



TRI-CITIES U.U. REVIEW

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Headlines

- Wednesday Night Supper – May 27th
RSVP to office@hvuuc.org by May 26th. After dinner, you are invited to stay for a Welcoming Congregation movie and discussion.
- Women's Group will meet at Tamara Richardson's on Friday, June 5th.
- The Senior High Youth Group will be meeting with Reverend Luck at her home for dinner Sunday, June 7th at 5:30pm. RSVP to revluck@hvuuc.org

Learning More.....June 14

Reverend Luck will be conducting the class on UU history and theology. It is especially designed for members who have joined in the last few years when we have condensed the Path to Membership class and were unable to cover this sufficiently. However, most of us could use a brush up course on these two subjects and all are invited. Please sign up at the visitor table sign up sheet. It is not necessary to sign up but it will help us for planning purposes. Also, we need to know if we need to provide childcare.

Further questions, please contact Ann Overton at office@hvuuc.org or 423-477-7661.

Caring Team coordinators for June will be Raj Mehta and Wanda Earp. 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 May Coordinators, Deb Helmer and Lynn Scarborough.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

May 31st – “*The Philosophy of Unitarian Universalist Education*”, Reverend Luck

This also will be teacher appreciation day for HVUUC's religious education volunteers.

June 7th – “*Inclusivity: On Drawing Larger Circles*”, Reverend Luck

This is the auction sermon which Kae Robbins purchased.

June 14th – “*Faith and Reunion*”, Reverend Luck

The New Board of Trustees Installation will be this Sunday.

* UU History and Theology Class with Rev. Luck after the service as part of the Path to Membership for those who have joined in the last two years especially.

June 21st – “*Service is Our Prayer*”, Reverend Luck

On this Father's Day I will look to the Universalist half of our faith tradition and speak on service as prayer.

The Mountain Mini Retreats

The Mountain, a UU Retreat in the mountains of North Carolina, is offering special mini retreats in June with fabulous prices. Friday dinner through Sunday breakfast; including lodging, all meals and recreation.

Weekends available are June 5-7; June 12-14 or June 19-21.

Adults: \$90.00

Youth: 13-17 \$44.00

Youth: 4-12 \$33.00

We would like to organize a group from HVUUC who would like to go on the second weekend, June 12-14. If you are interested, please let the office know at office@hvuuc.org. To register, contact The Mountain at: 828-526-5838 – Ext 0.

Tuesday May 26

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
7:00pm Covenant Group Facilitators

Wednesday May 27

6:30pm Wednesday Night Supper
7:30pm Welcoming Congregation movie

7:30pm Endowment Committee

Thursday May 28

7:00pm Metaphysical Group

Saturday May 30

8:30am-11:00am MACHO workday

Sunday May 31

10:30am Worship Service
12:00pm Welcoming Congregation workshop #1

7:00pm Music Covenant Group

Tuesday June 2

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
7:00pm Star Trek Covenant Group
7:00pm Dream Covenant Group

Wednesday June 3

6:30pm Religious Education Committee meeting
7:00pm Simplicity Group
7:00pm Wednesday Music Covenant Group

Thursday June 4

5:30pm Pilates Class
7:00pm Spirituality Covenant Group
7:00pm Metaphysical Group

Friday June 5

7:00pm Women's Group

Saturday June 6

9:00am Girl Scout event

Sunday June 7

9:30am Caring Team meeting
10:30am Worship Service
7:00pm Music Covenant Group

HVUUC calendar also available on our website.

From the Minister's Daybook

Having discovered last Sunday, that Waldo dwells within our congregation in the premises of the Transcendentalists that continue to influence our theology and worship, I'll also share his poem, *The Rhodora*, these last days of May. It was recently sent to me. My thoughts are with each of you as you prepare for summer vacations; the third week in June is my last week before my study and vacation time begins. The Reverend Jacqueline Luck

The Rhodora

In May, when sea-winds pierced our solitudes,
I found the fresh Rhodora in the woods,
Spreading its leafless blooms in a damp nook,
To please the desert and the sluggish brook.
The purple petals, fallen in the pool,
Made the black water with their beauty gay;
Here might the red-bird come his plumes to cool,
And court the flower that cheapens his array.

Rhodora! if the sages ask thee why
This charm is wasted on the earth and sky,
Tell them, dear, that if eyes were made for seeing,
Then Beauty is its own excuse for being;
Why thou wert there, O rival of the rose!
I never thought to ask, I never knew;
But, in my simple ignorance, suppose

The self-same Power that brought me there brought you.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1839

Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High Youth Group is beginning a new program and needs ideas from the congregation. Their new program is activity based and they need people in the congregation who have a hobby, talent, or activity that they would like to share with them. The Senior High Youth Group is comprised of High School aged kids in the congregation, 14-18 years old. Their regular meetings are on Sunday evenings, but based on the activity, they could meet on other days of the week. Please e-mail your activity suggestions to office@hvuuc.org or talk to anyone on the Senior High Council; Dave Calvert, Phyllis Cairnes, Karyn Cross, Dawn Davridge or Tamara Richardson.

Reverend Greta Browne's Climate Walk

This past Sunday we were visited by the Reverend Greta Browne who is on a climate walk pilgrimage from New Orleans to the Canadian border. She spoke briefly during the service about her walk and stayed after the service to talk in more depth. If you would like to know more or to donate to her walk, go to climate-walk.homestead.com

Women's Group June Meeting

The HVUUC Women's Group will be meeting at Tamara Richardson's home on Friday, June 5th at 7:00pm. Please bring a snack and/or beverage to share. For directions contact Tamara at office@hvuuc.org or 423-477-7661. All women in the church are invited.

Welcoming Congregation

A Welcoming Congregation is a UU church that thoughtfully and intentionally welcomes and affirms all persons regardless of sexual identity or affectional preference. To create a truly accepting and affirming environment, we must first examine our own hearts and minds: our knowledge and beliefs, our biases and fears, our behaviors and practices. Over the next several months, we will offer a workshop series designed to educate, encourage self-awareness and stimulate discussion. The workshops build on one another, so attending them all would be ideal, but not required. (Don't stay away because you're afraid you can't come to them all.) There will also be movies with discussion afterwards. Bring a friend. To get us started, here are the activities for the summer. Get out your calendars.

When	Activity	Details
May 27 (after Wed Night Supper)	Movie & discussion	
May 31 noon-2 PM	Workshop: Introductions & Expectations	Bring a sack lunch
June 12 6-8 PM	Workshop: What We Know & How We Learned It	Pizza for dinner. Cost \$5
June 21 noon	Movie: For the Bible Tells Me So	Bring a sack lunch
June 24 (after Wed Night Supper)	Movie: For the Bible Tells Me So	
July 18 5 PM (followed by Coffee House)	Workshop: The Common Elements of Oppression	Bring a potluck dish to share. Stay for Coffee House afterwards.
July 30 6-8 PM	Workshop: Gender Socialization and Homophobia	
August 23 noon	Movie: Milk	Bring a sack lunch
August 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 423-477-7661 or email office@hvuuc.org. As we begin this very important journey together, remember the words we hear each Sunday: "We do not have to think alike to love alike." Amen. Shalom. Blessed be.

Thank You to Our Volunteers!

We'd like to thank the following people for their support of IHN last week at Hopwood Church:

Dave Calvert
 Mark and Kim Ray
 Sharron Murphy
 Rosemary and Bryan Kleske
 Jill Fee
 Stacey Williams
 John Franjione

These folks made time in their very busy schedules to shop for, cook for, or stay with the families that are in the IHN program and experiencing temporary homelessness. The Hopwood members tell us that they love it when the UU's come!

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

Thank you for continued support for the non-faith based non-profit agency, Hunger First. Donations of food and clothing are placed into the designated wooden crates at the rear of our Sanctuary under the coat rack. Baby food, any child-care items and women's personal care items are always in great need.

Membership Corner

HVUUC would like to extend our sympathy and ask the congregation to keep Todd Doman and Betty Kramer in our thoughts, each of them lost an Uncle recently.

We are happy to say that Joe Adams came through surgery safely. We wish him well in his recovery. Also Ed Schell had cataract surgery that we are thankful was successful.

Congratulations to Reverend Luck on the birth of her grandson Joshua Craig Roberts.

Congratulations to Dana Strickler for a new granddaughter, "Linny Rose"!

Congratulations to Robert Flick whose granddaughter graduated from Vanderbilt, to Amy Benedict whose son graduated from Wake Forest, and to Tom Burns and Martha Rubenstein whose oldest daughter Becca graduated from UT Chattanooga.

We rejoice with Kara Clouse as she announces her engagement.

May Birthdays: 5/2 Meagan Doman, 5/3 Lisette Hopkins, 5/7 Gerald Keep, 5/7 Barbara Schell, 5/11 Taro Katt, 5/16 Pax Kerns, 5/23 Alma Smith, 5/24 Larry Liven-good, 5/24 Susan Myers, 5/24 Lee Kashdan, 5/25 Raj Mehta, 5/28 Charlie Mattioli, 5/30 Allen Palmer, 5/30 Alisha Watson, 5/31 Randy Sanders

June Birthdays: 6/1 Nathan Cross, 6/1 Mark Helmer, 6/2 Micki Addleman, 6/9 James Medlin, 6/12 Tom Burns, 6/20 Elisabeth Burns, 6/20 Tracy Doman, 6/22 Liz Murphey, 6/25 Beth Calvert

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Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines: June 7, July 5, August 2

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

The HVUUC web site can be found at: www.hvuuc.org

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