



TRI-CITIES U.U. REVIEW

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Headlines

- Wednesday Night Supper April 28th at 6:30pm
- Mulch the Garden Work Day—May 2nd after the service.
- Women's Group—Bonfire at HVUUC Friday, May 7th at 7pm
- Variety Show May 8th at 6:30pm!
- Coffee House May 15th at 7pm

Variety Show May 8th!

The HVUUC Junior Youth will once again host a night of talented performers and perplexing conceptual artists in the Third Annual HVUUC Variety Show . If you missed last year's show, here's how it works: after each act, a plate is passed and the audience "votes" with money. Last year the Junior Youth raised over \$800 that was used to buy materials for the HVUUC amphitheater behind the church. The intermission bake sale brought in over \$90 that was sent to support "Invisible Children" – a nonprofit organization that protects Ugandan children from army conscription and sexual exploitation.

This year our Junior Youth have voted on two very worthy causes to split the variety show proceeds. They are Heifer, Intl. <http://www.heifer.org/> and Haiti earthquake relief (through the UUSC/UUA Joint Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund) <http://www.uusc.org/haiti>.

So put on a silly hat, screw up your courage, and come make a fool of yourself! **The signup sheet for your act will be posted in the Fred Ball Room.** Also, watch for our Junior Youth carousing about the church, they'll be eager to sign you up for a performance.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

May 2—"Dance into May", Reverend Luck

After a long, cold winter the newly green and blooming earth inspires many celebrations; once upon a time we would have been doing Maypole dances, the pagan festival of Beltane is celebrated, and May 2nd is World Laughter Day. This will be a celebratory service, as there is much to rejoice in and we shall rejoice! The service will begin with a special liturgical dance by Eva Alom.

May 9—"Mother's Day: Bringing Into Flower", Reverend Luck

This is the Sunday of our annual Flower Service created by Norbert Capek, so please bring a cut flower or two to exchange with others of our beloved community. Gardening is primary in the minds of many with warm weather; what is it we are planting in our lives? In our congregation's life? Are we intentionally bringing into flower what we desire?

May 16—"Thoreau and Walden Pond", Reverend Luck

We will celebrate the Installation of HVUUC's new Board of Trustees at this service. I am re-mining Unitarian Henry Thoreau's classic to see what it might say to us today.

May 23—"In Memoriam"

A service honoring departed members of HVUUC.

Speakers Needed for In Memoriam Service

On May 23rd the Religious Services Committee will be presenting a service called "In Memoriam" where we will be honoring members of our church that have died. We would like members to speak about those who have gone on before us, giving the congregation a sense of the history of the church and the people who made it what it is today. If you hold dear the memory of someone who contributed to this church, and would like to say a few words about him or her, please contact Kristina Runciman or any member of the Religious Services Committee. If you do not feel comfortable speaking to the congregation, one of us will be happy to read your contribution for you.

HVUUC Calendar

Tuesday April 27

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

Wednesday April 28

6:30pm WNS
7pm Wednesday Music Covenant

Thursday April 29

7pm Metaphysical Group

Sunday May 2

9am Adult RE
9:30am Caring Team
10:30am Worship Service
12pm Town Hall Meeting
12:15pm Music Committee
7pm Music Covenant Group

Tuesday May 4

5:15pm Yoga
6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
7pm Dream Covenant Group
7pm Star Trek Covenant Group
7pm Finance Committee

Wednesday May 5

6:30pm RE Committee Meeting

Thursday May 6

7pm Metaphysical Group
7pm Spirituality Covenant Group

Friday May 7

7pm Women's Group

Saturday May 8

10am Sangha Meditation
6:30pm Variety Show

Sunday May 9

9am Adult RE
10:30am Worship Service
12pm Potluck Lunch
12:30pm Girl Scouts

Tuesday May 11

5:15pm Yoga
6:30pm HVUUC Sangha

Wednesday May 12

6pm Young Adult Group
7pm Religious Services meeting
7pm Wed. Music Covenant

Thursday May 13

7pm Metaphysical Group

Saturday May 15

7pm Coffee House

Sunday May 16

9am Adult RE
9:30am Social Justice Meeting
10:30am Worship Service
12pm CUUPS Meeting
7pm Music Covenant Group

WNS April 28th at 6:30pm

This month the Wednesday Night Supper has a guest chef, Stefany Winegar! Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 27th to stefany-winegar@hotmail.com. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children. The menu is:

Fish Tacos
Sautéed Mushrooms
Steamed Broccoli
Black Beans and Rice and Spanish Rice
Salad (thanks Karyn)
Dessert (thanks Sue)

Accompanist(s) Wanted to Play Sunday Morning Hymns

The music committee is looking for other musicians to accompany hymns on the first and third Sundays of the month so that Alma can be relieved of this duty. If you can help please contact Teri Sandoval @ tfsandoval@gmail.com. Please also let Teri know if you are aware of other musicians outside of the HVUUC community who may also be able play hymns at our Sunday Morning Service.

Proposed New HVUUC Policy

The following policy has been approved by the board on a first reading. Please send any comments to Louise Mayo, the church secretary (boardsecretary@hvuuc.org). The board will do a final reading of these policies at an upcoming board meeting.

a.. The Membership Trustee will determine a Reported Member List for the UUA as those who contribute or Pledge at least twice the amount due to the UUA and the TJD, or those Members who volunteer at a high level and participate regularly. This list of Active Members will be approved by the Board of Trustees.

Update on Adult RE

Adult RE meets every Sunday morning at 9 AM in the Junior Youth room in the REZ. Everyone is welcome. On April 18, we discussed Jainism. On April 25, we talked about mysticism and started watching a Rumi DVD. On May 2, we will finish watching the Rumi DVD and talk about Rumi and mysticism. At this time, we are picking topics on an ad-hoc basis.

Social Justice Committee Needs You!

Sam Jones and Betty Kramer have enjoyed chairing the Social Justice Committee for many years but have decided to step down to pursue other interests at the end of May. We anticipate that our other capable and trustworthy committee members will welcome fresh ideas and new members, so we're hopeful that some of you would like the opportunity to make a difference and will join them as they move forward into this new year of opportunity and challenge. If you have questions about what our committee does, you can talk to Sam or Betty or you can pull a card from the Committee Kiosk pocket located in the Ball room and read what we're all about there.

HVUUC Annual Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting held this past Sunday was attended by 87 HVUUC members, which was well above that needed for a quorum. The nominations for board members and the nominating committee were passed unanimously. The board nominations are as follows:

President - Charlie Mattioli
Vice Present - Jo Anne Medlin
Membership Trustee - Martha Rubenstein
Facilities Trustee - Lynn Byrd
Treasurer - Frank Schuler
Past President - Michael Jones

The new nominating committee members are:

Bob Barker
Joy Boyd
Deb Helmer
Rosemary Kleske

We are now an official Welcoming Congregation with everyone present voting to approve this important motion. Thanks to everyone who helped put on the meetings this past year and to everyone that attended those meetings. I am sure we are all proud to be an official "Welcoming Congregation." A special thanks to Kim Ray for starting us on this important path.

There was a motion to add a new sentence to our bylaws. Changes to our bylaws require a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of our congregation. There were many who supported this change but not enough to make the required $\frac{3}{4}$ or those present.

Thanks to Richard Boyd and Dave Kashdan for a great budget presentation. The budget was passed without opposition.

During the open discussion part of the agenda a motion was made to require the board to form a task force to look at membership and why some members do not come back. There were many passionate and excellent speakers on both sides of this issue. But it was defeated. Many of those who opposed this motion supported the idea of a task force. They just felt the board should form the task force as it deems necessary. Thanks to everyone who participated in this important meeting. I was very pleased with the large turn out. It shows how important we feel our church is to us. Michael Jones, President Board of Trustees

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.

Coffee House Saturday May 15th

Remember the coffee house in January that was postponed because our parking lot resembled an ice skating rink? Well, the Wednesday Night Music Covenant group feels pretty sure it is now safe to reschedule that coffee house! The new date and time is May 15th starting at 7:00 pm. Snacks will be served as well as a variety of music from Celtic to the JUUG band to who knows what. But a good time is guaranteed for all. And all for the amazing low price of FREE. So put that date on your calendars.

We will send out a reminder as we get closer to that date with more details about who will be performing.

Michael, Alice and Greg Marshall

New Series of Yoga Classes

A series of six Yoga sessions began on April 20th. We meet at 5:15pm in the Sangha Room of the REZ or, if the weather and the mood permits, we may meet on the deck behind the Sanctuary. This series of classes will conclude on June 1st. The cost of this next series of classes will be \$40 or \$10 per class for walk-ins. The class is a mixture of breathing techniques and yoga poses that flow from one into another. You do not need to have attended the last session to attend this session. Contact Tish Kashdan dtkashdan@chartertn.net or 392-4424(home), 534-4856(cell) for more info.

5th Sunday Collection

In an effort to expand our support of agencies feeding the hungry in our region, the Social Justice Committee will split the May 30th collection between Hunger First in Kingsport and the Bristol Emergency Food Pantry. We have been long time supporters of Hunger First. The Food Pantry which serves Sullivan County, Blountville, Bluff City, Piney Flats and Bristol TN/VA fed 11,808 people in 2009. It has been in existence since 1965 and works with various local agencies on voucher system. Checks can be made out to HVUUC and placed in the white envelopes given in the order of service on the 30th.

The Board Would Like to Hear From You

The HVUUC Board of Trustees welcomes your suggestions, opinions and comments to serve you better. Please drop your card in the suggestion box located on the back table of the sanctuary.

Membership Corner

Thank you! Our deep appreciation and thanks to Andrew Cleland, Betty & Greg Kramer and Tamara & Eric Richardson for hosting the Circle Suppers on April 16th and 17th. They opened their homes and hearty hospitality to 16 other HVUUCers who participated as guests and contributed a dish to their hosts.

Congratulation 2010 Graduates! Nick Cross, Ben Kashdan, and Patrick Ledbetter are all graduating from high school this month. HVUUC congratulates you and wishes you good luck in your post high school endeavors!

Caring Team

Caring Team coordinators for May are Betty Kramer and Spencer Conco . Congregants can reach them by e-mail at caring@hvuuc.org or by calling 423-477-7661 (Press 3).

Thank you to our April coordinators Gabrielle Zeiger and Lynn Scarborough!

Greetings HVUUC Women!

Here at HVUUC we offer a fun filled women's night on the first Friday night of every month (except when it is on the 2nd Friday night). We gather generally at 6:00-7:00 at a previously announced location (generally someone's house but could be the church, a restaurant, etc.). For those of you who are curious, and perhaps a bit nervous.... here are a few hints of what may occur.

1. meaningful discussion (topic?)
2. great food
3. luscious libations
4. Wild laughter and not so meaningful discussion
5. games
6. pool party
7. bonfire

Of course, we occasionally have arts, crafts, social action, surprise parties, cookie exchanges, etc. Always a good time is guaranteed. At present we have the following hostesses signed up:

May - Bonfire at HVUUC	June- Micki Addleman
July- Candy Marshall	August- Freda Love
Sept- Tamara Richardson	October- Martha Podren
November- Rosemary Kleske	December- Sue Chudler

The schedule is also available on our yahoo web site calendar. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HVUUC_Women/

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Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines: May 9, May 23, June 6, July 4, August 1, August 15

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