Amplification Headsets** are available at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

**CDs of the service are available** for borrowing or for \$3 for purchase. Inquire at the sound booth in the sanctuary for CD recordings.

**If you stay late, please double check to see the building is secured!**

The weekly Yarmouth Gazette email is sent out on Friday at noon.

- ◆ The deadline for the Order of Service newsletter and Friday email is Wednesday at noon. Please direct your items to [office@ucnorfolk.org](mailto:office@ucnorfolk.org).

**NEW!!** The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If you would like to place an ad for May your deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>!

**\*Please Remember,** when advertising events to make sure to include BOTH Susie Gullixson & Tracy Brune. We don't want your event left out! Send your media to [office@ucnorfolk.org](mailto:office@ucnorfolk.org) & [comm-coordinator@ucnorfolk.org](mailto:comm-coordinator@ucnorfolk.org)

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