

OUR CHURCH LIFE

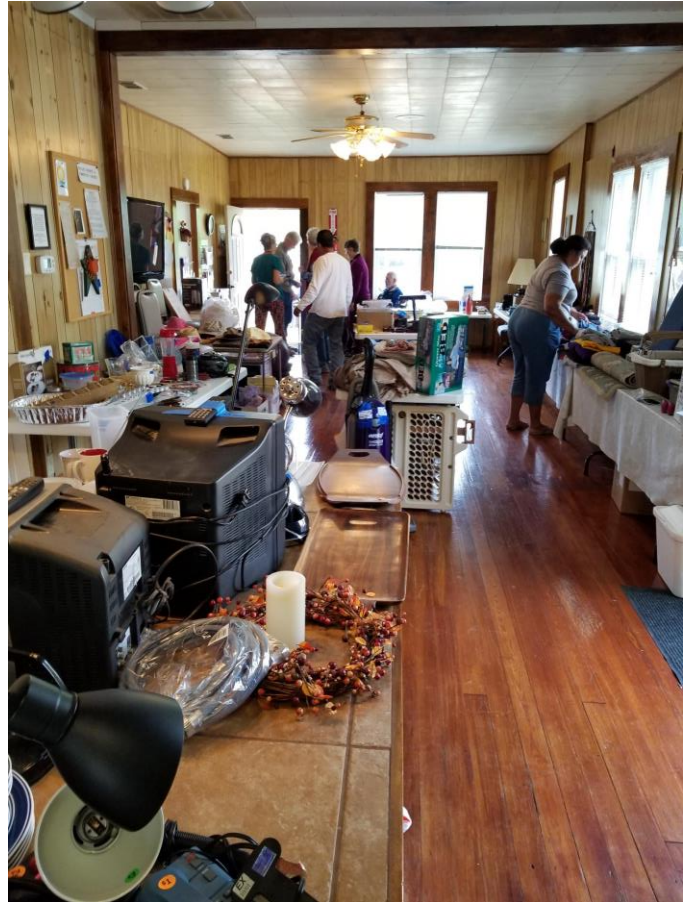
Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter
May 2018

April 20 - 21 Rummage Sale nets church
nearly \$1,000

The Activities & Events Committee along with the Finance, Building & Grounds and Outreach/Social Justice Committees thank all who helped make the Rummage Sale a success. Special recognition goes to Linda Smith, Andy Pesez, Curtis Overstreet, Francis Osborne, Gary Payne, Rev. Ja, James Boyles, Jim McMahon, Jerry Best, Julie Davis, Marie Brown, Pat Kobe, Selma & Bill Gibson, Susan Lipp, Vickie Luther, and others we may have missed. We really appreciate all your help. We came very close to clearing \$1000.

Unsold items were donated to St. Vincent de Paul resale shop.

-Judy Ashcraft, Chair of Activities & Events Committee



The Wilma Palmer Annex is filled to the brim inside (above) and outside (left) with lots of items to view and purchase.



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FROM YOUR MINISTER...

I personally want to thank everyone who participated in our rummage sale. Many people spent many hours accepting items, sorting and pricing them and then when the big day came we had more people who came and kept everything neat and collected money.

Special thanks to Judy Ashcraft for being the Rummage Queen and coordinating all of the people who signed up and showed up. This was a great time for members and friends to spend some quality time together and to learn a bit more about each other. We laughed, we complained and we accomplished the sale one task at a time. Thank you all for making this a success.

Prior to the rummage sale we had a church clean up where we spruced up our grounds and buildings and we need to thank Andy for putting that together.

We are also in the process of putting together a special Sunday Service where our Board will take time out of their busy schedules to come together on a Sunday morning and give you some deeper conversation about where we hope to be heading as a congregation. It takes all of us and I am hopeful that you will take the time to come to church on Sunday, May 13 and listen to the ideas the Board has, learn a bit more about them and what they do but most of all they are hoping that you will come with your questions.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Reverend Ja



May Chalice Table Décor

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

6 - Judy Ashcraft & Jerry Best
13 - Amanda & Justin Biemer
20 - Marie Brown
27 - Judy & Donnie Bunch

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

Board Meeting of Wednesday, 4/11/18 Synopsis of Minutes







- ⊕ All Board members were present except Vicki Luther who was ill.
- ⊕ Highlighted topics were the review of the Bookkeepers Report and financial status; the CCC report on all committee activities with special emphasis on upcoming garage sale; a discussion of child care resolution with the visit of younger children; the Little Free Library; and potential expansion of social justice actions.
- ⊕ Building and Grounds reported a one week surge in water usage of 13,000 gallons for church use with no leaks found and the conclusion that someone inadvertently left a faucet running for a week.
- ⊕ The Minister's Report emphasized our roles as leaders, not just managers.
- ⊕ The Board approved the addition of a tab entitled "Operations" to the web page that will contain the Bylaws, Operational Directives, Policies and Board Minutes.
- ⊕ Two Committee Chairs were approved: Gary Payne as Membership; Judy Ashcraft as Nominating.
- ⊕ Board Sunday presentation and conversation was discussed.

For greater detail, see the Binder marked 2017-18 Minutes in the Palmer Annex office.

-Meredith Hensley, Board Secretary

May 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 Fridays.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 CS: Church Sanctuary PA: Wilma Palmer Annex		1 Activities & Events Committee meeting: 2:30pm Cover Floors (1204 Sidney Baker South-Kerrville) Contact- Judy Ashcraft 210.326-0084/ whodit@hotmail.com	2 Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA	3 Choir Practice on most Thursdays at 3:30pm ^④	4 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ^①	 Circle Supper
6 Speaker: Sheri Philabaum (Director of Lifespan Religious Education at First UU San Antonio) - Talk: "Diagnosing racism". See page 4.	7	8	9 Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.	10	11	12
13 CAM Sunday □ Service: "Nuts, Bolts & Leadership in a Spiritual Community" - A unique presentation by the Church Board with questions afterwards.	14 PFLAG meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - Dietert Center (451 Guadalupe Street). Contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ deadeye1961@gmail.com Adult Religious Education program: "Bill Moyers on Faith & Reason" 1-3pm - PA. See page 4.	15 Ramadan begins at sundown ^①	16	17 Habitat for Humanity lunch 11:30pm	18 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ^①	19 Shavuot begins at sundown
20 Hill Country Crisis Council □ Service: Rev Ja Rickard - Sermon: "Have A Blessed Day" - How many times do we hear people say 'Have A Blessed Day'? What are they really telling us? 	21	22	23	24 Justice & Outreach Committee Meeting: 4pm - PA	25	26  "Saturday Night at 964 Barnett" - Game Night -see page 5
27 CAM Sunday □ Service: TBA	28 	29	30	31		

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

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

- 6 **Speaker - Sheri Philabaum (Director of Lifespan Religious Education at First UU San Antonio). Talk: "Diagnosing racism" -** We all know that racism is not a thing of the past. However, in the 21st century it is taking different forms than in the past, which requires different ways of confronting it. Today we will talk about some key concepts for diagnosing and treating the disease of racism in the 21st century.



Adult Religious Education: "Bill Moyers on Faith & Reason" Monday, May 14 - 1-3pm Wilma Palmer Annex

This month's program will feature two interviews. The first interview features British author Jeanette Winterson. She was raised in the Elim Pentecostal Church planning to be a missionary but reading "forbidden" books led her down a different path.

The second interview features American writer, actor, rapper, educator Will Power. We will listen as Will explains the how he transformed a Greek drama into a totally modern work. Join us to watch Bill Moyers interview two fascinating people. Contact Mary Jones 830-896-9182.



Chloe Whitworth with first place ribbons and winning "Blue Dog" artwork

Chloe Whitworth (granddaughter of member, Jill Wiggins) won first prize for all the elementary students in the area (KISD as well as Ingram, Comfort and Hunt) for her "blue dog" painting submitted to the KACC (Kerrville Arts and Cultural Center) youth art exhibit.

She gets a big blue ribbon, art supplies and a free week at KACC's summer art camp.

Wiggins and husband, Gary Payne are "over the moon" proud of her.





May Sunday
Coffee Hour
Church Treats
brought to you by...

6 - Julie Davis
13 - Judy Ashcraft
27 - Marie Brown

Thanks for the Yummies
for our tummies!

**"Saturday Night at 964 Barnett"
Games & Fun on Saturday, May 26**

Enjoy 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 would like). Free Popcorn will be provided.

Enjoy companionship, laughter and fun. The chairs are hard; bring a cushion if you want. Everyone is welcomed.



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Spiritual Development Chair: Vicki Luther

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Karen Burkett

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