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Headlines

- Preschool and Nursery teachers still needed this summer
- Sign up to volunteer for a Sunday Coffee Hour set up or clean up
- Minister's Perspectives class Thursday, June 10th at 10:00AM
- UU History and Theology Class June 14th after the potluck
- Welcoming Congregation events on June 12, 21, & 24. Check the article on page 3 to see what's happening when!
- Wednesday Night Supper June 24th at 6:30PM.
- MACHO Workday & Bocce Tournament Friday, June 26 at 4:30PM

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

June 14th – "*Inherent Worth and Dignity of All People?*"
Kim Ray and Reverend Luck

The first Welcoming Congregations study group met May 31, and it seems a good time for us to consider what our Unitarian Universalist first principle means to us. We affirm and support the principle, but what does that mean for our lives? And for our congregation? We'll consider the complexities and joys in living the ethics of our religion. The New Board of Trustees Installation will be this Sunday.

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.

June 28th — "*Aim High*", Joe Adams
This is a sermon about evolving religious life -- the process of aspiring to a higher, more dynamic, religious experience.

July 5th — "*Evangelism: UU Style*", Gracia Walker
Attending our church can be a life changing experience to many. Yet do we carefully remain silent about one of the

Learning More.....

UU History and Theology

This Sunday, June 14, Rev. Luck will present a program on UU Theology and History. This will follow the potluck (and attendees will be first in line). While it is a follow up to the Path to Membership class, everyone in the church is invited. It is for new members, long time members, recent visitors, and anyone interested in the topics.

It is not necessary to register for the class but we do need to know if we need to provide childcare and a head count would be helpful.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Luck or Ann Overton 423-247-1736 or annoverton@charter.net.

Hunger First Food Pantry Collection Sunday June 14

The Senior High Youth will be taking your donations Sunday, June 14th for Hunger First. Thank you for your continued support of this non-faith based, non-profit agency. Donations of food, clothing, baby food, any child-care items and women's personal care items are always in great need. Cash or checks can also be donated.

Minister's Perspectives Class

Join our minister, Reverend Jacqueline Luck, for her monthly class on Thursday June 11th at 10:00am in the Junior Youth room in the REZ. This month she will be watching and discussing a DVD from the Bill Moyers series *On Faith & Reason* featuring Pema Chödrön. Pema Chödrön is a Buddhist monk who has written extensively on Buddhist principles in the context of everyday living.

Tuesday June 9

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha

Wednesday June 10

6pm Young Adult Group

6:30pm Religious Services Committee meeting

Thursday June 11

5:30pm Pilates class

7pm Metaphysical Group

Friday June 12

6pm Welcoming Congregation

Workshop #2

Saturday June 13

10am HVUUC Sangha

Sunday June 14

10:30am Worship Service

12pm Potluck Lunch

7pm Music Covenant Group

Tuesday June 16

10am BUUK club

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha

7pm Dream Covenant Group

Wednesday June 17

7pm Wed. Music Covenant Group

7pm Simplicity Group

Thursday June 18

5:30pm Pilates Class

6:30pm Membership Development Committee meeting

7pm Spirituality Covenant Group

7pm Metaphysical Group

Sunday June 21

9:30am Social Justice meeting

10:30am Worship Service

12pm Welcoming Congregation movie

12pm CUUPS meeting

Tuesday June 23

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha

7pm Covenant Group Facilitators

Wednesday June 24

6:30pm Wednesday Night Supper

7:30pm Welcoming Congregation Movie

Thursday June 25

5:30pm Pilates Class

7pm Committee on Ministry

7pm Metaphysical Group

Friday June 26

4:30pm MACHO Workday and

Bocce Tournament

Saturday June 27

7:00pm CUUPS Event

5th Sunday Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St. Mary's Health Wagon during our 5th Sunday Collection on May 31st. We collected \$507.46! To learn more about this charity or to volunteer go to www.thehealthwagon.org

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 two helpers for the preschool and one for the nursery for many Sundays during June, July and August. Please contact Denee at 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!

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 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.

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.

CIT Listening Circle

HVUUC's Covenant Implementation Team (CIT) will sponsor a Listening Circle on Sunday, July 19th 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.

Sunday June 28

10:30am Worship Service
 12pm Non-Violent Communication

7pm Music Covenant Group

Tuesday June 30

6:30pm HVUUC Sangha

Wednesday July 1

6:30pm Religious Education Committee meeting

7pm Simplicity Group

7pm Wednesday Music Covenant Group

Thursday July 2

5:30pm Pilates Class

7pm Spirituality Covenant Group

7pm Metaphysical Group

Friday July 3

7pm Women's Group

Sunday July 5

9:30 Caring Team

10:30am Worship Service

12:15pm Music Committee

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

A special thank you to all who helped with Coffee Hour over the past six months. Your efforts made members and visitors alike feel welcome. The sign-up sheets for June through December will be posted on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary. We are asking for everyone to sign -up for 1 set-up and 1 clean-up during the six month period.

If you have any question please contact Freda Love at freda.love@charter.net

Change is Gonna Come

Starting on June 24 the Wednesday Music Covenant Group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month. The meeting will still be from 7 - 9 PM. Anyone interested in checking out the group should contact either facilitator (Alice McCaffrey - 423-652-2392 or Inge Swenson - 423-926-7334) to let them know of your interest.

This group is also planning an Open House all summer. If you would like to give the group a try without making a commitment, you can visit through the summer. An interest in music and an ability to play a CD, tape or mp3 player are the minimal requirements for admission. Please let one of the facilitators know of your interest so a copy of the group's covenant can be sent.

Welcoming Congregation

The first Welcoming Congregation workshop was vary well attended. Kudos to everyone who participated... there was some great discussion! June brings us workshop #2 and a movie. 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
Jun 12 6-8 PM	Workshop: What We Know & How We Learned It	Pizza for dinner. Cost \$5
Jun 21 noon	Movie: For the Bible Tells Me So	Bring a sack lunch
Jun 24 (after Wed Night Supper)	Movie: For the Bible Tells Me So	
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 aardvar art@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.

Caring Team

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).

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 or 423-418-0332

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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Church Secretary's Office Hours

9:00am-3:00pm, Tuesday & Thursday - office@hvuuc.org

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines: 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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