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The Newsletter of Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church
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The mission of Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church is to promote spiritual growth, religious freedom, and ethical action.

November 2019

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Headlines

- Women's Group Friday, November 1
- ETSU Chorale Performing November 3
- Kitchen of Hope Monday, November 4
- Casual Game Night November 9
- Potluck Lunch November 10
- Service Auction Saturday, November 16
- Transgender Day of Remembrance, Sunday, November 17
- Board of Trustees Meeting November 20
- Complicated Game Night November 23
- Community Thanksgiving Meal Thursday November 28 from 2PM-7PM

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Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

Nov 3 *Getting Religion Wrong*, Rev. Jeff Briere
Comprehensive sex education is important, because if you get it wrong, it can be dangerous. Same goes for religion. Don't miss the ETSU Chorale performing today!

Nov 10 *Process Theology*, Rev. Jeff Briere
Process Theology gives us a new way to think about God. Instead of the omnipotent, omniscient God of the Bible, God is becoming God.

Nov 17 *SUULE Presentation*
A presentation by those attending SUULE, Southern UU Leadership Experience.

Nov 24 *Thanksgiving*, Rev. Jeff Briere
A service wherein congregants tell us why they are thankful.

The Annual Service Auction Saturday, November 16 Beginning at 5:30PM

What will you offer at the Auction this year?

The evening begins with heavy hors d'oeuvres and perusing the silent auction items. We then move on to the live auction, with our own auctioneer extraordinaire Jen Margeson! Childcare is available all evening.

The auction is not just a fundraiser, this is also a great community-building experience that lasts the whole year! Throughout the year there is continued fellowship and building of friendships via the hosting and attending of the auctioned services.

Follow this link to the Auction website where you can go to:
www.auctria.com/auction/2019HVUUCAuction

1. Donate items or services to the Auction
2. Register as a Bidder
3. See a catalog from 2017 to get ideas for things to donate.
4. View the Catalog of items that have been donated this year so far!

Still have questions? Many answers can be found here hvuuc.org/2019-service-auction

If you can't attend the auction and you would like to have a proxy bidder designated to bid for you or you have any other questions or problems, please contact auction@hvuuc.org



Fellowship Opportunities

Women's Group November 1

The Women's Group this month will meet at 6:30PM at the home of Joy B. in Gray. We welcome all who identify as female. Joy will be making a big pot of butternut soup. Please bring a snack and/or drink to share. Besides the usual banter and hoop-la, we will be discussing how we feel as we enter our church.

Her address can be found in the church directory. See the [Members Area](#) of our website or contact womensgroup@hvuuc.org.

Casual Game Night

2nd Saturdays from 6:00-9:30PM

This is a game night for everybody. We play a range of modern board and card games, from simple to not-as-simple. It's all for fun, no experience required.

All ages are welcome. We have a playroom and kid-friendly board games.

Bring yourself and optionally any cohorts, games, snacks, or drinks. Sharing is encouraged.

Come whenever you want, leave whenever you want. If you arrive late you may have to hang out and observe while in-progress games wrap up.

Email gamegroup@hvuuc.org with questions.

Potluck Lunch November 10

Bring a dish to share and join us the second Sunday of every month after the service for a potluck lunch.

Buuk Club buukclub@hvuuc.org

New members are always welcome to join us! Our regular meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10AM-12PM September - May in the Religious Education building.

November 19—Where the Crawdad Sings, Delia Owens, fiction - facilitator Ellen B.

December 17, 2019—The Boys in the Boat, Daniel James Brown, non fiction facilitator Nan S.

January 21, 2020 Unaccustomed Earth, Jumpha Lahiri, fiction - facilitator Joanne M.

Community Thanksgiving Potluck Meal

Gather round the table for a potluck Thanksgiving dinner at church on Thursday, November 28! Please bring a favorite food or beverage to add to the table and come enjoy good food and fellowship. Doors will open at 2PM, and the meal is planned to begin at 3PM.

Games and discussion will follow dinner. If you have a favorite game, bring it to share!

Please sign up to bring a protein, side, beverage or dessert or to help with set-up or clean up.

You can sign up in the [FB event](#), on the sheet at church, or by e-mailing Jessie H. and Gerald K. at thanksgiving@hvuuc.org

Youth Group

The Youth Group welcomes all youth ages 12-graduating senior for world-class fun, service, and fellowship. We meet once a month August through April.

Nov 17 or 24 fundraiser lunch after church

Dec 15 5-8PM shopping for Hunger First

Jan 19-20 MLK lock-in

Feb 16 5-8PM

March 15 5-8PM

April 19 (off-site) 5-8PM family potluck picnic

Email youthgroup@hvuuc.org to get in touch!

Fiber Fellowship

Do you quilt? Embroider? Crochet? Knit? Felt? Whatever your passion we want to share it with you. Bring your tools and a project if you'd like or contribute your time to a service project at the gathering. 1st and 3rd Fridays from 9AM-noon. Tea and snack around 10:30AM fiber-fun@hvuuc.org

Wednesday Night Supper

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday we will not have a WNS in November.

Fellowship Opportunities Cont.

It's Complicated Game Night 4th Saturdays from 6:00-9:30PM

An adults-only board game night at the church where the games don't HAVE to be complicated, but it's okay if they are. No experience required.

- Timing: starts at 6pm... bring food/snacks for yourself or to share
- Location: we'll be in the REZ
- Viability: need to have at least a few definite Yes responses on the Facebook group by the morning of the event or will cancel (no hard feelings)

No experience with complicated games is okay! They can seem overwhelming during rules explanations but they usually start to make sense after muddling through a few rounds.

Please make sure to arrive promptly so you can get to playing right away and not have to wait for a game to finish. These games often take over an hour to play. gamegroup@hvuuc.org

Life Span Religious Education

Adult Religious Education 2 *The Good Place*

Please consider joining us in Adult RE 2 for our new curriculum! We will be watching an episode of *The Good Place* and following with discussion regarding morality and ethics.

Adult RE 2 is a fragrance-free class, please be respectful of those that are sensitive to fragrances. AdultRE2@hvuuc.org

Adult Religious Education 1

Adult RE 1 meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30AM in the Meditation Hall of the Religious Education building.

On Sunday, August 25th we begin the first of 24 lectures on "Native Americans of South America". This ties in with our study of early Native Americans of North America.

Adult RE 1 usually meets even when other RE classes are cancelled. If in doubt please email Betty Berry for confirmation at AdultRE1@hvuuc.org

Youth Religious Education

Please register your children and youth at: [Religious education registration form](#)

Our classes are held from 9:30-10:45AM and will be PreK-2nd grade; 3rd-5th grade; and Jr/Sr Youth. All children must be potty trained to participate in Religious Education. We do have childcare available in our nursery for those not quite old enough for R.E.

Director of Religious Education, Sarah White can be reached at DRE@hvuuc.org

Small Group Ministry

A Little Bit of Everything Small Group Ministry

This Small Group has no theme, instead we will talk about a variety of topics. The first six sessions we will discuss; Let's start with getting to know each other and talk about how we spent lazy summer evenings, now or in the past. What are you curious about? How do you handle your leisure time? Can your gathering of friends be spiritual? How do you see the world, is it frightening, or do you see endless chances for new experiences?

To sign up talk to Greg K., use the signup sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall or email EverythingSGM@hvuuc.org.

After Life Inquiry Small Group Ministry

A large majority of people believe some aspect or essence of us continues after our body dies. Researchers have generated strong evidence supporting the reality of life after death, but this is not well known. In this group facilitated by Dr. Scott Quimby we will explore this evidence from after-death contacts, reincarnation, near-death experiences, and other sources.

This 8 session group will meet every other Sunday beginning November 10 and concluding February 16 from 8:30 am to 10:30 am in the REZ building. Contact Scott at afterlife-group@hvuuc.org if interested in joining the group. A sign-up sheet is also available in the Fellowship Hall.

Social Justice

Kingsport Kitchen of Hope November 4

In the basement of the Full Gospel Mission on Sevier St in Kingsport, is a tiny kitchen staffed entirely by volunteers that feeds dinner 6 days a week to 100-130 people. Diners have ranged from infant to 88. For many of them, it's their only meal of the day. The church serves dinner at the Kitchen of Hope the first Monday of each month. How can you help? Glad you asked.

The menu changes monthly. Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve and clean up.

Set up/cooking: 1:00-3:30

Servers: 3:00-5:00

Cleaners: 4:45-6:00

The kitchen is quite small, so if you want to help, please contact the coordinator so we don't end up with too many cooks in the kitchen!

You can also help by donating food or money for food. Or if you'd like to bake cookies, cupcakes, or other desserts ahead of time (note: we cook for 150, so if it's too much, you could always split this with another baker)

Like to plan ahead? We do this the first Monday of every month, so pencil us in with a big red pen!

Please contact Kim R. if you can help this month kitchenofhope@hvuuc.org.

Family Promise Network

One part of our church's Social Action is to participate with Family Promise Network, both in Johnson City (Hopwood UMC) and Kingsport (St. Luke UMC). The program's purpose is to help homeless families achieve and sustain independence. One night per quarter we provide a meal and overnight presence to the FPN guests of the host churches. Our meals are simple and overnight duty consists of sleeping in your private room and assisting with breakfast the next morning.

When the next request for volunteers goes out, please consider helping with this important and much appreciated part of our church's outreach.

familypromiseKPT@hvuuc.org

familypromiseJC@hvuuc.org

November Food Donations

Bring donations of **Flour, Sugar or Baking Items** for this month's Hunger in Our Neighborhood collection. You can also now donate pet food. Donations will be shared between the Jonesborough Food Bank, Hunger First in Kingsport, and our own food pantry. Remember, the themes are for fun....not rules!

Did You Know?

Of the garbage that Americans throw away, half can be recycled, which is enough to fill up a football stadium each day. Even more can be up-cycled and used for other things. Want to take action? Start or join a local upcycling or repurposing program.

Fiscal Flash

Get Your Grocery Store Shopping Cards!

The church sells prepaid shopping cards, in various denominations, in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

When you buy a card for \$100 from Food City or Ingles, this buys you \$100 worth of goods at that store, and the church makes 7%, which last year was about \$6000.

Register your Kroger customer card online, having our church as benefactor and we make about 5% every time you shop.

Just think of the results; if you just started to buy cards and you bought \$100 today, and then bought this amount every week for a year you would provide \$336 each year for the budget. We can all make a big difference if we unite behind this small effort!

Make Sure Your Kroger 5% Goes to the Church

People who shop at Kroger's need to register to have 5% of what they spend go to the church. This needs to be completed online. Our organization number is 83282.

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

Submissions for each month's newsletter are due by the last day of month to newsletter@hvuuc.org.

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Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>27</p> <p><u>9:30 am - 10:45 am</u> Children's R.E.</p> <p><u>9:30 am - 10:45 am</u> Adult RE 1 (R6).</p> <p><u>9:30 am - 10:45 am</u> Adult RE 2 (R2).</p> <p><u>11 am - 12 pm</u> Worship Service</p> <p><u>12 pm - 1 pm</u> Fellowship Hour</p> <p><u>12:15 pm - 2 pm</u> Music Committee Meeting (MR).</p> <p><u>12:30 pm - 1:30 pm</u> New Comers Group (R1).</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p><u>7 pm - 9 pm</u> A Little Bit of Everything Small Group Ministry.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Halloween</p>	<p>November 1</p> <p><u>6:30 pm - 9 pm</u> Women's Group</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Daylight Saving (End)</p> <p><u>9:30 am - 10:45 am</u> Children's R.E.</p> <p><u>9:30 am - 10:45 am</u> Adult RE 1 (R6).</p> <p><u>9:30 am - 10:45 am</u> Adult RE 2 (R2).</p> <p><u>11 am - 12 pm</u> Worship Service</p> <p><u>12 pm - 1 pm</u> Fellowship Hour</p> <p><u>12:30 pm - 1:30 pm</u> Social Justice Meeting (MR).</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>12 pm - 5 pm</u> Kitchen of Hope</p> <p><u>7 pm - 9 pm</u> Life Stories SGM (R1).</p>	<p>5</p> <p><u>5:15 pm - 6:15 pm</u> Yoga with Tish (R6).</p> <p><u>7 pm - 9 pm</u> A Little Bit of Everything Small Group Ministry.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p><u>6 pm - 8 pm</u> Girl Scouts (All REZ).</p>	<p>9</p> <p><u>6 pm - 9:30 pm</u> Casual Game Night</p>

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8:30 am - 10:30 am
After Life Group (R1)

9:30 am - 10:45 am
Children's R.E.

9:30 am - 10:45 am
Adult RE 1 (R6)

9:30 am - 10:45 am
Adult RE 2 (R2)

11 am - 12 pm
Worship Service

12 pm
Potluck Lunch

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
New Comers Group (R1)

11
Veteran's Day

12

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Yoga with Tish (R6)

13

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Girl Scout (S, F1, F2)

7 pm - 9 pm
RSC (R4)

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15

1 pm - 5:30 pm
Set Up for Service Auction

5:30 pm - 10 pm
Service Auction (S, F1, F2, K)

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9:30 am - 10:45 am
Children's R.E.

9:30 am - 10:45 am
Adult RE 1 (R6)

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Adult RE 2 (R2)

11 am - 12 pm
Worship Service

12 pm - 1 pm
Fellowship Hour

3 pm - 10 pm
Transgender Day of Remembrance (S, F1, F2, K)

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7 pm - 9 pm
Life Stories SGM (R1)

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5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Yoga with Tish (R6)

7 pm - 9 pm
A Little Bit of Everything Small Group Ministry

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7 pm - 9 pm
Board of Trustees Meeting (R4)

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6 pm - 8 pm
Girl Scouts (All REZ)

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6 pm - 10 pm
Complicated Game Night (R1, R2, R3, R4)

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8:30 am - 10:30 am
After Life Group (R1)

9:30 am - 10:45 am
Children's R.E.

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5:15 pm - 6:15 pm
Yoga with Tish (R6)

7 pm - 9 pm
Covenant Group

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Thanksgiving
2 pm - 7 pm
Community Thanksgiving Meal (K, F1, F2)

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9:30 am - 10:45
am
Adult RE 1 (R6).

9:30 am - 10:45
am
Adult RE 2 (R2).

11 am - 12 pm
Worship
Service

12 pm - 1 pm
Fellowship
Hour

12:15 pm - 2 pm
Music
Committee
Meeting (MR).

12:30 pm - 1:30
pm
Choir Practice
(S).

Facilitators
(R2).

MEETING ROOMS: (S) Sanctuary, (CD) Covered Deck, (MR) Music Room, (MO) Minister's Office, (F1) Fellowship Hall-near kitchen, (F2) Fellowship Hall-near patio, (K) Kitchen, (R1) REZ Susan B. Anthony room, (R2) REZ Ralph Waldo Emerson room, (R3) REZ Joseph Priestley room, (R4) REZ Henry David Thoreau room, (R5) REZ James Reeb room, (R6) REZ Meditation Hall (B) Basement PROJECTOR: (P) Projector Reserved
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