



TRI-CITIES U.U. REVIEW

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Headlines

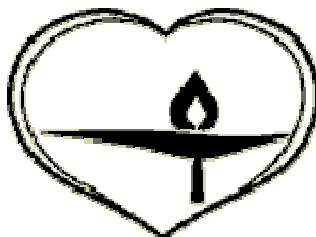
- Welcoming Congregation showing of the film "Out of the Past", Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:00PM
- Path to Membership Class October 11th
- Sign up for Circle Suppers on October 16th & 17th
- Coffeehouse with Deidre McCalla Saturday, October 17th
- Make plans to attend our annual Service Auction October 24th
- Blood Drive October 25th

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 class is currently discussing comparative religions

Attention All Blood Donors

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



Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

September 27—"Forgive Me", Reverend Luck

For our Jewish friends the holiest of all days, *Yom Kippur*, begins at sunset this Sunday. Our service will be a consideration of acknowledging our misdeeds and our ability to forgive – most important abilities for spiritual maturity and for our own happiness.

October 4--"Building the World We Dream Of", Reverend Luck

This Sunday is *Association Sunday*, which your Board of Trustees voted to support. This Sunday you can make a special offering beyond your gift to HVUUC, if you wish, in support of the national Association and the ministry of --"Building the World We Dream Of."

October 11—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.

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://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9jea2nOCiCxlSegtOvlyMQ_3d_3d** based on input received from last year's survey. **We ask that all members and friends take the time to complete the survey between September 20th and 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 within the next few weeks. 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 on-line.

HVUUC Calendar

Tuesday September 22

5:15-6:15pm Yoga
6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
7pm Covenant Group Facilitators

Wednesday September 23

6pm Japanese class
6:30pm Wednesday Night Supper
7pm Wednesday Music Covenant
7pm Simplicity Group
7pm Welcoming Congregation
Film

Thursday September 24

5:30-6:30pm Pilates
7pm Metaphysical Group

Saturday September 26

7pm CUUPS Mabon Ritual

Sunday September 27

9:00pm Adult R.E.
9:30pm Social Justice meeting
10:30am Worship Service
12pm Nonviolent Communication
12:30pm Choir Recording

Tuesday September 29

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
6:30pm Path to Membership class
7pm Poetry Covenant Group

Wednesday September 30

6pm Japanese class
7pm Welcoming Congregation
workshop

Thursday October 1

5:30-6:30pm Pilates
7pm Spirituality Covenant Group
7pm Metaphysical Group

Sunday October 4

9am Adult RE
9:30pm Caring Team meeting
10:30am Worship Service
12pm NVC
12:15pm Music Committee
7pm Music Covenant group

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

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.

An Invitation to Spend an Evening with Friends

All HVUUC members and friends are cordially invited to sign up to attend a Circle Supper on either the evening of **Friday, October 16 or Saturday, October 17**.

Circle Suppers are simply potlucks held at the home of a host. Usually, 6 to 10 people will gather and, along with the main dish provided by the host, share edible contributions and a few hours of purely social interaction. Circle Suppers are a UU tradition that has fostered many friendships over the years. Sign-up sheets are available at the church. If you prefer to register for Circle Supper by phone, please call **Sue Shuler (239-3821)** or **Sharmi Mehta (288-5815)**. You can also register for Circle Supper by replying to the invitation you received via separate e-mail.

Please register for the Circle Suppers before October 7.

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.

Social Justice

Social Justice Committee Meeting

The Social Justice committee will be holding their monthly meeting this Sunday, September 27th at 9:30AM in the REZ. They would love to have your ideas and support. Please feel free to join them- your presence at one meeting is not meant as a long term commitment, only as a sign that you too want to help do something about social INjustice in the world.

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.

News from Voluntary Simplicity

The Voluntary Simplicity group is pleased to announce that our new fall course, "Voluntary Simplicity" is full at 15 participants, and that seven of those folks are brand new to the group, and to our church facilities.

Community Events

Health care reform demonstration today, Tuesday September 22nd at West Market and State of Franklin from 4-6 pm in Johnson City. Details: <http://www.shuckandjive.org/2009/09/lets-hit-streets-for-healthcare.html>

First Presbyterian, Elizabethton is hosting a symposium, Awakening the Dreamer, from 9:30AM-4:00PM Saturday, September 26th. Here are the details. http://web.me.com/firstpreseliz/FPC_Elizabethton/Events_of_Note/Entries/2009/9/26_Awakening_the_Dreamer%2C_Changing_the_Dream_Symposium.html

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!

"Sometimes I think that just not thinking of oneself is a form of prayer"

Barbara Grizzuti Harrison



International Peacemaker, Dr. Vinita Eusebius, will be at First Presbyterian Sunday, September 27th at 7:00PM to do a presentation on Children at Risk, women's rights, and poverty in India. Details: http://web.me.com/firstpreseliz/FPC_Elizabethton/Events_of_Note/Entries/2009/9/27_Dr._Vinita_Eusebius%2C_International_Peacemaker.html

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

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 aardvark-art@embarqmail.com or 423-967-0196 if you would like to join us or would like more information about the trip.

Buuk Group

The Buuk Group began its first full year of monthly book discussions on Tuesday, September 15, from 10:00AM to noon in the REZ. We are almost at full capacity, but have room for a couple more people if you'd like to join. October's selection is *The World Without End* by Ken Follett. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month September to May. If you would like to join or receive more information, please contact Patty Jo Nachman at PatJo@alberts-inc.com or call 423-239-9595.

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

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 aardvark-art@embarqmail.com.



Membership Corner

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to the family of Dr. Hubert Hill. Dr. Hill passed away last Thursday, September 17th at the age of 91. A celebration of life service was held at HVUUC on Sunday evening. Memorial contributions can be made to East Tennessee Technology Center Access Center of the Kingsport Association for the Visually Impaired.

THANKS!

A donation has been made by Reverend Luck in the name of Dr. Hubert Hill and his family.

This donation has been designated for the Religious Education Building mortgage.

Caring Team

Caring Team coordinators for September are Wanda Earp and Kae Robbins. 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 August coordinators Sandra Gray and Deb Helmer.

September and October Birthdays

9/1 Nafezza McDonald, 9/2 Dana Strickler, 9/5 Ramesh Munjal, 9/8 Asher McDonald, 9/9 Eva Alom, 9/15 Jana Huss, 9/19 Brigid Smith, 9/22 Lois Crum, 9/23 Moss Sanders, 9/24 Linda Jewell, 9/24 Lenore Huss, 9/25 Mary Bingman, 9/28 Meghan Stuart, 9/29 Sandy Davis
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 Elsja 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 Brad Helmer

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