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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.

July 2020

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Headlines

- All in person Worship Services, Religious Education classes and other church activities have been suspended through August 31
- Religious Education Kits for Kids are available! See page 2 for info.
- Women's Group Zoom Meeting July 3
- Kitchen of Hope July 6
- Kids Coffee Hour July 12 & July 26
- Online Game Group 2nd & 4th Saturdays at 7PM

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Women's Group Zoom Meeting

The Women's Group will be using Zoom to have their monthly get together Friday, July 3rd at 6:30PM.

Disadvantages: We cannot hug or high five; you have to download the Zoom App (its free) if you don't already have it.

Advantages: It is a safe way to enjoy our beloved community; you can join us from anywhere in the world.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83694602502?pwd=Y0NZUjk1TXkwNW9ZejlCVE00ejBZQT09>

Meeting ID: 836 9460 2502

Password: 0qG18H

Tax Statement

If you need a tax statement for your donation to the church, contact Ramesh at pledge@hvuuc.org.

Upcoming Virtual Church Services

July 5 Soap Box Sunday: Beloved Tradition

This is a yearly tradition in which a handful of your very own friends volunteer to "get up on their soapbox" to speak to use about something they feel is of great importance to them. This is our church's nod to the 1st amendment rights of the people of this country.

July 12 Speaker: Sheila Ennis

Sheila says of herself, "I have what is called a very low Christology -- that is, I understand Jesus as a first century peasant class itinerant rabbi who was teaching a vision of a community of "heaven" that is both an outer and an inner reality. I see his stories (or those told about him) as mythological truth, not historical fact (although some of them are.)"

July 19 Community Building Through Storytelling

Kiran Singh Sirah is President of the International Storytelling Center (ISC), an educational and cultural institution dedicated to enriching the lives of people around the world through storytelling. Prior to his appointment at ISC, Kiran developed a number of award-winning arts, cultural and human rights in cultural centers across the UK and Ireland. He is widely recognized for advancing storytelling as a tool for building social empathy and intercultural understanding and in 2017 he was awarded the "Champion of Peace" award at the United Nations in Geneva.

July 26 Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

UUSC Sunday is a single day of learning, support, and action for congregations focused on uplifting the work done by the UU Service Committee to bring positive change in our world.

Virtual Church on YouTube

All of our services are available on our YouTube channel. The church services are available each Sunday at 11:00AM, but you can watch them anytime after that. You can also subscribe to our channel.

Follow this link: [HVVUUC YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

Religious Education

Summer RE Kits and Kids Coffee Hour

We are so excited to be offering Summer RE Kits. The first ones were delivered the middle of June and then every other week until we are meeting in person again. To register for the kits go to <https://hvuuc.org/religious-education-registration-form> Please send me photos of your children and youth enjoying the activities!

I am also thrilled to announce that I will be hosting a Kids Coffee Hour on Zoom every other Sunday beginning June 28 from 10:00-10:30AM (the Sunday on the week between kit deliveries), to chat with your children. I want to connect with them and get their feedback on the kits and see what they created. This is new territory for all of us, so I don't have an agenda for the chat. It's just to connect with one another and engage. There is an extra level of privacy to these Zoom chats. Remember, the Kids Coffee Hour is voluntary, so it's perfectly OK if your child doesn't want to participate :-)

Sarah White, Director of Religious Education
DRE@hvuuc.org

Kitchen of Hope Monday, July 6

No volunteers are needed for Kitchen of Hope this month, but we are still serving meals.

The Kitchen of Hope is still serving meals to folks in need. In fact, the numbers have risen to 200+ a day. In an effort to keep volunteers and guests as safe as possible, the logistics have changed. Instead of a sit-down community meal, we now must serve to-go meals only, at the door, one at a time. We have adapted to this situation. And we, too, want to limit potential exposure for you.

Until things get back to normal, 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.

Thanks for all you do! Our community is infinitely better for your caring and commitment!

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

Via Paypal - <https://hvuuc.squarespace.com/donate> also please indicate it is for Kitchen of Hope

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

Pianist Needed

The church is searching for a pianist. The position is available immediately. Although we are not holding in-person services right now, we are creating prerecorded online services. Responsibilities for now would include providing recordings and collaborating online. This will shift when we move back to in-person services.

While we are virtual, we will pay \$15-\$25/hour. When we return to in-person services and performances pay will be \$80-\$90/week.

At least 40 Sundays per year are required. When we are meeting in person, practices are usually held before or after the church service, but occasionally a practice is needed during the week. We can accommodate your schedule on those practices.

HVUUC celebrates with all kinds of music including hymns, folk, rock, and choral. We usually have three pieces of music per Sunday. You will be play hymns for the congregation, accompany the choir (usually about once a month), accompany soloists, participate in ensembles, and play solo pieces.

To learn more about HVUUC and our unique vision, visit hvuuc.org. If interested, please contact Ann at music@hvuuc.org



Game Night: Online

The church Game Group has gone online! We are using Zoom and a website called Board Game Arena (BGA) to play board games and chat on the second and fourth Saturday evenings at 7pm. In our first get-together we even reconnected with a few church friends who had moved out of our area. Newcomers are very welcome to join! You'll just need to create a free account at BGA and have an internet- and webcam-enabled computer or laptop.

If you are new to this online version, please contact Kirk in advance at gamegroup@hvuuc.org with interest and/or questions.

Gathering Guidelines through August 31, 2020

The Board of Trustees (BoT) has voted to continue to hold virtual services and church-wide activities online through August 31, 2020. We are watching the Covid-19 cases in our area and will decide at our July BoT meeting about extending this decision through September. The following Gathering Guidelines for small groups at our facilities (inside and outside of buildings) apply.

Gathering Guidelines for Inside and Outside Church Facilities

We strongly recommend continuing to use online forums for small group/committee/team meetings. However, the HVUUC Board has voted to allow people on site for activities that must be held in person, e.g. work groups.

Only 1 group may meet at a time inside the church building. To schedule your meeting or workgroup and make sure other groups aren't already scheduled, please contact Karyn at office@hvuuc.org to reserve your group on the church calendar. You can check the calendar to make sure there aren't conflicts at: <https://localendar.com/public/hvuuchurch>

To locate the church calendar from the church website (hvuuc.org), go to the "News & Events" menu and select the 3rd item, "Church Calendar of Events and Meetings," from the drop-down menu.

Additional Guidance

- No children's activities allowed at this time.
- Please do not bring children to any activity happening at the church.
- Groups of 10 people and less
- No more than 1 meeting of 10 people or less inside the church building.
- No more than 10 people in any 1 area of the outside property for workdays. For example, the entrance garden.
- Whenever practical, work projects should be divided into small groups or individuals.
- The Fred Ball room (fellowship hall), sanctuary, and deck are the only meeting areas that are open for use. The REZ is still off limits for meetings.
- People doing work projects may enter other locations, but must maintain at least 6 feet of distance while inside.
- Must wear a face mask (please bring your own)
- When working alone outside a face mask is not required. Face masks are required when working in groups of 2 or more.
- Anyone in the building must wear a mask.
- Must wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds upon entering buildings, or use hand sanitizer and let air dry. Hand sanitizer is in several locations (foyer, kitchen, REZ), to be used as needed.
- Continue keeping a distance of 6 feet between people of different households.
- This is especially for inside activities but should also be adhered to when outside as much as possible.
- Whenever possible do not share work tools. If sharing occurs, wipe down handles with disinfecting wipes before returning the tool.
- Meals should be sack or box lunches, no family style meals, ie pizza. No water coolers or other communal drinking, ie punch. Maintain 6 feet of distance during meals.
- If you are ill, have a fever/cough, are someone who is at increased risk, or traveled to endemic areas infected with COVID-19, please stay home and enjoy online content and fellowship.
- Must clean commonly touched hard surfaces like door handles, light switches, counter tops, metal surfaces (chair backs), etc., when finished.
- Please use the cleaning wipes and/or bleach solution and paper towels in the foyer, kitchen, and REZ for cleaning/disinfecting after each visit.

Online Sunday services (on YouTube) will continue during this time.

To schedule a Zoom Meeting

If your small group/committee/team would like to use Zoom, fill out the form here and on the website under the New & Events tab.

<https://hvuuc.org/schedule-a-zoom-meeting>

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". The password is the same one that you used on the old website. If you need the password, email office@hvuuc.org.

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

Grocery Cards Still Available for Purchase

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

The cards we currently have in our possession were purchased well over 8 weeks ago. They are kept in ziplock bags and are not exposed to anything.

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!

Please Remember Your Pledge

Please continue your support of the church by completing your intended pledge for this fiscal year. We still have the mortgage, electric, internet/phone bills to pay. To honor our commitments all paid staff will continue to be paid during this time.

The best way to donate at this time is by check. Electronic donations are also possible, but they take a small percentage of each transaction, so the church will not receive your entire donation.

Mail to:
HVUUC
PO Box 8383
Gray, TN
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Write "pledge" in the memo line.

Thank you!



Caring Team

The Caring Team coordinator for July is Lynn Scarborough. Contact her at caring@hvuuc.org or 423-477-7661 Press 1.

Thank You to our June coordinators Alicia Culbertson and Brandi Hayes!

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