

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter
June 2018



Music Fest
- Sunday,
June 24



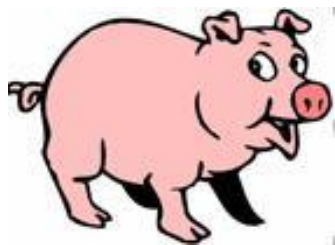
This first Church Music Fest is a **Music Shout-Out** and everyone is included!

How? Everyone is urged to bring the name of a favorite hymn (*we are happy to supply the Hymn #) and just shout it out. We will all sing a verse or two together. We'll sing as many of your choices as we can - we should have time for quite a few.

In addition to the hymns in our hymnal, old hymns or other songs you believe the congregation knows are perfectly acceptable. As long as Meredith knows the hymn or song and the congregation knows at least some of the words - we can sing it!

Any or all of your music-loving friends are particularly welcomed to share in the singing.

--Mike Burkett & Meredith Hensley ♪



Sunday, June 3 Joint Program with
the UU Fellowship in Fellowship Hall, 213
Loma Vista Drive - 2:30pm

Together, the UU Fellowship and Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country will watch the movie "Babe" and enjoy ice cream.

"Babe" is a 1995 Australian-American comedy-drama that tells the story of a pig who wants to be a sheepdog. The film runs 92 minutes in length.

"Donate
the
Plate"
Recap



On the fifth Sunday of every month with a fifth Sunday, all moneys in the collection plate not designated for the church are donated to a worthy non-profit organization. **CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry)**, a group the church has supported for many years was the recipient on Sunday, April 29 and \$281 was donated.

KerrKonnnect: "We give you a lift" Update

Karen Burkett, chair of the Outreach/Social Justice Committee was instrumental in creating this group which has the mission statement: "Connecting the Kerrville area community by providing safe and reliable transportation that will help maintain independence and enhance quality of life". She recently announced that the group has received its first grant of \$10,000 and other grants are "in the works"!



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FROM YOUR MINISTER...

Greetings!

On May 20 we had our first Board Sunday and I am hopeful that we can continue this practice at least once a year so that our members and friends have the opportunity to get to know our Board members a bit better. For those of you who were in attendance Thank You and for those who were not able to attend I would like to give you just a brief recap.

Our Board members participated by giving a brief description of what their job duties entail and Linda, our Board President gave us a recap of what our Board had been doing to improve the life of our congregation.

Linda explained that the Board looking through the lens of Socrates when information is brought to the Board. This method asks three questions:

- 1) Is it truthful? Did you actually hear/see this or is it second hand information?
- 2) is it for the good of the church? and
- 3) is this information useful or is what you are saying going to be useful? The Board believes that these three questions will eliminate much of the gossip that is brought before them.

At the end of the presentation we asked the congregation for questions and we had several people come forward with questions.

Mike Burkett asked how the members/friends of the congregation would know who chairs each committee so that if a question arose they would know who to contact. Susan Lipp provides us with that information monthly in our newsletter. This is important if you have a suggestion for the Board to consider. The Board has empowered committee chairs to make decisions that are within in their scope and to bring things that are beyond to the Board. Recently when Andy had an idea that we should upgrade the windows in the church, he brought this idea to the Committee Chair Council (CCC) which decided that it was a good idea but that it was something that needed Board approval



June Chalice Table Décor

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

- 3 - Karen & Mike Burkett
- 10 - Sherri Curry
- 17 - Carolyn Dreyer
- 24 - Troy Fannin & Julie Davis

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

due to the cost. The Board looked at it and voted that yes, new windows will be installed.

On the other hand, Judy brought the idea of revisiting Women's Connection. The CCC approved this idea without taking it to the Board. If you have an idea, please see a committee chair prior to bringing it to the Board.

Another question was raised by Susan Lipp who asked if we might create a logo that would distinguish our congregation from others here in town. As we are a UU congregation we usually use the UU chalice logo but this does not identify us fully. This matter will be taken up at the June Board meeting.










The closing was a simple request for people to become more involved in the working of our congregation. We will be losing our Board President, Treasurer and Secretary in January and this is your chance to make a difference in how your congregation functions. If you are interested in a position or would simply like a job description to see if you might be a good fit please contact Judy Ashcraft at whodit@hotmail.com.

Looking forward to your input,

Reverend Ja

June 2018 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 Fridays.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All meetings listed are open and everyone is welcome to attend.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  CS: Church Sanctuary </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  PA: Wilma Palmer Annex </div> </div>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>Service: Rev. Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Humble Pie & Coffee" - At times we need to sit, eat pie & look deep inside of ourselves</p> <p>Joint event with UU Fellowship: 2:30pm - 213 Loma Vista Drive, Kerrville. Watching the movie, "Babe" & enjoying ice cream. See page 1.</p>		<p>Activities & Events Committee meeting: 4pm Cover Floors (1204 Sidney Baker South-Kerrville) Contact- Judy Ashcraft 830.896- 8319</p>	<p>Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm PA. Contact: Jerry Best 210.633-7553/ bestjerry@hotm ail.com</p>	 Choir Practice on most Thursdays at 3:30pm ^④		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>CAM Sunday^②</p> <p>Service: Steve Brooks. Talk: "The Devil Made Me Do It" - Evil & the New Abnormal. See page 4.</p>	<p>PFLAG meeting: 7pm- 8:30pm - Dietert Center (451 Guadalupe Street). Contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ deadeye1961@gmail.com</p>		<p>Women's Connection Lunch: 11:30am- 1pm - PA Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA.</p>	 Flag Day	<p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA^①</p>	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Hill Country Crisis Council^③</p> <p>Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "How We Look at the World Matters" - the world around us takes more than a passing glance.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p> Pot Luck after Service- PA</p>	<p>Last day to submit articles for July's newsletter: communication@uuc hc.org</p>			 1st Day of Summer		 "Saturday Night at 964 Barnett" Movie Night. See page 5.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>CAM Sunday^②</p> <p>Service: Music Fest - Music Shout Out! See page 1.</p> <p>★ Congregational Meeting immediately following the service.</p>			<p>Women's Connection Lunch: 11:30am- 1pm - PA Justice & Outreach Committee Meeting: 4pm -</p>			

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 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



Board Meeting of Wednesday, 5/9/18 Condensed Minutes

Board and guests held a brainstorming session to identify positive actions before the meeting was called to order.

Meeting was called to order, quorum established, prior meeting minutes and current financial reports approved with discussion on bookkeeper's fee and potential reduction.

Reports:

- ⊕ Committee Chair Council meeting and activities.
- ⊕ Committee on Ministry Chair change in meeting time.
- ⊕ Minister's Report with information on inter-agency meeting on low-income housing which she had attended and the UU Fellowship invitation to movie and ice cream on June 3.
- ⊕ Mike Burkett gave a report on a review of liability insurance.
- ⊕ Board approved:
 - Recommendation to install new windows in the church.
 - Sharing space with KerrConnect with details of that arrangement to be worked out among parties.
- ⊕ Set the semi-annual agenda and meeting date for Sunday, June 24.
- ⊕ Discussed the Board Sunday objective and presentation.

Detailed minutes are available in the annex office binder, bulletin board at back of church, and soon to be available on Operations tab on web site.

--Linda Smith, President and Acting Secretary

"Our Church Life" - More Material on Sunday Services...

10 Speaker, Steve Brooks. Talk: **The Devil Made Me Do It: Evil and the New Abnormal.** It's been said that UU's lack a theology of human evil. It's a tough concept to square with inherent worth and dignity. But it's hard to watch the news these days without thinking about it, and Steve Brooks suggests the time is ripe for religious liberals to take a fresh look. With help from experimental psychology, he offers thoughts on how to confront it and expose it, without falling into the trap of doing evil ourselves. **Steve Brooks is a UU Speaker and Musician.** As a charter Wildflower, Steve Brooks has mixed sermons and songs at more than 35 UU churches around Texas and beyond. Musically, he's known for writing a song-a-week for Jim Hightower's radio show, and for songs that have been recorded by more than 15 artists like Slaid Cleaves and Russell Crowe. He's had music in two films and appeared in two more, including the 2004 release "Barbecue: A Texas Love Story." A master of words as well as music, he was featured on TV's "I've Got a Secret" as six-time World Pun Champion.

REMINDER Church Members!
Congregational Meeting on
Sunday, June 24 in Church
Sanctuary following the Service

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY**



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

**3 - Julie Davis
10 - Judy Ashcraft
24 - Amanda & Justin Biemer**

**Thanks for the Yummies
for our tummies!**



**"Saturday Night at the Movies"
Saturday, June 23 - 6:30pm - W. Palmer Annex
"A Fistful of Dollars" (1964 - R - 1hr 41m)**

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. Popcorn is provided. Doors open at 6pm.

June Movie Description: *The first film in director Sergio Leone and star Clint Eastwood's "Man with No Name" trilogy finds a world-weary gunman in a town torn apart by warring gangs. He agrees to work for both sides, ultimately pitting the two factions against each other.*

**Women's Connection Lunch
2nd & 4th Wednesday monthly
11:30am - 1pm * Wilma Palmer Annex**

B.Y.O.F. (Bring Your Own Food) News, views, and thought provoking discussion. Service project - Tiny Teddy Bears - call for pattern and instructions (not a requirement). Various levels of crafting to suit everyone.

Contact: Judy Ashcraft 830-896-8319



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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

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