



# 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 ....

- The church secretary will be on vacation the week of July 13-17
- Preschool and Nursery workers still needed! Work just one or two Sundays this summer!
- CIT Listening Circle on Sunday July 19th after the service.
- Please attend the Welcoming Congregation workshops on July 18th and 30th. See page 3 for more details.
- There will be no Wednesday Night Supper in July.
- Reverend Jacqueline is taking Sunday and Vacation time this summer and will be back in the office the middle of August.

## The Religious Education Committee Needs You!

The Religious Education Committee needs two new members. We usually meet on the first Wednesday night of each month, but occasionally take care of our business via e-mail and phone. Our work includes providing a learning program and other enriching experiences for the children, youth and adults of HVUUC. If you are interested in serving our church community in this way, please contact Denee Mattioli (341-9254 or [DRE@HVUUC.org](mailto:DRE@HVUUC.org)) or Mary Williamson (282-3590 or [marybetsy@comcast.net](mailto:marybetsy@comcast.net)).

## Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**— "What Does It Mean to Live an Authentic Life?", Rev. Beverly Robinette

Beverly Robinette will take some time to talk about the journey of authenticity that some people pursue in their lifetime. She will share a part of her personal story and how she evolved from a good Southern Baptist girl from Wise County to a radical believer in the Holy that defies description and a woman who is still learning to talk back.

Rev. Robinette served as a United Methodist pastor from 1996-2008. Currently she works as a child protection ongoing social worker for the Washington County (VA) Dept. of Social Services.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**—"What is Paganism?", CUUPS

A look at CUUPS, Pagans, and their home in our congregation and Unitarian Universalism.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**—"Communication and Community Building: Theory is easy; practice requires a lot of work". Raj Mehta and Molly Catron, Storyteller

Raj will present several communication concepts important for building community. Molly will tell a story about some of these principles. More on Molly at [www.mollycatron.com](http://www.mollycatron.com).

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**—"Rational Man", Greg Kramer

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**—"Answering the Christian Right with Clarity and Compassion", Charlie Mattioli

## Hunger First Food Pantry Collection Sunday July 12

The Senior High Youth will be taking your donations Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> for Hunger First. They are in need of a bicycle for a man who is 6-feet + tall. This gentleman lives at Hunger First and walks to and from Shoney's where he has recently landed a job as a dishwasher. A bicycle would greatly ease his commute to and from work. They are also in special need of infant clothing and goods, children's clothing of all sizes, men's clothing, and, as always, food. Furthermore, Cindy Risk has explained that summer is the time when financial donations are at their lowest, causing her to worry about meeting payments for rent. Hunger First operates solely on donations and does not charge its clients for anything they might receive from there.

**Tuesday July 7**

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

**Wednesday July 8**

6pm Young Adult Group  
 6:30pm Religious Services Committee meeting

**Thursday July 9**

5:30pm Pilates class  
 7pm Metaphysical Group

**Saturday July 11**

10am HVUUC Sangha

**Sunday June 14**

10:30am Worship Service  
 12pm Potluck Lunch  
 12:30pm Girl Scout meeting  
 7pm Music Covenant Group

**Tuesday July 14**

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha  
 7pm Council on Committees

**Wednesday July 15**

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

**Thursday July 16**

5:30pm Pilates Class  
 6:30pm Membership Development Committee meeting  
 7pm Spirituality Covenant Group  
 7pm Metaphysical Group

**Saturday July 18**

5pm Welcoming Congregation workshop #3  
 7pm Coffeeshouse

**Sunday July 19**

9:30am Social Justice meeting  
 10:30am Worship Service  
 12pm CUUPS meeting  
 12pm CIT Listening Circle

**Tuesday July 21**

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha  
 7pm Dream Covenant Group

**Thursday July 23**

7pm Committee on Ministry  
 7pm Metaphysical Group

**Saturday July 25**

MACHO Hike

**Sunday July 26**

10:30am Worship Service  
 12pm Non-Violent Communication  
 7pm Music Covenant Group

**Tuesday July 28**

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha  
 7pm Covenant Group Facilitators

**Coffee House Performers Needed**

Kim Ray is looking for music/poetry/readings performers for the Coffee House on July 18. Slots available from 5-15 min... name your comfort zone.

HVUUC's Coffee House has a two-fold purpose: to bring us together for an enjoyable evening of fellowship and family-friendly entertainment, and to support members and friends in their musical and other creative endeavors. Love singing in your own living room (or garage) but never ventured anywhere else? This is an incredibly comfortable, encouraging, enjoyable atmosphere in which to spread your wings.

Interested but still not sure? Want to know more? Call me at 967-0196 or e-mail [aardvarkart@embarqmail.com](mailto:aardvarkart@embarqmail.com). We'll talk.

**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](mailto: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!

**CIT Listening Circle**

HVUUC's Covenant Implementation Team (CIT) will sponsor a Listening Circle on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for you to hear what your fellow HVUUC members and friends have to say about our church community and to share your thoughts. Please plan to attend and participate in this important project.

**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](mailto:lindajewell@btes.tv) if you are interested.

**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.

**Thursday July 30**  
 7pm Welcoming Congregation  
 showing of "Milk"  
 7pm Metaphysical Group  
**Sunday August 2**  
 9:30 Caring Team  
 10:30am Worship Service  
 12:15pm Music Committee

## Council of Committees Meeting

The next Council of Committees meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14, in the Fred Ball Room at 7:00 PM. This meeting is meant to do some planning for leadership training in September that focuses on helping all committees be more effective and to broaden involvement in our church. Please come with your concerns and ideas for improving the work of this church.



## 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
Jul 18 5 PM (followed by Coffee House)	Workshop: The Common Elements of Oppression	Bring a potluck dish to share. Stay for Coffee House afterwards.
Jul 30 6-8 PM	Workshop: Gender Socialization and Homophobia	
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](mailto:aardvarkart@embarqmail.com) or 423-967-0196. 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.

## 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**

## Potluck for Young Couples and Singles

This is an invitation to a BBQ/potluck my wife and I are hosting at our house July 11th. It starts at 4:30pm. I'm new to the church and am inviting young couples and singles (we're both 31) over for some fellowship. Children are welcome as well, we have a one year old. We'll be making hot dogs and hamburgers. We're asking for guests to bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP if you're coming and let me know if you are vegetarian. You can reach me at [aaronatwake@gmail.com](mailto:aaronatwake@gmail.com), or 423-878-4839.

## Membership Corner

Condolences to Jim Von Bremer whose mother recently died after a year long illness.

Our Condolences, as well, to Sandra Gray whose mother, Lillie Gray, died June 30, 2009.

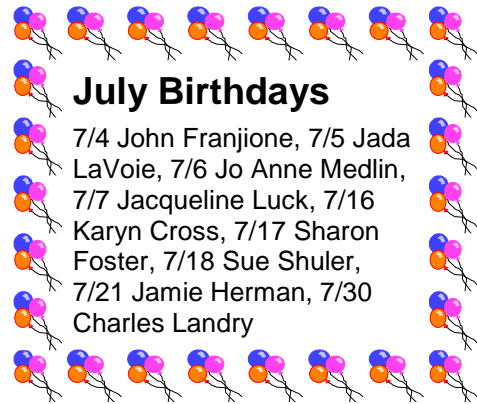
HVUUC member Lyle Eagan's brother Cash Tom Eagan, from Chandler, Arizona, passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 after a prolonged illness. Our condolences to Lyle and his family.

## 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.

## Whitewater Rafting Anyone?

Mike Chudler would like to organize a rafting trip on the New River in West Virginia sometime in July or August. If you are interested, contact Mike at [smclch@excite.com](mailto:smclch@excite.com) or 418-0332.



## July Birthdays

7/4 John Franjione, 7/5 Jada LaVoie, 7/6 Jo Anne Medlin, 7/7 Jacqueline Luck, 7/16 Karyn Cross, 7/17 Sharon Foster, 7/18 Sue Shuler, 7/21 Jamie Herman, 7/30 Charles Landry

## Caring Team

Caring Team coordinators for July will be Louise Mayo and Kae Robbins. Congregants can reach them by sending an e-mail to [caring@hvuuc.org](mailto:caring@hvuuc.org) or by calling 423-477-7661 (Press 3).

Thank you to our June coordinators Raj Mehta and Wanda Earp.

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### Church Secretary's Office Hours

9:00am-3:00pm, Tuesday & Thursday - [office@hvuuc.org](mailto:office@hvuuc.org)

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines: July 5, August 2, August 16, August 30, September 13, September 27

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