



OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter

January 2019



Adult Religious Education (ARE) Active with “Long Strange Trip” Video Series

“Long Strange Trip”, a six-part video series by Ron Cordes (UU member and amateur filmmaker) explores the history of Unitarian and Universalist thought and practice from the early, liberal stands in faith at the beginning of the Christian era to what we know today as Unitarian Universalism. Each video is approximately one hour long and will be shown weekly beginning at 7pm in the Wilma Palmer Annex:

- ⊕ **Thursday, January 24** ★ “Part I: In the Beginning (0 c.e. - 1553 c.e.) The early roots of liberal thought.
- ⊕ **Thursday, January 31** ★ “Part II: The Birth of Unitarianism (1553 - 1794)



Annual Church Holidays Party
Saturday, January 5 * 1pm
 (Bella Sera restaurant
 2124 Sidney Baker Street - Kerrville)
Only \$15 per person

-RSVP to Judy Ashcraft ASAP (830.896-8319)



Making Lunch for the Crew Thursday, January 17 ★ 11:30am Palmer Annex ★ Coordinator Needed!

A coordinator is needed to make this church effort a success for January! As a lunch sponsor for the local Habitat for Humanity organization, the church provides a hot lunch for between six to 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.

The coordinator organizes one meal, recruits others to assist in preparing or buying a part of the meal (entrée, salad or vegetable, dessert) and makes sure it is delivered to the Habitat for Humanity office at 121 McGinnis Court. These are simple meals (some favorites are fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw and brownies for example). You will get reminder when your “adopted” month comes (and it will also be on the church calendar).

PLEASE choose a month to help:

2019: January 17	February 21	March 21
April 18	May 16	June 20

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



Guest at Your Table Continues

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is UUSC’s annual inter-generational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. UUSC works in over 25 countries and with over 75 grassroots partners. There are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work UUSC members make possible. Any donation is welcome and those over \$125 will be matched. If you would like to send in your donation just indicate UUCHC on your check and inform Donna Schloss so that she can include it in our tally sheet.



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 Check out our Facebook page

The 2019 SWUUW Conference is now open for registration!

The 2019 SWUUW Conference will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas on February 22-24, 2019. Join the weekend for invigorating and engaging workshops, soulful worship, and a welcoming community of women to discover greater avenues to Peace and Healing in our lives and our communities. See all conference info and register online at www.swuuw.org. Early bird registration ends January 10.

SWUUW is a non-profit organization that supports women through worship, learning, leadership, community and social justice. SWUUW addresses women's issues, explores feminist theology, promotes friendships and celebrates the diversities that make us unique women on our individual spiritual paths. SWUUW is an organization open to all UU women, particularly those women in the Southwest District of the Southern Region of the UUA. SWUUW aligns itself with the spirit of Welcoming Congregations as depicted by the UUA. All who see themselves as women are welcomed.



Activities & Events Committee meeting ★ Thursday, January 3 (new day) ★ 4pm ★ Cover Floors (1204 Sidney Baker South-Kerrville)

It's a new year and plans are underway. To be discussed at the meeting:

- ⊕ the finishing details for the Holiday Party,
- ⊕ new meeting schedule,
- ⊕ Movie and Game nights, and
- ⊕ more.

Bring your 2019 calendars.

-Chair, Judy Ashcraft 830.896-8319/
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January Chalice Table Décor

*Thank you to the following members
decorating the chalice table
on these Sundays:*

**6 - Bill & Selma Gibson
13 - June & Kevin Hartley
20 - Meredith & Monte Hensley
27 - Sarah Johanson**

*For more information about Chalice Table
décor, please contact Pat Kobe 830.367-3142/
kobepat313@gmail.com*

“Our Church Life” - More Material on Sunday Services...

20 - Mary Ellen Summerlin. Summerlin has served as Treasurer for the League of Women Voters.

Open Ministerial Search Committee Update

The co-chairs of this committee are Frances Osborn and Andy Pesez with help from Justin Biemer, Mary Jones, Meredith Hensley, Don Pyle, Donna Schloss, and Alice Leuchtag (representing the UU Fellowship of Kerrville). **Please watch for a questionnaire to be sent to church membership for important and valuable input.**

“Girl’s Night Out” ★ 5:30pm January 8 & 22

Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays on most months at 5:30pm, ladies meet at the chosen restaurant to have a great meal and conversation. It’s “Dutch treat”, of course. Restaurants will be chosen by attendees.

January 8 - Rails-A Cafe at the Depot - 615 Schreiner Street

January 22 - Rio Ranch Cafe - 2590 Junction Highway

-Contact Judy Ashcraft (830) 896-8319/
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January 2019 Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Calendar

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>CS: Church Sanctuary</p> <p>All listed meetings are open and all are welcome to attend. Church Friends may serve on committees.</p> <p>PA: Wilma Palmer Annex (964 Barnett)</p>		1 	2 Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA - see page 2	3 Activities & Events Committee meeting: 4pm Cover Floors (1204 Sidney Baker South-Kerrville) Contact- Judy Ashcraft 830.896-8319 - see page 2	4 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ☺	5 Church Holiday Party: 1pm - Bella Sera - see page 1
		6 Service: Rev. Ja Rickard - Sermon: "Burning Bowl Communion" New Member Induction	7	8 Girl's Night Out 5:30pm - see page 2	9 Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All are welcomed.	10
13 CAM Sunday ☺ Service: Rev Ja Rickard - Sermon: "Keep on Keeping on"	14 PFLAG meeting: 7pm- 8:30pm - Dietert Center (451 Guadalupe Street). Contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ deadeye1961@gmail.com	15	16	17 Habitat for Humanity lunch see page 1	18 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ☺ Last day to submit articles for February newsletter: communication@uuchc.org	19
20 Hill Country Crisis Council ☺ Service: Mary Ellen Summerlin - Talk: "Backpack of Privilege" - see page 2 Pot Luck Dinner after the Service - PA	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day & Holiday	22 Girl's Night Out 5:30pm - see page 2	23	24 ARE Program: 7pm - PA - see page 1	25	26
27 CAM Sunday ☺ Service: Bill Gibson, Church Member - Subject: "What Has Happened in the 502 Years Since Luther's Reformation?"	28	29	30	31 ARE Program: 7pm - PA - see page 1 		

All Sunday church services are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary.

- 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 Council Sundays are held on 3rd Sundays and focus on paper products: toilet and facial tissue, paper towels, women's sanitary products, plus large bottles of baby shampoo and liquid soap. Contact Carolyn Dreyer 830.496-3094/ brightredmimi@gmail.com

January Greeters

Thank you to the following members serving as greeters on the following Sundays:

- 6 - Mike Burkett & Andy Pesez
- 13 - Monte Hensley & Gary Payne
- 20 - Marie Brown & Jill Wiggins
- 27 - Selma Gibson & Susan Lipp

For more information, contact Gary Payne
830.890-5378/ garyraypayne209@gmail.com

December 12, 2018 Board Meeting Abbreviated Report

Members present were: Linda Smith, Vicki Luther, Jerry Best, Jim McMahan, and Meredith Hensley.

Highlighted topics were:

- ⊕ Review of the financial reports; Pledge Report; From CCC: report from Activities/Events with upcoming holiday events; Membership - Orientation for three new members, also discussed separating Membership list into two lists, Members and Active Friends. Vicki suggested the second be given a specific name.
- ⊕ Request from PFLAG to meet 2nd Monday of month in Annex.
- ⊕ Minister's Report: Rev. Ja thanked Linda and Jim (who are leaving Board) for their support.
- ⊕ Report from Search Committee: Andy advised long questionnaire from UUA would be revised, looking ahead to good 'cottage' meetings, issues with half-time for minister, issues with Go-Daddy and discussion of better/cheaper.
- ⊕ Discussion of upcoming Congregation Meeting: Will be voting on (1) Mission Statement, and (2) Election of new officers.
- ⊕ The Board approved: Minutes of November meeting, Name for Active Friends List, PFLAG to meet 2nd Monday in Annex.

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

-Meredith Hensley, Secretary



Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Board Members for 2019

- President ~ Jerry Best**
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- Vice President ~ Vicki Luther**
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- Secretary ~ Meredith Hensley**
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- Treasurer ~ Judy Bunch**
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- Minister ~ Reverend Ja Rickard**
262.237-0634/ minister@uuchc.org
- Member at Large - Jill Wiggins**
512.965-9947/ jillyrosemary@gmail.com

Sunday Services: Donna Schloss, Vicki Luther, Mike Burkett
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, TXUJMJ, 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
communication@uuchc.org
Electronic Media (Facebook & web site): Amanda Biemer
Newsletter/Weekly Calendar Update: Susan Lipp