



TRI-CITIES U.U. REVIEW

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March 14, 2010

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Headlines

- Parents of Young Kids (POYK) brunch on Saturday, March 20th at 10:00am
- Welcoming Congregation film on March 21st and March 24th
- Wednesday Night Supper March 24th at 6:30pm
- Sign up now for the Women's Retreat the weekend of April 9-11
- Circle Suppers April 16 & 17. Sign up by April 4th.
- Annual Congregational Meeting April 25th

Annual Pledge Drive



Please let the Stewardship Committee know what you intend to pledge for the 2010-2011 church year. We currently have \$131,000 pledged, which is 86% of our goal of \$153,000. The stewardship committee is making phone calls to those they haven't received a pledge from. Save them some time and let them know what you intend to pledge this year!

You can let Stewardship know what your pledge is by;

1. Returning your pledge card by mail.
2. Returning your pledge card by placing it in the box at church near the nametags (extra pledge cards are available there).
3. or e-mail your pledge to Richard Boyd at stewardship@hvuuc.org.

Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

March 21- *"Why Vote To Be Welcoming?"*, Reverend Luck
On April 25 HVUUC will have its Annual Meeting of the Congregation to vote on several issues; one of which is whether to be an official "Welcoming Congregation". We will consider the spiritual impact of such a vote.

March 28— *"Who is God? The Arian Crisis"*, Reverend Luck
Palm Sunday seems a good day for a sermon on the impact of the Arian Crisis on the Church. The topic of the day was Jesus, the son of God. Was he totally God? Was he part human and part God? Was he human but closer to God than others? I imagine just such questions were in the forefront of many minds as Jesus entered Jerusalem 2000 years ago.

Friday, April 2 at 7:00PM— *"Tenebrae Service: An Evening Service of Shadows and Darkness"*, Reverend Luck
The distinctive ceremony of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and Psalms are chanted or recited. It is a unique time in the life of this Unitarian Universalist church as we sit in a circle listening to and reading verses of sorrow from all walks of life interspersed with music from one of the great requiems. In this honoring of the depths of life, we extinguish candles until left sitting in darkness.

Tenebrae was originally a Christian service celebrated by the Western Church on the evening before or early morning of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday which are the last three days of Holy Week.

Please request childcare

April 4— *"Easter Sunday"*, Reverend Luck

Adult Religious Education

Join us for stimulating presentations and discussions in Adult R.E. from 9AM to 10:15AM Sunday mornings in the Junior Youth room in the REZ (first room on the right). This present ongoing series in on comparative religions.

HVUUC Calendar

Tuesday March 16

10am Buuk Club
5:15pm Yoga
6:30pm HVUUC Sangha
7pm Dream Covenant Group

Wednesday March 17

7pm Board of Trustees meeting
7pm Simplicity Group

Thursday March 18

6pm IHN at St. Luke's
7pm Metaphysical Group
7pm Spirituality Group

Saturday March 20

10am POYK Brunch

Sunday March 21

9am Adult RE
10:30am Worship Service
12pm CUUPS
12pm Welcoming Congregation
Film
12:15pm Governance Task Force
meeting
5pm OWL
7pm Music Covenant Group

Tuesday March 23

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

Wednesday March 24

7pm RE Committee meeting
7pm Welcoming Congregation
Panel

Thursday March 25

7pm Metaphysical Group

Sunday March 28

9am Adult RE
9:30am Social Justice meeting
10:30am Worship Service
12pm Nonviolent Communication
12pm Girl Scouts
5pm OWL

Tuesday March 30

5:15pm Yoga
6:30pm HVUUC Sangha

Thursday April 1

7pm Metaphysical Group

Friday April 2

7pm Tenebrae Service
7pm Women's Group

Saturday April 3

4pm—11pm CUUPS Event

Luck's Leaf

Woolston Baalley Mew Mew Chirpch

Sunday, March 14, 2009

A Blessing for our pets, including those lost or deceased ... (FURever Our Friends)

A BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

"pet's name", may you live a long, and happy life.

May you have the care you deserve.

May you bless and be blessed with

the spirit of kindness and appreciation all the days of your life.

Amen

We had a grand Blessing of the Animals Service, a first for me "to officiate", and I think for HVUUC. The weather co-operated and did not rain and didn't get above 53 degrees..."purrfect." The event was celebratory as we blessed a tiny guinea pig, a black cat with a great name I can't recall, many dogs, and a photo of one deceased pet in front of the sanctuary after the service.

As we were finishing I was saddened to see some coming from the religious education building. My lesson will be to wait a bit for all to get outside; I was a slightly anxious per how it all was going to go with the pets and rushed things a bit. Several of us are as generous in the size of our dogs as we are of heart, but all was well and nothing was eaten!

I want to thank all of you who support your congregation so generously, and stewardship Trustee, Richard Boyd, and all who are helping with this year's stewardship drive.



Transcending Boundaries

The Rev. Mark Morrison-Reed is the keynote speaker at the Western Caroline Cluster meeting on Saturday, March 27 in Asheville, 8:30-4:30. He is a respected African-American UU minister in Canada and an author.

Registration is \$45.00, which includes lunch.

The workshops in the afternoon look very good as well.

- Standing on the Side of Love
- What's in a Name? (regarding the district name change)
- Multigenerationalism
- New Orleans UUs (helping the congregation there rebuild)
- Governance
- African Americans in UUism
- Growing into the Future

The meeting is being held at the Asheville UU Church. Read more including the schedule, ask for home hospitality, and register by going to www.wccluster.org. Hope to see you there!

HVUUC Events

Parents of Young Kids (POYK)

Invitation to All POYKs—One of the outcomes of a recent HVUUC Covenant group is a greater awareness of the need for families with the youngest of our HVUUC children to have a chance to socialize without the throngs of adults present at our 2nd Sunday potlucks. Accordingly, we've decided to sponsor a POYK* brunch on Saturday March 20th from 10 - 12. Our tentative plan is to get volunteers to supervise the preschoolers in their class area (or playground, depending on the weather) and assist with the babies/young toddlers (in their parents eye range) so that the parents can eat brunch and socialize amongst themselves and with our Minister.

In order to assist with planning both the food and the number of volunteers needed to help with the little ones, please send an email to martharubenstein@yahoo.com if you think you would like to attend, and indicate how many adults and how many little ones you will bring. Please let me know for sure by Sat March 13th, so we can finalize plans for food and the number of girl-scout assistants we will need to help out. It should be a fun morning. (Both our minister, Jacqueline, and our RE Director, Denee have put this date on their calendars too so they will be available to talk with you, or answer any questions in addition to your opportunity to get to know each other better.) Thanks, HVUUC Covenant group members

Upcoming Welcoming Congregation Events

Sunday March 21, 12:00PM—Film "Making Grace" (In the Jr. Youth room in the REZ)

Wednesday March 24, 7:00PM—Film "Making Grace" (In the Senior Youth room in the REZ)

"This moving, intimate documentary follows Ann Krsul and Leslie Sullivan, a devoted lesbian couple who decide to have a baby together. As they go through the laborious process of creating a family--choosing a sperm donor, deciding who will become pregnant, and explaining the entire situation to their families--they experience the universal ups and downs of impending parenthood, as well as those specific to two women becoming mothers together in today's society. "



Circle Suppers

Circle Suppers are coming up on April 16th and 17th and we hope everyone will sign up to attend. Circle suppers are a long-time tradition in this church and many friendships have been cemented there. The way they work follows. Sign-up sheets will be on the counter in the church today. You can sign up to attend and you'll be asked to fill in the blanks -- Would you like to host? If so, how many? Can you accommodate children? Do you prefer a supper without children? You get the idea. Then all the information on the sign-up sheets is processed to determine hosts and guests. Hosts will receive a phone call telling the names of their guests and then it's up to them. The hosts usually provide the "meat" and the guests provide the rest -- appetizers, salad, bread, dessert, etc. So it's a potluck with people you go to church with and may not know very well. It's a real opportunity for all of us to get to know each other better. There is no "agenda" for the suppers; the purpose is to have a good time. Please sign up by April 4th at church or circlesupper@hvuuc.org

2010 Women's Retreat

When: Friday, Saturday & Sunday April 9, 10, 11.

Times: Friday mid-day through Sunday Mid-Day.

Where: Sugar Hollow Retreat: Lodge and Hemlock House. <http://sugarhollowretreat.com/>.

Registration and Payment: Registration and pay Mary Williamson, contact: marybobwilliamson@gmail.com.

There are 24 B&B style single and a few queen beds. Your bed is reserved when payment is made. Cost of registration should not be a limiting factor for attending. Some opportunities for scholarship are available. Contact Mary Williamson to discuss options. All scholarship inquiries will be kept confidential.

Scheduling and activities: Contact Rosemary Kleske rkleske@gmail.com.

If you know you want to attend even for one day, or THINK you might attend, please email or call Rosemary Kleske so she can get you on a separate Women's Retreat mailing list for communication about details. No more information will go out to the main HVUUC yahoo group e-mail list. Join the Facebook group- "HVUUC Women's Retreat." or

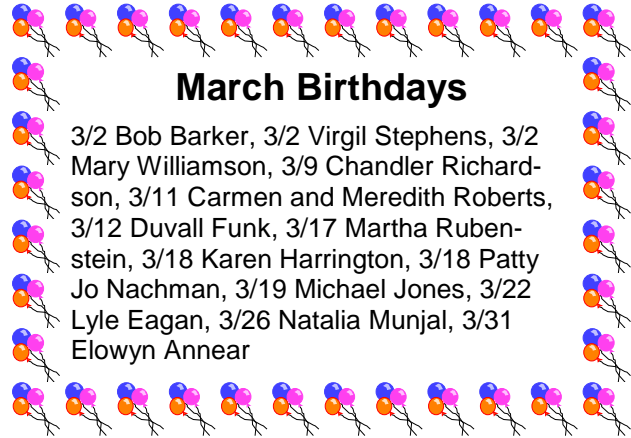
Subscribe for the Yahoo group at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HVUUC_Women

Membership Corner

Caring Team

Caring Team coordinators for March are Gracia Basham and Deb Helmer. Congregants can reach them by e-mail at caring@hvuuc.org or by calling 423-477-7661 (Press 3).

Thank you to our February coordinators Louise Mayo and Deanna Richardson!



March Birthdays

3/2 Bob Barker, 3/2 Virgil Stephens, 3/2 Mary Williamson, 3/9 Chandler Richardson, 3/11 Carmen and Meredith Roberts, 3/12 Duvall Funk, 3/17 Martha Rubenstein, 3/18 Karen Harrington, 3/18 Patty Jo Nachman, 3/19 Michael Jones, 3/22 Lyle Eagan, 3/26 Natalia Munjal, 3/31 Elowyn Annear

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Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines: March 28, April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23, June 6

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