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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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Scan the QR code above to register your children for religious education classes this fall! To ensure we are aware of allergy and ability challenges and that we have a way to contact guardians, registration is required in both the nursery and RE classes.

Upcoming Virtual Church Services

11:00AM Sundays at [HVVUUC YouTube](#)

June 12—*Generational Understanding and Generational Healing*, Rev. Sapp

Generational Differences have been a hot topic in movies lately from Encanto to Turning Red. One of the beauties of these narratives are how generations can heal together and learn from each other if we can practice listening to each other. Watching these movies is not a pre-requisite to coming to this service, but there just might be spoilers!

June 19—*Beyond the Tree of Good and Evil*, Charlie Mattioli

Are we too clever for our own good? Are we so distracted as people and a culture to seriously face the challenges of unintended consequences in the society and culture we're building?

June 26—*Poor People's March on Washington: Boots on the Ground*

The week prior a full bus of social justice warriors of all ages and interests and backgrounds attended the Poor People's March in Washington DC, to make a statement and show support. Today we will here from several in attendance about their perspective on their experience there.

Community Play

It's a rare opportunity to get to support local arts, learn about the justice oriented history of our area, AND cheer one of our own members on!

Check out "We Did It Together" at the McKinney Center in Jonesborough:

https://mckinneycenter.com/play?fbclid=IwAR1fjs2qIZjj5F30gcv2Htjxr_WgvTzbXGVYmwT5oXw82P5JVZYhy4vSTXA

Democracy is Calling

As General Assembly approaches, I am reflecting on how a key part of our Unitarian Universalist identity is that we are a democratic religious movement. General Assembly is the annual meeting where delegates from all over the nation gather to vote on the direction our movement will take, elect representatives to the UUA's Board, and also get a chance to learn from amazing speakers, workshops and worship services.

In Unitarian Universalism, the goal is for everyone to have a voice and a vote. This year, we have three delegates serving as the voice and vote of Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church.

Our delegates are going to General Assembly to REPRESENT YOU, which means that listening to our community is an essential part of how they do that representing. For that reason, we are hosting a "General Assembly Forum" on Zoom on Sunday June 12th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. To sign up for your Zoom link, go here: <https://hvuuc.org/events/2022/6/12/general-assembly-forum>

During that time I will review the items that will be up for a vote, but you can learn more about them through the General Assembly business agenda that is also posted to the Event. During that time I will review the items that will be up for a vote, but you can learn more about them through the General Assembly business agenda that is also posted to the Event link above.

Also this year, we actually have some contested elections for Board of Trustee positions. You can read statements from both the nominated positions and those who are running through petition here: <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/contest-election-2022>

These are the moments where being engaged in our democracy are so vital, which you can see by the very different kinds of platforms that people are running on.

Our local congregation's democratic process is no less important. We may not be having contested elections here, but we are having a chance to express ourselves on two vital social justice issues during a special **Social Justice Call to Action meeting on Zoom** on Thursday, June 9th, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Here's the information for that meeting: <https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/elections/contest-election-2022>

I am so glad that Unitarian Universalism is governance for-and-by-the-people. Our Board is democratically elected both nationally and locally. Important decisions are made by the congregations, not the ministers. And we do everything we can to make sure that people have a voice in the matters that affect them directly.

Thank you, for engaging in our democratic process with us! Rev. Sapp, minister@hvuuc.org

Soapbox Sunday is coming up and we want to hear from you!

Each Sunday that's closest to the Fourth of July, we invite members and friends of our congregation to take to the pulpit for a brief (4 minutes long, 400-500 words) presentation on a topic that you are passionate about.

In opening the floor to speakers, the congregation is celebrating an American tradition - freedom of speech. We hold that a "free and responsible search for truth and meaning" is a key Unitarian Universalist value that we embrace on this day.

Space is limited so email Rev. Tiffany with your topic idea to minister@hvuuc.org

Social Justice Committee

UNDOING WHITE SUPREMECY

The Poor People's Campaign held a mobilization rally in Memphis on May 23rd at the site where Martin Luther King was assassinated. Here is an excerpt from the rally featuring Rev. William Barber. Listen and you will get an idea of the issues that will be discussed at the DC Rally. <https://youtu.be/4YxJZ90MxaM>

June 12: [Prep Party for Bus Riders to Poor People's campaign after service](#)

June 18: ALL ABOARD – [still room for riders to the Poor People's Campaign](#). Email: SJChair@HVUUC.org for information.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

National Pollinator Week (June 20-26, 2022) is an annual event celebrated internationally in support of pollinator health. It's a time to celebrate pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them. Utilize these resources to help you celebrate and promote your involvement in this year's #PollinatorWeek: <https://pollinator.org/pollinator-week>

Have you started your Climate Victory Garden? If not, you still can! Growing food and flowers can be [part of the climate solution](#) if done regeneratively. Learn about the basics of gardening and [tips for getting started](#).

No matter where you live or how much space you have (even if you live in an apartment), your garden can be part of the movement of thousands of individuals across the country (and world!) who are gardening for the climate.

LBGTQI+

June 9: Please come out and join us and the community for a family-friendly afternoon at Fizzy Fairway Mini Golf Bar in downtown Kingport!

Enjoy free mini-golf night (and beer – not free) event getting ready to TriPride in August.

More details here: <https://fb.me/e/1sBTPE2zi>

HOMELESSNESS

Please bring food items which will be donated to local food pantries beginning June 6th. The wagon will be in the entrance hall.

What to bring?

Here's some suggestions: <https://gwrymca.org/blog/25-best-items-your-food-bank-needs-most>

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION



HVUUC Members and friends joined a large crowd to rally in Bristol on May 14 - advocating women's rights and reproductive freedom. We were a part of rallies that were held across the country!

If you'd like to get involved in our Social Justice team email Bob at sjchair@hvuuc.org.

Please remember your pledge.

Make checks payable to "HVUUC."
Write "pledge" in the memo.

Mail to:
HVUUC
PO Box 8383
Gray, TN 37615



Thank you!

Membership

Caring Team

June CT coordinator: Alicia C.

Thanks to Dan C. for his service in March

For assistance email
Caring@hvuuc.org
or call the office.

Kitchen of Hope

If you would like to help, please consider donating either money or food items that can go in a lunch bag. We serve once a month, but the Kitchen of Hope serves 6 nights a week.

To donate money:

Mail a check to - HVUUC PO Box 8383, Gray, TN 37615 memo: Kitchen of Hope

Via Paypal - <https://hvuuc.org/donate> (please indicate it is for Kitchen of Hope)

To donate food: Contact Kim at KOH@hvuuc.org

Website Member Log In

There is information on the website that you need to log in to see. Scroll to bottom of the home page and click on "Members Area". If you need the password, email office@hvuuc.org.

Once you log in, you can get a recent member directory, read the board policies and procedures and board meeting minutes, and get a reimbursement form or our tax exempt certificate.

Grocery Cards Available for Purchase

Food City and Ingles grocery cards are available and can be mailed or delivered to you!

Cards can be delivered to mailboxes in the Johnson City or Kingsport area, and possibly to others areas. Of course, the cards could also be mailed.

We will happily accommodate your needs so that we can continue to generate a wee bit of income for the church.

If you are interested, please contact Dottie and Richard at grocerycards@hvuuc.org.

Thank you for continuing to participate!

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