



TRI-CITIES U.U. REVIEW

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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, October 9 at 6:30 at Mary Williamson's house (see page 3)
- Path to Membership Class October 11th
- Sign up today for Circle Suppers on October 16th & 17th
- Coffeehouse with Deidre McCalla Saturday, October 17th
- Senior High Youth dinner at Rev. Luck's home
- Make plans to attend our annual Service Auction October 24th

Circle Suppers—Last Day to Sign Up!

Wednesday, October 7th is the last day to sign up for Circle Suppers on October 16th & 17th. Send an e-mail to circle-suppers@hvuuc.org with your name and which evening you prefer.

Potluck & Hunger First Sunday October 11th

The second Sunday of the month is our regular Potluck Lunch. Please bring a dish to share and a non-perishable food item for Hunger First Food Pantry.

Attention Blood Donors

HVUUC will sponsor a blood drive after church on October 25th. Save your veins for this Halloween event!

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

October 11—"The Three Legged Stool", Ann Lecroy

October 18--"Michael Servetus: Martyred for Liberal Religious Values" Reverend Luck

Servetus was one of the last to be burned at the stake during the Reformation in Europe. Condemned by both Catholics and Protestants, Servetus died in 1553 at the hands of the Protestants and John Calvin in Geneva. His story is one that was foundational in establishing religious tolerance in Europe.

October 25—"A Children's Sabbath Service", Reverend Luck

This is a multi-faith National Observance of Children's Sabbaths during a weekend in October in connection with the Children's Defense Fund. We will stand together as members of places of worship all across the nation to learn more about the needs of our children. And to pray, sing, and preach and participate in other forms of worship that remind us of our sacred responsibilities to protect all of our children.

November 1—CUUPS Service

Committee on Ministry Survey

Each fall, the Committee on Ministry (CoM) is charged with assessing the effectiveness and fulfillment of various ministry functions. CoM members (Greg Kramer, Martha Rubenstein, Tish Kashdan, Charlie Stuart) have created a new survey, available on line at <http://tinyurl.com/m2hxvn> based on input received from last year's survey. **We ask that all members and friends take the time to complete the survey by October 12th.** The primary purpose of this year's survey is to get your input on our Sunday service, the possibilities for expanding our Sunday programming, and the implications for Religious Education (RE). PLEASE TAKE THE TIME – (10 – 20 minutes) to complete this survey by October 12th. The more input we get from everyone, the better! Paper copies will be available at the rear of the Sanctuary for those who aren't online.



HVUUC Calendar

Tuesday October 6

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

Wednesday October 7

6pm Japanese class
6:30pm RE Committee meeting
7pm Simplicity Group

Thursday October 8

5:30pm Pilates
7pm Metaphysical Group

Friday October 9

7pm Women's Group

Sunday October 11

9am Adult RE
10:30am Worship Service
12pm Potluck Lunch
12pm Nonviolent Communication
12pm Path to Membership
12:30pm Girl Scouts

Monday October 12

7pm Life Stories Covenant Group

Tuesday October 13

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
7pm Council on Committees

Wednesday October 14

6pm Japanese class
6pm Young Adult Group
6:30pm Religious Services
7pm Wednesday Music Covenant

Thursday October 15

6:30pm Membership Development
7pm Metaphysical Society
7pm Spirituality Covenant Group

Friday October 16

Circle Suppers

Saturday October 17

Circle Suppers
7pm Coffee House

Sunday October 18

9:00pm Adult R.E.
9:30pm Social Justice meeting
10:30am Worship Service
12pm CUUPS meeting
12pm Nonviolent Communication
5pm Senior High dinner
7pm Music Covenant Group

Tuesday October 20

10am Buuk Club
6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
7pm Poetry Covenant Group
7pm Dream Covenant Group

From the Minister's Daybook

In the blue announcement sheet and in the newsletter there are many references to The Services Auction on Saturday, October 24th. I have good memories of such events at all the UU churches I have attended.

Service auctions are times when we expect to have a good time, bidding on the dinners, specialty items, lessons and talents to be shared, and good times offered. There can be a little goodtime jocularity and nudges when your dear friends get the things you wanted.

Last year I bought some of my Christmas presents for my family. There will be live music, a silent auction for introverts and those of us that like to ponder our choices more, and then I hear Randy Sanders will be the auctioneer for the remainder of the items. This year a lot of energy is being put into changing things up a bit. Some of us are especially interested in some of the services offered like dog sitting or trips to the airport, or help with things around the house and garden.

Perhaps you have wished I would address that burning coal of yours with a sermon, or that I would share with the congregation a sermon on your favorite text or parable, or a life that inspires you, well this is your chance. Only one sermon will be offered, so bring the piggy bank and bid for a sermon topic of your choice. I will deliver it from the pulpit this coming spring. At my treat, we'll meet over coffee or lunch, so we can discuss the topic and what it means to you before I start writing.

I hope all plan to put on their glad rags and come on out—bring your friends. There will be good food and drink, if you like. It's the kind of get together you can enjoy if you spend five dollars, or fifty. So I hope to see you there! JL



Annual Service Auction Saturday October 24th at 6PM

Fellowship, Food, Fun and Funding of our HVUUC programs as we *DARE TO DREAM*.

Last year's services donated included exotic dinners, pet sitting, photograph digitalization, timeshare condos, garden labor, tutoring, taxi services, many kinds of home baked goodies and lots, lots more. Time to start planning your donation or event!

Donation forms will be available in the back of the Church next Sunday the 13th or you can e-mail your donation to Teri Sandoval at tfsandoval@gmail.com. The deadline for submitting donations is Friday, October 16th. For those of you who are planning dinners: we are requesting that you choose an actual date for your dinner at the time you fill out the donation form.

The Silent Auction tables will open at 5:30 and the Live Auction will begin at 6:30 PM.

Path to Membership Class October 11th

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.

Communications Task Force (CTF)

The HVUUC Board of Trustees has formed a Communications Task Force to develop a framework to address HVUUC's growing internal and external communication needs in an efficient and effective manner. Because HVUUC is growing in size, it is time to bring more focus to the improvements needed. Alice McCaffrey and Raj Mehta will co-chair CTF, with Programs Trustee, Scott LaVoie, serving as liaison to the Board of Trustees. The task force will make recommendations for a Communication Committee structure and communication processes needed to bring about and maintain improvements. Publicity to Tri-cities media, website enhancements, the use of social media, and improved newsletter content are some of the areas that will be studied. Costs and future budget parameters will be included in the recommendations to the Board. If you have any thoughts or concerns about how to improve HVUUC communications, please contact Alice (amccaffrey@charter.net) or Raj (uurajuu@gmail.com).

Adult RE

Join us for Adult R.E. from 9:00AM to 10:15AM Sunday mornings. The class meets in the Junior Youth room in the REZ and is facilitated by Charlie Mattioli.

The Music Committee needs YOU! (Even if all you can play is the radio)

Our beloved HVUUC community is deeply appreciative of the many ways that music enhances their worship at our church. Good music is also attractive to newcomers and contributes to their desire to return and eventually become members.

Our committee organizes the many fine performances of talented people within and beyond our walls. We are all passionately interested in music, and have the desire to create for our church the finest musical experience possible. Our goal is to offer greater and more varied high-quality programming, but we can't do it without you.

Here's how YOU can help:

- Take turns planning and implementing performances for our regular Sunday services.
- Assist with non-Service musical events, such as our monthly Coffeehouse.
- Discuss and set policy on the musical life of HVUUC as needs arise.
- Bring us fresh ideas on how to expand and enrich musical programming.
- Maintain and improve resources, such as hymnals, our piano, and other instruments.

Energetic people from all backgrounds with a passionate interest in music are encouraged to help us make the musical life at HVUUC the best it can be!

Please contact Teri Sandoval at tfsandoval@gmail.com if you are interested in learning more about serving our congregation on the Music Committee.

Council of Committees

There will be a Council of Committees Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 PM in the Fred Ball Room. The chairs and leaders of all church groups are invited. This has become a critical forum to improve communication, organization, and effectiveness of all the functions that make this church what it is. This is the only forum where leaders in all areas meet to share concerns and progress. Please try to attend.

Social Justice

Wake Up UU's and Smell the Coffee

Sgt Matthew Hopkins, who is part of the TN National Guard has informed the readers of his weekly newspaper column that one of the biggest needs for the troops is coffee. The Social Justice committee is proud to offer our members a way to help in that regard. There will be coffee collection boxes in the back of the Ball Room (look for the bright red poster) until November 1st. The need is for GROUND CAFFEINATED COFFEE, any brand will do, although sending fair trade like we use in our church kitchen not only supports the troops' needs, it directly supports coffee farmer's and their families! Forgoing one cup of take out Starbucks will buy a pound of grocery store coffee! AND there'll be no foam cup to recycle afterwards.

New Recycling and Composting Program

The Social Justice Committee would like to remind everyone that we are trying to move our congregation and facilities to a leaner, greener place by way of a stringent recycling and composting program. Most of our waste is generated in the kitchen so our first efforts will be there. Please try to limit the amount of plastics, paper, glass and metal you bring into the church and consider taking home what you do bring in. When something must be recycled, please choose the appropriate container. If you're not sure which one to use, ask questions, read signage or... take it home to your home recycling bin. Our church greening efforts depend completely on volunteers and the less those folks have to haul away, the happier they are. If you have any suggestions for making our recycling efforts more efficient, please let a member of the SJ committee know!

God answers all our prayers. Sometimes the answer is yes. Sometimes the answer is no. Sometimes the answer is "You've got to be kidding".

Jimmy Carter

HVUUC Social Events

October Coffee House and Circle Supper

Deidre McCalla, an incredibly talented singer songwriter from Atlanta, will perform at HVUUC on Saturday October 17 at 7 PM. Her words will speak to your heart and her music will feed your soul... and make you tap your feet. Suggested donation: Adults \$10-\$20, Youth 5-12 years \$5. You don't want to miss this!

Bonus opportunity: I will host a circle supper in the Fred Ball Room at 5 PM. For a single trip to church, you get DINNER AND A SHOW. Woo hoo!!! Be sure to sign up for the supper on the counter at church. Questions about the concert, see Kim Ray or email her at aardvarkart@embarqmail.com.



Greetings Ghosts and Goblins!

The October HVUUC Women's Night will be at Mary Williamson's house on the **2nd Friday, October 9, at 6:30**. We will be trying out something different this month. If you plan to attend, please (if you can) e-mail Mary to let her know. She will reply with instructions for a special item you will need to bring to this **Mystery Night**. Besides the mysterious item, please also bring the usual drink and/or hors d'oeuvre to share.

The address is: 3316 Victoria Ct., Johnson City
Phone #: (423) 282-3590

If you are able, parking on the road and walking down our steep drive would ease the parking problem at the house. Call when you get on Victoria Ct. and I'll let you know the parking situation at the house.

Senior High Youth Dinner

Senior High guys and gals will meet at Reverend Luck's home Sunday, October 18 at 5:00. Reverend Luck will cook this first fall meeting. Call or email to let her know if you are coming...she hopes you are! You'll watch a video by UU Randy Pausch, The Last Lecture, and discuss it.

RSVP: minister@hvuuc.org or (423) 677-8710

National Equality March in Washington , DC



Join us on a trip to Washington , DC , on October 10th and 11th as we join thousands from all over the United States to march and rally in support of full legal equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The October 11th march will kick off a national grassroots campaign called Equality Across America. Unitarian Universalists are enthusiastically supporting this campaign and taking the opportunity to stand on the side of love with other LGBT supporters across the country. Annette Marquis, TJ District Executive, has challenged each congregation in the Thomas Jefferson District to send 10% of its membership. HVUUC is making plans to send folks by carpool and by bus (along with other area UU churches), to meet that challenge. We have 12 folks already committing to the trip. More details will follow in other communication. But, general plans include traveling on Saturday (time to be determined), attending a Sunday morning service at Washington, DC's, All Souls Church, joining the noon march and 2:00 p.m. rally on the National Mall, and traveling back home that evening. Please let us know if you would like to spend the night in a hotel on Saturday or travel through the night to save costs. Approximate cost for the bus trip itself is \$60. Let's stand strong in supporting equal rights for all, including same-sex marriage equality, non-discrimination in the workplace, and hate crimes legislation. Please contact Kim Ray at aardvarkart@embarqmail.com or 423-967-0196 if you would like to join us or would like more information about the trip.

Community Information

United Religions Initiative

There will be a URI meeting on October 26th at 7:00PM at 208 W. Fairview in Johnson City. Everyone is invited.

Looking to buy an affordable home? Check out Eastern Eight Community Development Corporation, a community-based housing and community development agency whose mission is to fulfill housing needs for low-to-moderate income families at www.e8cdc.org.

Moving Toward Wholeness Seminar
A Journey Conference October 15-18, 2009
www.journeyconferences.com

Upcoming Welcoming Congregation Events

October 25, 12:00PM— Film "It's in the Water"
October 28, 7:00PM Film "It's in the Water"
November 14, 6:00pm—Experiences of Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Transgender People
November 15, 12:00PM—Film "Celluloid Closet"
November 18, 7:00PM—Film "Celluloid Closet"
December 6—LGBT History
December 20, 12:00PM—Film "Before Stonewall"
December 23, 7:00PM—Film "Before Stonewall"
January 3—Bisexuality and Biphobia
January 24, 12:00PM—Film "Gendernation"
January 27, 7:00PM—Film "Gendernation"
February 13, 5:00PM—Transgener Identity: What it Means
February 21, 12:00PM—Film "Southern Comfort"
February 24, 7:00PM—Film "Southern Comfort"
March 7—How Homophobia Hurts Us All
March 21, 12:00PM—Film "Making Grace"
March 24, 7:00PM—Film "Making Grace"
April 4—What Now??
April 25, 12:00PM—Film "Tying the Knot"
April 28, 7:00PM—Film "Tying the Knot"

"I prayed for twenty years but received no answer until I prayed with my legs."
Frederick Douglas

Co-Pay! The Musical

A festival in support of health care and insurance reform. If you support health reform but feel that your voice has not been heard, join us in providing to the citizens of the Tri-Cities an opportunity to stand up and be counted. We are organizing an afternoon of music, comedy and education in an effort to show that there is significant support in our area for real change to America's health care system. If you would like to help make this event happen, either by working with us or providing financial support, please contact us: daytime, Janet Meek 423-943-2786; evenings Loren Chapman 423-677-6896. Thank you very much. And Be Well!

Membership Corner

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Karen Harrington on the death of her mother Frances Harrington.

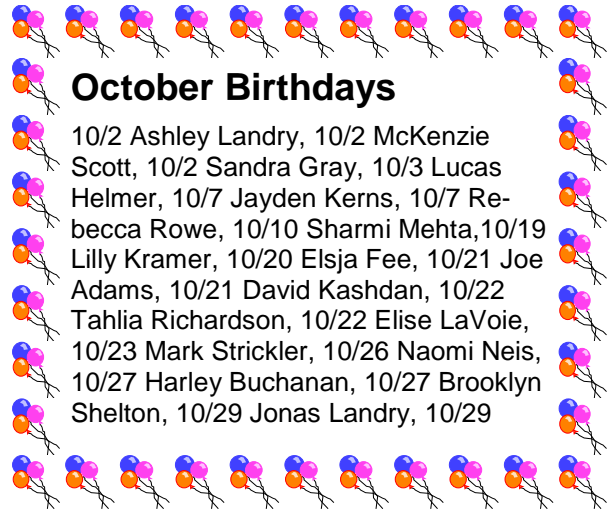
Our Condolences are extended to Veronica (Baker) Schama and her family on the recent death of her father, Ronald Baker, of Gainesville, Florida. Mr. Baker had been battling cancer over the past several months.



Memorial gifts to the HVUUC Endowment fund have been given by Mike Corey in the name of Frances Harrington, Sue and Frank Shuler in the name of Catherine Dick, and Sue and Frank Shuler in the name of Hubert Hill.

Caring Team

Caring Team coordinators for October are Louise Mayo and Deanna Richardson. Congregants can reach them by sending an e-mail to caring@hvuuc.org or by calling 423-477-7661



October Birthdays

10/2 Ashley Landry, 10/2 McKenzie Scott, 10/2 Sandra Gray, 10/3 Lucas Helmer, 10/7 Jayden Kerns, 10/7 Rebecca Rowe, 10/10 Sharmi Mehta, 10/19 Lilly Kramer, 10/20 Elsjia Fee, 10/21 Joe Adams, 10/21 David Kashdan, 10/22 Tahlia Richardson, 10/22 Elise LaVoie, 10/23 Mark Strickler, 10/26 Naomi Neis, 10/27 Harley Buchanan, 10/27 Brooklyn Shelton, 10/29 Jonas Landry, 10/29

Missing "Camelot"?

Someone in our congregation loaned me a two-tape set by Stuart Wilde on "Camelot". I can't remember who loaned these tapes to me. It has been over a year. Would someone please email me (zmfa1@goldmail.etsu.edu) and claim these. I have already asked everyone I can think of. Thanks, Mickie Addleman

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