

# OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country  
Newsletter

April 2019



## Church Bids Farewell to Rev Ja Rickard at Church Potluck on Sunday, March 17

Stories and memories were shared during a fond send-off to Ja Rickard (pictured below) who served as minister to the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country for four years. Ja was presented with the collage pictured above, created and assembled by church member Jill Wiggins. In addition, Ja was gifted with a coffee mug and notebook with the church logo on them and a very large card signed by members and friends of the church.



## Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country unveils new entrance sign

Designed by church member Jill Wiggins and installed by church member Gary Payne, the church now sports a new, updated sign welcoming members and friends alike.



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**Church Cleanup Day**  
**Saturday, April 13 - 9am - noon**

Help is needed to weed the garden areas, move debris from the bushes after they are pruned, wash windows and much more. Bring your garden gloves, rubber gloves, weeders and anything else you think you'll need to do an effective job!.

Contact Andy Pesez at 830.895-7644.



**Making Lunch for the Crew**  
**Thursday, April 18 ★ 11:30am ★ Palmer Annex**

Assistance is needed in preparing or buying a part of the meal (entrée, salad or vegetable, dessert) and making sure it is delivered to the Habitat for Humanity office at 121 McGinnis Court. As a lunch sponsor for the local Habitat for Humanity organization, the church provides a hot lunch for between 6-15 hardworking volunteer contractors and the families who are buying these homes. Lunch is provided on the third Thursday of the month through June 2019.

**PLEASE choose a month to help in 2019:**

**May 16    June 20**

Contact Judy Ashcraft (830) 896-8319/ [whodit@hotmail.com](mailto:whodit@hotmail.com) with your choice or sign up on the list located on back table at the rear of the church sanctuary.



**Adult Religious Education:**  
**"Learning the Night Sky"**  
**Thursday, April 4 - 6pm**  
**Wilma Palmer Annex**

Donnie Bunch will present a program about the night sky and show a short video. Weather permitting, we will proceed to Schreiner University to a "star party" at Schreiner University Observatory located at 2100 East Main St. Pizza dinner will be served. **In order to plan for the pizza it is important to sign up at table in the back of the sanctuary.**

Contact: Mary Jones 830.896-9182.



**"Saturday Night at 964 Barnett"**  
**Saturday, April 27 - 6:30pm - Palmer Annex**  
**Movie Night featuring "Secondhand Lions"**  
**(2003 - PG-13 - 1hr 47m)**

Movie night includes refreshments, prelude, movie, and church members, friends and guests are invited. Participants bring their favorite beverage and snack for themselves or to share. Free popcorn is provided. Doors open at 6pm.

*In 1960s Texas, timid teen Walter is forced to spend the summer with his rich and eccentric great-uncles on their farm, where, over time, he learns surprising tidbits about their mysterious and dangerous pasts*

Cast: Michael Caine, Robert Duvall, Haley Joel Osment, Kyra Sedgwick, Emmanuelle Vaugier, Nicky Katt, Jennifer Stone, Josh Lucas, Deidre O'Connell      Director: Tim McCanlies

# April 2019 Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Calendar

Updates & Revisions to this calendar may be found in the Weekly Calendar Update which is emailed on most Thursdays.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>PA: Wilma Palmer Annex</b> (964 Barnett)</p> <p><b>CS: Church Sanctuary</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Activities &amp; Events Committee meeting: 1pm - Cover Floors (1204 Sidney Baker South- Kerrville) Contact- Judy Ashcraft 210.326-0084/ whodit@hotmail.com</p> <p>Adult RE - "Learning the Night Sky" - see page 2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA①</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p>Service: Susan Lipp, church member - Topic: "Getting to Know You" Part 2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>PFLAG meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - PA. Contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ deadeye1961@gm ail.com</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <p>Girl's Night Out 5:30pm - Bella Vita Italian Cuisine (1550 Junction Hwy, Kerrville)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p> <p>Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>CAM Sunday②</p> <p>Service: Lee Legault, UU ministerial aspirant - Sermon: "Telling Spiritual Time"</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Last day to submit articles for next month's newsletter communication@uuchc.org</p>  <p>see page 2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>Good Friday - Passover begins</p> <p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA①</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Hill Country Crisis Center③</p> <p><b>Easter Sunday</b></p> <p>Service: Don Pyle, church member - Topic: "What Does The Resurrection Mean?" by Don Geering</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>Girl's Night Out 5:30pm - China Bowl (208 Cully Dr, Kerrville)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p><b>Arbor Day</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>"Saturday Night at 964 Barnett" - Movie Night - see page 2</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>CAM Sunday②</p> <p>Speaker: Jeannette Cockroft, Professor-History &amp; Political Science at Schreiner University - Topic "Real Simplicity" by Rufus Jones</p> <p>Free Speech Café after service - PA</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">31</p>	<p style="color: magenta;">All listed meetings are open and all are welcomed. Church Friends may serve on committees. Sunday church services are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary. Child care &amp; Sunday School is held at 10am in the adjacent Wilma Palmer Annex (964 Barnett Street).</p>			

① There will be news, views, and thought provoking discussion. Guys bring your sandwich or gourmet repast as you wish. Contact: Steve Galland 830.634-7668/sgalland143@gmail.com

② CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry) Sundays are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. On the 2nd Sunday, the collection focuses on food and the 4th Sunday on personal/cleaning items. Contact Susan Lipp 830.634-2173/ susan@lipphealth.com

③ Hill Country Crisis Center Sundays are held on 3rd Sundays, monthly with a focus on paper products: toilet and facial tissue, paper towels, women's sanitary products, plus large bottles of baby shampoo. Contact Carolyn Dreyer 830.496-3094/ brightredmimi@gmail.com



## Getting To Know Us 🎵

**Sarah J Johanson**  
New member as of January 6

**Sarah** was born in Portsmouth, Hampshire, United Kingdom the middle child of three. Her older brother Steve is a financial consultant and lives in Winchester, Hampshire with wife, Caroline and two sons. Her younger brother, Sean is single, a tennis coach and lives in Newcastle after living in London for 20 years.

Sarah earned a tennis scholarship for Schreiner University and while there she met Terry Johanson (TJ) whom she subsequently married in 1996 in Fredericksburg, TX where TJ was born and raised. Twelve years ago, TJ was severely beaten, robbed and left for dead at his job. He had grave injuries which led to his death at 56 years young in May 2018. Sarah shares that TJ “was her world”.

When her two brothers visited for the funeral, her neighbors, and Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country members, Bill and Selma Gibson asked Monte Hensley to go to the airport to pick up Steve and Sean. She mentions that this gesture “floored her” and she continues to be grateful and awed that someone who didn’t know her or her family would help in this way. Thereafter she decided to attend church with the Gibson’s which is how she came to attend for the first time.

She explains that when she was growing up in England her family was not very religious. She was raised in the Church of England but didn’t attend very often. After attending the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country several times she felt welcomed, valued and therefore decided to become a member. Sarah really “enjoys the services and the people and the activities”.

Sarah considers that her best lifetime achievement was to earn awards in tennis; ten times National winner (six in the United Kingdom and four in the United States).

She enjoys her two dogs, “Diego” a rescue beagle and “Troubles”, a miniature dachshund that she and TJ inherited from her mother in law.



*Pictured above are (left to right) Rev Ja Rickard and new members as of January 6, 2019: Sandra Lane, Sarah Johanson, Ellen Bateman Cameron and Roxzlaen Frances ‘Cisco’ Geohagan Cameron. Sandra was highlighted in the February church newsletter and Ellen and Cisco in the March church newsletter.*

Note from the editor, Susan Lipp: *I hope that everyone will take a minute to get to know Sarah even better. Next month, we will be introduced to Trudy Boardman!*

### Summary of Wednesday, March 13, 2019 Board Meeting

**Present:** Board President Jerry Best; Treasurer Judy Bunch; Secretary Jill Wiggins; and Judy Ashcraft, Activities and Events.

Previous meeting minutes and financial report submitted electronically by Andy Pesez were approved.

**Search Committee:** the packet has been submitted to the UUA.

**Activities and Events:** - Judy Ashcraft updated the board on Women’s Connection, Men’s Fellowship, farewell and Pot Luck for Rev. Ja March 17, chili cook-off results, movie night on March 23, and first Circle Supper on March 30. She would like to purchase playground equipment including trap-type swings and monkey bars for \$278.77 and will donate funds to make up the difference.

**Old Business:** Vicki Luther has prepared topics for the Board and Committee Chair retreat on March 21, the invoice for the new sign has been paid and Linda Smith is checking the paperwork for Rev Ja’s early retirement.

The next UU regional webinar will be on leadership resources on Thursday, March 21. Members agreed it was not necessary to participate in this webinar.

Check out full minutes on bulletin board at back of sanctuary or in office book marked “Minutes”.

--Jill Wiggins, Board Secretary



Thanks to the following people for participating in these important duties for the church. Interested? Please reach out to the contact leaders listed under the table below. You'll be glad you did!

Sunday	Service Associate	Chalice Table	Coffee Hour Treats	Greeters
7	Frances Osborne	Linda Smith	Julie Davis	Mike Burkett & Andy Pesez
14	Jill Wiggins	Aaron Thomas	Sarah Johanson	Monte Hensley & Gary Payne
21	Karen Burkett	Kay White	Karen & Mike Burkett	Marie Brown & Jill Wiggins
28	Pat Kobe	Jill Wiggins & Gary Payne	Happy Birthday Cake (Judy Ashcraft)	Selma Gibson & Susan Lipp

- ⊕ To be a Service Associate, contact Linda Smith, Vickie Luther or Donna Schloss.
- ⊕ Chalice Table Decoration is handled by Pat Kobe 830.367-3142/ [kobepat313@gmail.com](mailto:kobepat313@gmail.com).
- ⊕ Sign up to provide coffee hour treats on the sheet located on the table to the rear of the sanctuary.
- ⊕ Greeters are coordinated by Gary Payne 830.890-5378/ [garryraypayne209@gmail.com](mailto:garryraypayne209@gmail.com)



**March Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser Nets \$260 Toward Children's Church Play Items**

5 prizes shown above were awarded to James Boyles (Hotter Than Lava), Cisco Cameron (Best Meat & Bean), Frances Osborne (Best Vegetarian), Judy Ashcraft (Best Texas All Meat Chili) and Selma Gibson (People's Choice).



### Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Board Members for 2019

**President ~ Jerry Best**  
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#### Sunday Services: Donna Schloss, Vicki Luther & Linda Smith

Wayside Pulpit, Coffee Set-Up, Music/Choir, Greeters, Order of Service, Chalice Table, Service Schedule/Associates

#### Spiritual Development Chair: Vicki Luther

Life Span Development (Adult and Children's Religious Education), Free Speech Cafe, Forums

#### Membership Chair: Gary Payne

Congregational Care, Visitor Follow-Up, Exit Interviews, New Member Orientation, Emergency Phone Tree, Members/Friends List

#### Outreach/Social Justice Committee Chair:

##### Position Open

CAM, La Casa de Raices, TXUJUM, PFLAG, Hill Country Crisis Center, Habitat for Humanity, Transportation Planning Council, Texas IMPACT

#### Finance Committee Chair: Andy Pesez

Stewardship, Budget, Building/Grounds Financial Management & Reports

#### Activities/Events Chair: Judy Ashcraft

Special Social Events, Recurring Events, Building Usage

#### Communications Chair: Position Open

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