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Save the Date

Sept 11—Prayer Through Song

Sept 17—CUUPS Fall Equinox

Sept 25—Church Picnic

Oct 1—Church Work Day

Oct 2—Rev. Tiffany Installation

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PO Box 8383
Gray, TN 37615

Thank you!



Upcoming Church Services

11:00AM Sundays

September 4

Forward Together: Why We Need a Third Reconstruction,
Rev. Sapp

On this Labor Day Sunday we look at how the Poor People's Campaign is connected to the Labor movement, and how their Third Reconstruction proposals can call us to move forward for a more just world.

September 11

Prayer Through Song

Elaine Silver's life and music have evolved into a thrilling Musical Ministry that imparts Universal Law and Truth Principles in ways that fully engage the audience; all done in the context of Peace, Love, Joy, and Wisdom.

September 18

Water Ceremony, Rev Sapp

This year's Water Communion Ingathering invites us to experience our connections to each other, our world, and our Unitarian Universalist history. Hear the story of the first Water Communion and see how it has evolved through the years. If you have some water from travels or other personal meaning please bring it with you, ready to share in this interactive service.

September 25

Peace Day, Rev. Sapp

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. But achieving true peace entails much more than laying down arms. It requires the building of societies where all members feel that they can flourish.

The Sound of All of Us

You've probably seen the Save the Date slides and announcements for the upcoming Installation Service, October 2nd at 4:00pm. But what is an Installation? Basically, an Installation is a special service where a congregation formalizes its relationship with a called settled minister. (That's me!)

There are many different ways that a congregation connects with paid ministry. Both Interim and Contract Ministry positions are for specific periods of time with a clearly defined scope of ministry, and are negotiated between a Minister and the Board of Trustees.

A Settled Minister is different. It is the congregation that calls the minister, voted on during an annual meeting, based on recommendations put forward by the Search Committee. It's not for a specified period of time, it's for "settling down" for both the minister and the congregation: sometimes these ministries can go for decades, sometimes they are shorter when different needs arise either for the congregation or the minister.

In our case, the Search Committee chose me as your Candidate for Ministry in the spring of 2021, you as a congregation voted to call me (my understanding is that it was a unanimous vote, which definitely felt good!), and then I began working with you all in shared ministry on August 1, 2021. Usually, the Installation happens during the first year, but like many other things, the pandemic made us decide to delay this celebration until we felt more secure in our reopening.

The Installation is about celebrating our Shared Ministry together. Sometimes, with the long line of guest ministers processing in, we get the wrong impression about Installations, and think it's all about celebrating professional clergy.

Professional clergy definitely make a difference in the Unitarian Universalist living tradition by taking the time to think deeply about things that matter, and taking time to develop relationships and community connections that will bring us forward. But Installation isn't supposed to be one-sided like that, because ministry is shared between me and you. I can't do any of this without you, something I'm reminded of daily.

That's why the planning committee and I chose the theme "The Sound of All of Us" (inspired by the song "One Voice"). No matter how powerful my voice is, I am only one voice. It is only by raising our voices together that we will transform this world, this community and our selves.

We've been doing Shared Ministry together for over a year now, and I am so grateful that you are the congregation that called me. I hope you can join me in celebration on October 2nd, where the Sound of All of Us can be raised together.

With Joy!

Rev. Tiffany

Church Picnic September 25, 2022

Using all precautions via Covid Safety Guidelines:

- Volunteers with Gloves and Masks needed to serve food at our next church picnic.
- Hot dogs/condiments will be cooked/served outdoors within Covid Health guidelines only.
- BBQ cook needed.
- The "help yourself" buffet line is a separate table with individually wrapped foods allowed only.
- Bottled water will also be provided.

Volunteers needed to set up and clean up!

More updates will be provided as needed.

Contact PICNIC@HVUUC.ORG or text Cynthia G. With any questions or to lend a hand.

Let's all make this successful!!! THANKS MUCH!!!

Prayer Through Song Service

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Church Work Day Oct 1

We've made some great progress on our playground/deck area, but still have a few chores there plus many other things to do to keep our grounds looking great.

Please join us for this work day and bring any outdoor tools you may have such as weed eaters, rakes, loppers, chainsaw, etc.

If you have a truck and are willing to haul mulch, please bring it.

Water and individually wrapped snacks will be available.

For questions contact Doug at facilities@hvuuc.org.

Newbies Covenant Group

A new Small Covenant Group for people not as familiar with the church, called "Newbies Group" is beginning soon.

It will meet for 3 meetings and is a good way to meet other new people in a quiet, friendly and welcoming setting.

The meetings will be on 3 consecutive Mondays evenings (Sept. 19 and 26 and Oct. 3) from 6:30 to 8:30 at the church.

Contact George Cross for more information or to sign up at georgecross@hvuuc.org

Social Justice

Undoing White Supremacy

UMOJA 2022 Festival Date: September 10, 2022 @ King Commons Park Johnson City, TN Noon until 11 PM.

For more information: www.umoajc.org

LEARN ABOUT AMENDMENT 3 – VOTE FOR!

About Amendment 3

The language of the current Tennessee Constitution reads, "That slavery and involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for a crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, are forever prohibited by this State."

As it currently reads, the Tennessee Constitution leaves the door open for persons convicted of a crime to be considered enslaved.

November 8, Tennesseans will vote on Amendment 3. If it passes, Amendment 3 will finally end the exception to the abolition of slavery in Tennessee. Once Amendment 3 passes, our State Constitution will read, "That slavery and involuntary servitude are forever prohibited in this State. Nothing in this section shall prohibit an inmate from working when the inmate has been duly convicted of a crime."

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/opinion/2022/08/03/tennessee-general-election-amendment-3-abolish-slavery-forever/10213331002/>

Environment

Sierra Club Meeting at HVUUC:
Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 PM

No RVA Pipelines in Tennessee: East TN Gas Pipeline, a subsidiary of Enbridge, is planning over 120 miles of pipeline, permanently disturbing over 800 acres across eight Middle and East TN Counties.

This "Ridgeline Expansion Project" was flagged as one of six key US pipeline projects.

SUBMIT COMMENTS by October 20 to:
sc.org/noTVApipelines

LGBTQ+ Support Groups

PRISM: www.fb.com/prismteensjc

TRI-CITIES TRANSGENDER:
www.fb.com/3CitiesTrans

TENNESSEE EQUALITY PROJECT:
www.tnep.org

PRIDE COMMUNITY & EDUCATION CENTER:
www.pridetricities.com

Hunger & Homelessness

FROM THE BOOKLET "THERE IS HOPE"
(copies available in foyer)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LD6aijBKPo75zUyNJDSBjF8Jb9cO7ZLR/view>

Salvation Army
423-434-9910
137 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Bristol, TN 37620
www.salvationarmykytn.org/locations/bristol/

Haven of Rest
423-968-2011
624 Anderson Street
Bristol, TN 37620
www.havenofrestbristol.org

Family Promise of Bristol
276-494-0388
674 Island Road
Bristol, VA 24201

Family Promise of Greater Kingsport

423-246-6500
601 Holston Street
Kingsport, TN 37660
www.fpgk.org

Appalachian Regional Coalition on Homelessness

423-928-2724
321 Walnut Street
Johnson City, TN 37604
www.appalachianhomeless.org

Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless

Homeless Assistance Hotline
888-556-0791
www.tvhomeless.org

Volunteers of America - Homeless and At-Risk Veterans

423-461-0044
112 E. Myrtle Ave. Suite 401A
Johnson City, TN 37604

Candyland Christmas 2022

HVUUC AT Johnson City's 2022 Candyland Christmas Tree event! Folks, we need volunteers to help decorate and dismantle!

Decoration will be from Nov. 22 - 26. The lighting ceremony will be Saturday, November 26. The Downtown JC association has specific regulations regarding decoration. These regulations will be provided to HVUUC volunteers closer to the event.

DONATE FOR OUR TREE!

The Social Justice committee will be taking a collection of hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, etc. to give to our area homeless and needy.

Have left over yarn scraps? You might want to knit or crochet them up into warm wearables for helping homeless and needy people keep warm this winter.

Or you can donate your left over machine washable yarn to others to make into wearables. A yarn donation box will be available in the Fred Ball room.

Look for further announcements!

Caring Team

Thank you Brandi H. for Caring Team Assignment in August

September Coordinator is: Alicia C.

Contact Hvuuc office at 423 477-7661

Or email caring@hvuuc.org

THE CARING TEAM CARES ABOUT YOU!

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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