



TRI-CITIES U.U. REVIEW

The Newsletter of Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church
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The mission of Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church is to promote spiritual growth, religious freedom, and ethical action.

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Headlines

- Women's Group Friday August 7th
- Water Ceremony/Homecoming service on August 16th
- Preschool and Nursery workers still needed! Work just one or two Sundays this summer!
- Reverend Luck is taking Study and Vacation time this summer and will be back in the office on August 13.
- The Welcoming Congregation will have two showings on the movie "Milk" this month, August 23 and 26. See page 3 for more details.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

August 9th—"Answering the Christian Right with Clarity and Compassion", Charlie Mattioli

August 16th—"Living Waters", Reverend Luck
This will be a water ceremony. You are invited to bring a small container with water to add to the waters of others of the church. Some bring water from a place special to them or from a summer trip.

August 23rd—"Religious Fundamentalism and What We Should Know", Reverend Luck

The Battle for God by Karyn Armstrong inspires this sermon and the following.

August 30th—"Fundamentalism and Interfaith Relationships", Reverend Luck

This will be a continuation of the sermon last week, and focusing on an inclusion of the possibilities of the United Religions Initiative.

Summer Preschool & Nursery Teachers Needed!

We would like to give all of our wonderful R.E. teachers a break for the summer! We still need helpers for the preschool and one for the nursery for many Sundays, particularly in August. Please contact Denee at DRE@HVUUC.org or call her at 543-1962 (home) or 341-9254 (cell) to let her know the one or two Sundays you are willing to help. THANK YOU!

Small Group Ministry

Are you interested in joining one of our ongoing Small Group Ministries? There are many groups each focused on a particular interest. Please check the sign up sheets in the Fred Ball room to see if there is one that interests you.

Hunger First Food Pantry Collection Sunday August 9

The Senior High Youth will be taking your donations Sunday, August 9th for Hunger First Food Pantry. They are in need of nonperishable food items and clothes from infant to men's sizes. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to "Hunger First".

Summertime and the Living is Easy

Open House all summer for the Wednesday Music Covenant Group, which meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. The group meets from 7 - 9 PM. If you would like to give the group a try without making a commitment, you can visit through the summer. Interested in this opportunity? Contact either facilitator (Alice McCaffrey - 423-652-2392 or Inge Swenson - 423-926-7334). An interest in music and an ability to play a CD, tape or mp3 player are the only requirements for admission.

Tuesday August 4

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
 7pm Star Trek Covenant Group
 7pm Dream Covenant Group
 7pm Canning Workshop

Wednesday August 5

6:30pm RE Committee meeting
 7pm Wed. Music Covenant Group

Thursday August 6

6:30pm Preschool Teacher Training
 7pm Spirituality Covenant Group
 7pm Metaphysical Group

Friday August 7

5pm Wedding Rehearsal
 7pm Women's Group

Saturday August 8

10am HVUUC Sangha
 12pm-9pm Wedding

Sunday August 9

10:30am Worship Service
 12pm Potluck Lunch
 12:15pm Senior High Teacher Training
 12:30pm Girl Scout meeting
 7pm Music Covenant Group

Monday August 10

6:30pm K-1 Teacher Training

Tuesday August 11

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
 6:30pm 2nd-3rd Teacher Training

Wednesday August 12

6pm Young Adult Group
 6:30pm Religious Services Committee meeting
 6:30pm 4th-5th Teacher Training

Thursday August 13

6:30pm Junior Youth Teacher Training
 7pm Metaphysical Group

Saturday August 15

3pm-8:30pm MACHO Lake Day

Sunday August 16

10:30am Worship Service
 12pm CUUPS meeting

Tuesday August 18

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
 7pm Dream Covenant Group

Wednesday August 19

7pm Board of Trustees meeting
 7pm Wed. Music Covenant Group

Thursday August 20

7pm Committee on Ministry
 7pm Spirituality Covenant Group
 7pm Metaphysical Group

You, Too, Can be a Member of Our Caring Community

The Caring Team is currently updating our Doer's List. If you are willing to send a card, make a hospital or home visit, fix a meal, make a phone call or provide transportation for a congregant on specific occasions, please add your name to our Doer's List and let us know which commitments you are willing to make and where you prefer to participate. We will only call on you for special needs.

If you are already on our list and wish to continue to volunteer, please update your contact information and/or verify what we already have by signing your initials if it is correct.

Spiritual Covenant Group Sign-up

The Spiritual Covenant Group has room for one new member and if you are interested you can sign-up on Sunday August 16. It's an ongoing covenant group interested in a variety of topics related to spiritual understanding and growth. It meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Call 323-3677 or email Linda Jewell lindajewell@btes.tv if you are interested.

Save the Date October 11th Path to Membership class

If you have been interested in becoming a member of HVUUC, here is your opportunity to take the Path to Membership class. This class is offered at least twice a year and is a prerequisite to signing the membership book and becoming a formal member of our community. The class will begin immediately following potluck and last about two hours. Childcare will be provided and we need you to register so we have the necessary materials and know what childcare will be needed.

Taking the class does not obligate you to becoming a member. Some people sign the book that day and some take time to decide. There is no pressure, however, we do want you to know the responsibilities and opportunities of membership. We will have an Ingathering during a service where you will be welcomed into our community after you sign the membership book.

To register for the Path to Membership class, you may sign up at the visitor table, call the church office or e-mail me at annover-ton@charter.net.

Caring Team

Caring Team coordinators for August will be Sandra Gray and Deb Helmer. Congregants can reach them by sending an e-mail to caring@hvuuc.org or by calling 423-477-7661 (Press 3). Thank you to our July coordinators Louise Mayo and Kae Robbins .



Welcoming Congregation

Please make time in your schedule... and in your heart... to join us on our shared journey toward affirmation of the inherent worth and dignity of every human being.

When	Activity	Details
Aug 23 noon	Movie: Milk	Bring a sack lunch
Aug 26 (after Wed Night Supper)	Movie: Milk	

Sessions will all be 2 hours or less. Please make plans to join us in a spirit of fellowship, growth and enlightenment. It will help us plan space and materials needs if you will let us know whether you plan to attend a session.

Questions? Need child care? Ready to RSVP? Call Kim Ray at aardvarkart@embarqmail.com or 423-967-0196. As we begin this very important journey together, remember the words we hear each Sunday:

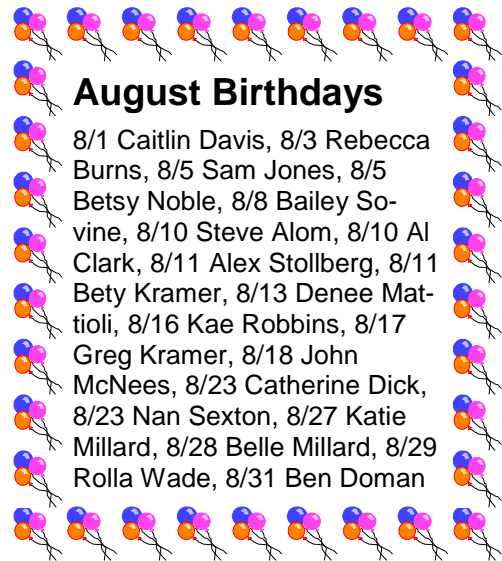
Poetry Covenant Group Forming

Synopsis: Poetry is one of the most powerful and eloquent forms of expression of the human mind and spirit. This group will meet for 8 sessions (dates below) to share poetry on designated topics. Topics include: Living Life Well, Seeing/Feeling Nature, Lessons for Life, New perspectives, Facing Death and Hardship, My Favorite Poem, etc. Participants will be asked to share their favorite poems on these topics, and talk a little about what it means to them. After everyone has shared a poem we'll open the topic up to the whole group to react, discuss, and reflect.

Meeting Dates: Tuesdays- Sept 15,29; Oct. 6,20; Nov. 3,17; Dec. 8,15

Sign-up A sheet will be on the counter in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, August 16. Only 10 people may sign up, but there will be 4 additional lines for a waiting list in case someone cancels. It's important to be committed to these dates and participating fully because numbers are limited and dropping out later will have caused someone else not be able to participate.

Call Charlie Mattioli (Facilitator) for more information. 543-1962



August Birthdays

8/1 Caitlin Davis, 8/3 Rebecca Burns, 8/5 Sam Jones, 8/5 Betsy Noble, 8/8 Bailey Sovine, 8/10 Steve Alom, 8/10 Al Clark, 8/11 Alex Stollberg, 8/11 Bety Kramer, 8/13 Denee Mattioli, 8/16 Kae Robbins, 8/17 Greg Kramer, 8/18 John McNees, 8/23 Catherine Dick, 8/23 Nan Sexton, 8/27 Katie Millard, 8/28 Belle Millard, 8/29 Rolla Wade, 8/31 Ben Doman

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Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines: August 16, August 30, September 13, September 27, October 11
Newsletter Deadlines are bi-weekly through the months of August through May

Please send any items for the newsletter to the church office at: **office@hvuuc.org**

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