



# NUUSLETTER

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.*

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## Headlines ....

- K-2 OWL Class Begins February 2
- Pledge Drive Kickoff February 2
- Kitchen of Hope Monday, February 3
- Women's Group Friday, February 7
- Casual Game Night February 8
- Potluck Lunch February 9
- Board of Trustees Meeting February 19
- Wednesday Night Supper February 26
- Complicated Game Night February 22

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## 2020 Pledge Drive Begins February 2nd

Sunday, February 2nd, will mark the beginning of the 2020 Annual Pledge Drive. The Stewardship Team would like to invite everyone to come and celebrate all we've accomplished and all we hope to accomplish. Directly after the service, we will have a potluck and games. Participants are encouraged to bring a dish, drink (alcohol or non-alcoholic), or game to play. See you there!

## Seeking Image Techs

The religious services committee is looking for a handful of people who would be interested in occasionally acting in the helpful role of 'Image Tech'. The task is not really technical: it requires a) that one press the button to move slides forward during the service and b) reviewing the script and slides ahead of time. The slideshow and script-with-cues are provided for you. If you would like to be involved in a quiet and needed way, please contact [Rosemary@hvuuc.org](mailto:Rosemary@hvuuc.org)

## Upcoming Sunday Worship Services

**February 2** *The Big Six*, Rev. Jeff Briere

A service about the six most important lessons taught by Jesus. This Sunday also marks the beginning of our annual Stewardship Campaign.

**February 9** *Create, Design or Evolve?*, Rev. Jeff Briere

A service that examines three stories told about the beginning of life on earth.

**February 16** *Beyond Tolerance*, Rev. Jeff Briere

A service which answers the questions, "Is tolerance passe? And if so, what should replace it?"

**February 23** *Magic School Presentation*, Sarah White

Our summer camp staff members will be offering a sermon to update our congregation on all things CAMP! How we have collaborated, how the stories of Harry Potter align with our Principles, the community outreach, and the need to pay our camp staff fair and equitable wages. We have accomplished great things and now its time to look ahead to our camps future, and that includes a new name, which will be revealed during the sermon!

## Pledge Drive Circle Suppers

Circle Suppers are a great community-building activity and give members the opportunity to have their voice heard in the stewardship process. Members get together, share some food, and discuss their ideas about the church and stewardship. A number of members have already offered to host a circle supper so if you are interested in attending, then find a signup sheet on the side counter in the sanctuary, put your name down, and get in contact with the host for details.

## Recreational Equipment Task Force Being Formed

At the service auction this fall, quite a bit of money was raised for a new playground. Now we need to spend that money! If you would like to help choose the new playground equipment, talk to or send an email to Bryan Kleske at [facilities@hvuuc.org](mailto:facilities@hvuuc.org). We'd like to do this ASAP as there are some very good winter sale prices on playground equipment!

## Fellowship Opportunities

### Women's Group February 7th

The Women's Group this month will meet at 6:30PM at the home of Jen M. in Johnson City. We welcome all who identify as female. Please bring a snack and/or drink to share.

There will be non-mandatory Karaoke this month! If you have any karaoke music you would like to sing, bring it with you.

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

### Potluck Lunch February

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](mailto: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.

Educated: A Memoir, Tara Westover, non fiction February 18, 2020 facilitator Sue Shuler

A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towles fiction March 17, 2020 facilitator Judy Hardin

Grain By Grain, Bob Quinn and Liz Carlisle non fiction April 21, 2020 facilitator Franklin Montenegro

### 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 [fiberfun@hvuuc.org](mailto:fiberfun@hvuuc.org)

### Yuuth Group

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

Feb 16 5-8PM

March 15 5-8PM

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

Email [youthgroup@hvuuc.org](mailto:youthgroup@hvuuc.org) to get in touch!

### Wednesday Night Supper

Join us Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30PM for our monthly WNS. The menu will be posted a few days before the dinner. Please RSVP to [wns@hvuuc.org](mailto:wns@hvuuc.org) by Monday, February 24.

### Casual Game Night

*6pm – 10pm second Saturdays in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Nov (not Jun, Jul, Aug, Dec) Jonesborough & Tri-Cities*

Join us for our second Saturday "casual" game night! We play a selection of modern board (and card) games. No prior experience necessary. This game night is held at a participant's home, usually in Jonesborough. Game-players of all ages are welcome to attend. Email [gamegroup@hvuuc.org](mailto:gamegroup@hvuuc.org) to find out more.

### Complicated Game Night

*6pm – 10pm fourth Saturdays in Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep, Nov (not Jun, Jul, Aug, Dec) RE Building at church*

Join us for our fourth Saturday "complicated" game night! We play a selection of modern board (and card) games. No prior experience necessary, just a willingness to play potentially long and complicated games. Bring your own games, snacks, and drinks if you like. Email [gamegroup@hvuuc.org](mailto:gamegroup@hvuuc.org) to find out more.

### Winter Weather Information

If the weather is inclement and you are wondering if church will be closed, the quickest way to find out is to go to the church website. It will be posted at the top of the home page.

## Life Span Religious Education

### 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 child-care 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](mailto:DRE@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.

We are currently watching and discussing the lectures, "*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](mailto:AdultRE1@hvuuc.org)

### 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](mailto:AdultRE2@hvuuc.org)

## HVUUC CUUPS

CUUPS Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans is back in action! We would like to welcome every member and guest of the church to join us on the third Sunday of each month for our meetings. You do not have to be pagan to join us, feel free to come if you are curious and would like to learn more about Paganism in all its various forms. [cuups@hvuuc.org](mailto:cuups@hvuuc.org)

## Did You Know?

By serving Fair Trade coffee and tea at HVUUC we are ensuring that those that raise the coffee and tea get a fair wage. A donation basket is located near the coffee to keep this effort going.

## 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](mailto:EverythingSGM@hvuuc.org).

### Dying, Death, and Grief Small Group Ministry

This new group will meet in the REZ every other Sunday 9AM—10:45AM beginning March first.

Contact Scott at [afterlifegroup@hvuuc.org](mailto:afterlifegroup@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 February 3

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](mailto:kitchenofhope@hvuuc.org).

### February Food Donations

Bring donations of **Canned Meat or Fish** 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!

## Fiscal Flash

### 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.

### Family Promise Volunteers February 20

We shop for and provide an evening meal, overnight company, and breakfast for the Family Promise folks who will be living at St. Luke's in Kingsport. To volunteer, email [familypromisekpt@hvuuc.org](mailto:familypromisekpt@hvuuc.org)

The shopping list and menu are planned already and Sandy at St. Luke's is wonderful to work with.

The shopper, who can be a cook of course, arrives at the church with the groceries at about 4:30PM. Cooks prepare tacos with all the fixings, serve them and interact with folks as needed.

Dinner is between 5:30 and 6PM. Clean up and chatting usually will go until 7:30 or 8PM when cooks leave.

Overnight folks (two are needed) should be there between 7:30 and 8PM. They have a bed and a relaxing time. Families mostly go to their rooms after supper, but there may be a kid or adult who'd like to chat for a while.

In the morning, breakfast is very quick and casual-kids may get granola bars or bananas and the van picks them all up between 7 and 7:30AM.

Choose any or all of the roles that you'd like! and our kids are a welcome addition at supper time.

### 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!



Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am Children's R.E.</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am Adult RE 1 (R6).</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am Adult RE 2 (R2).</p> <p>11 am - 12 pm Worship Service</p> <p>12 pm - 1 pm Fellowship Hour</p> <p>12:15 pm - 2 pm Music Committee Meeting (MR).</p> <p>12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Social Justice Workshop (S).</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>5:15 pm - 6:15 pm Yoga with Tish (R6).</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm Covenant Group Facilitators (R2).</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>6 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts (All REZ).</p>	<p><b>February 1</b></p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Groundhog Day</b></p> <p>8:30 am - 10:45 am After Life Group (R1)</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am Children's R.E.</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am Adult RE 1 (R6).</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am Adult RE 2 (R2).</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am K-2 OWL Class</p> <p>11 am - 12 pm Worship Service</p> <p>12 pm - 1 pm Fellowship Hour</p> <p>12 pm - 2 pm Pledge Drive Kickoff (S, F1, F2)</p> <p>12:15 pm - 1:15 pm Caring Team (R2)</p> <p>12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Social Justice Meeting (MR).</p> <p>12:30 pm - 2:30 pm UU History_SGM (R1)</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>12 pm - 5 pm Kitchen of Hope</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>5:15 pm - 6:15 pm Yoga with Tish (R6).</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6 pm - 8 pm Girl Scouts (All REZ).</p> <p>6 pm - 9 pm Auction Event (S, K, F1, F2)</p> <p>6:30 pm - 9 pm Women's Group</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6 pm - 10 pm Casual Game Night</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am Children's R.E.</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am Adult RE 1 (R6).</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am Adult RE 2 (R2).</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:30 am Guardians of Young Children Video/Discussion (R1).</p> <p>9:30 am - 10:45 am K-2 OWL Class</p> <p>11 am - 12 pm Worship Service</p> <p>12 pm Potluck Lunch</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>5:15 pm - 6:15 pm Yoga with Tish (R6).</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Lincoln's Birthday</b></p> <p>5 pm - 8 pm Sierra Club Meeting (F1).</p> <p>7 pm - 9 pm RSC (R4).</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Valentine's Day</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>5 pm - 9 pm Girl Scout (S).</p>
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