

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter
July 2018



UUCHC members and friends enjoy "Saturday Night at 964 Barnett" which was expanded to "Dinner & a Movie". Held on Saturday, June 23, the night featured a spaghetti dinner to accompany this first spaghetti western for Clint Eastwood and director, Sergio Leone.



"Donate the Plate" 5th Sunday Program

Since there is a fifth Sunday in July, all moneys in the collection plate on Sunday, July 29 that are not designated for the church will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. Those wishing to donate using a tax deductible check, please indicate "Donate the Plate" or "Habitat for Humanity" on the "note" line of the check.



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FROM YOUR MINISTER...

At our Congregational Meeting held Sunday, June 24 we heard about the many things that our congregation is doing. I find it to be somewhat amazing that in the heat and humidity of our little Texas town we have the energy to keep going.

It is hot and the heat just makes you slow down but our congregation keeps putting one foot in front of the other and keeps going. During the summer we slow down just a bit but we still have activities where you can enjoy the fellowship of your church community. We have food or treats and we also have air conditioning so when you get the newsletter look for something that might interest you and join us.

If getting out is too much for you after a long busy day, take some time in the early evening to just sit outside and refresh yourself in the coolness of the evening. I just came in after sitting outside for a while and just looking at the clouds can be an adventure. I was fortunate enough to see a large dog just lying in the clouds, an iguana creeping across the sky and off in the distance, a mountain range of clouds.

Take some time to just sit, to let your mind drift and to re-energize so when you have to face the heat again tomorrow you can do it with a renewed spirit.

If, in this heat, you run across any problems, let someone at the church know and we can see what we can do to help you out.

With Gratitude,

Reverend Ja

Longtime UUCHC member, Lucy Silva, who has moved out of state, wanted her friends to know that her father, Jesse, celebrated his 102nd birthday on June 20. He now lives in San Antonio where his health is now precarious. She asked for friends to keep him in their hearts.



July Chalice Table Décor

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

1 - Ann & Steve Galland
8 - Bill & Selma Gibson
15 - Meredith & Monte Hensley
22 - Kevin Hartley
29 - Mary Jones

For more information about Chalice Table décor, please contact Pat Kobe 830.955-1139/ kobepat313@gmail.com

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


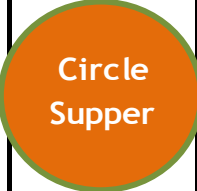




22 Subject - Dialog circle/Quaker style service
Dialogue is a form of open communication that moves beyond our individual understandings to develop shared understanding. We suspend judgment, listen deeply and seek to understand the another person’s point of view. Anyone may simply speak what is in one’s mind and heart. There is no dialogue between individuals unless requested. We simply speak as we are moved, and the rest of us will listen. There is no need or expectation of an outcome or resolution. For this service, all are asked to bring their thoughts, spirituality and questions to share as “the spirit moves you”.

Adult Religious Education:
“Bill Moyers on Faith & Reason”
Monday, July 9 ★ 1-3pm
Wilma Palmer Annex

This month’s program will again feature two interviews. The first features Canadian poet, novelist, literary critic, inventor, teacher and environmental activist, Margaret Atwood and the second highlights British novelist, essayist and memoirist, Martin Amis. Join us to watch Bill Moyers interview these two fascinating people. Contact Mary Jones 830-896-9182.

July 2018 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 Thursdays.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Violence v. Non-Violence" - As we witness the country today we may be prone to violence. Is taking a non-violent approach a better tactic?	2	3 Activities & Events Committee meeting: 4pm Cover Floors (1204 Sidney Baker South-Kerrville) Contact- Judy Ashcraft 830.896-8319	4 	5 Last day to enroll in Circle Supper - contact Marie Brown 830.895-5138	6 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ^①	
8 CAM Sunday ☺ Service: TBA	9 Adult Religious Education program: "Bill Moyers on Faith & Reason" 1-3pm - PA. See page 2. PFLAG meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - Dietert Center (451 Guadalupe Street). Contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ deadeye1961@gmail.com	10	11 Women's Connection Lunch: 11:30am-1pm - PA Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA. Contact: Jerry Best 210.633-7553/ bestjerry@hotmail.com Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA	12	13	14
15 Hill Country Crisis Council ☺ Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Faith 0 Either you have it or you don't" - Most people are indifferent to the future. Do you have faith? ☺ Pot Luck Dinner after Service-	16	17	18 Last day to submit articles for August's newsletter: communication@uuchc.org	19	20 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ^①	21
22 CAM Sunday ☺ Service: Dialogue Circle - Quaker style service. See page 2.	23	24 	27 Women's Connection Lunch: 11:30am-1pm - PA Justice & Outreach Committee Mtg: 4pm - PA	27	28	29  "Saturday Night" at 964 Barnett" - Game Night -see page 4
30 Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Renewing Our Souls" - At times we just need to be quiet & let our soul renew. 5th Sunday "Donate the Plate" program featuring Habitat for Humanity. See front page.	31 	Church friends may serve on committees.  All Sunday church services are held at 10am in the CS: Church Sanctuary PA: Wilma Palmer Annex				

- 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 619.248-0669/ 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
- ④ Contact: Meredith Hensley 830.522-0802/ pmeredithc@yahoo.com



**July Sunday
Coffee Hour
Church Treats
brought to you by...**

- 1 - Julie Davis
- 8 - Judy Ashcraft
- 22 - Karen & Mike Burkett
- 29 - Open ?

Thanks for the Yummies for our tummies!



**"Saturday Night at
964 Barnett"
Games & Fun on
Saturday, July 28**

Game night to include board games, card games, and/or dominos. Doors open at 6pm and the program begins at 6:30pm in the Wilma Palmer Annex located at 964 Barnett (hence the program name).

All are urged to bring their favorite beverage and snacks (share if you'd like). Free Popcorn provided.

Enjoy companionship, laughter and fun. The chairs are hard so bring a cushion if you want. All are welcomed.



**Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country
Suggested Issues to Study
For 2019 TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

Listed by priority (some votes were tied):

1. Immigration (legalize - Dreamers - no wall)
2. Women's/maternal healthcare
3. Environmental issues (end fracking, strengthen pollution standards)
4. Public education (increased funding for schools, teacher salaries; improve school STEM standards)
5. Voter ID laws
5. LGBTQ rights/discrimination
6. Income disparity/fair wages (remove tip credit for employers [federal law but state could act])
7. Prison reform - no private jails and prisons
8. Child neglect and abuse
8. Legalize marijuana use



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Sunday Services Chair: 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:
Karen Burkett**

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
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