

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter

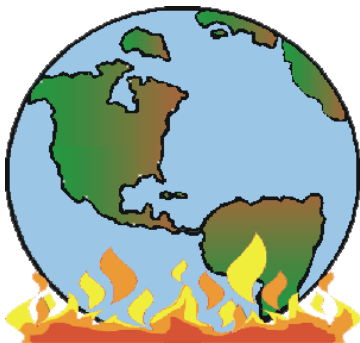
November 2018



**Gary Payne, church member in
Clarence Darrow representation
Saturday, November 10 ★ 2pm
Church Sanctuary ★ Free**

Snacks & Beverages after the performance in the
Wilma Palmer Annex ★ donations accepted

Here is the famous attorney reminiscing over his long and renowned career, touching on several of his famous cases, including the Scopes “Monkey” trial and the sensational Leopold and Loeb case. Darrow addresses much of America’s turn-of-the-20th Century legal history and shocking labor conditions with salty humor, courtroom gusto and human relish. His private life and many events of his time are woven into the story of this iconic American who accepted unpopular cases and championed the downtrodden.



**Adult Religious Education Presents
Lecture by church member,
Kevin Hartley ★ Monday, November 12
1pm ★ Wilma Palmer Annex**

Hartley’s lecture, “The Basic Science behind Global Climate Change” is planned to be a straightforward presentation based upon a series Hartley published earlier in the Sierra Club’s Alamo Group newsletter plus some new information. Hartley earned a Master’s degree in Physics from Wayne State University.



Kudos to Donna! Our own Donna Schloss was honored at an awards ceremony at Texas Woman’s University on October 3 with the presentation of The Chancellor’s Alumni Excellence Award. Donna was honored for U.S. State Department work as a Nurse Practitioner who provided routine and emergency physical and emotional assessment, diagnosis and treatment in 16 foreign countries. She also was an American Red Cross volunteer who supported disaster efforts including the 9/11 World Trade Center attack, tsunami victim identification in Phuket, Thailand, and support in the explosion at West, TX. We always knew Donna was a special, talented person who we are fortunate to have in our lives and community. We are glad others recognize this as well!



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FROM YOUR MINISTER...

The search for a new Minister has begun. The Search Committee had their first meeting on October 18 and designated co-chairs: Frances Osborn and Andy Pesez.

This is a huge job and it was determined that having two people in charge will lighten the load. Meredith Hensley will be a part of the committee and will represent the Board, Linda Smith will be the consultant for creating a contract for a new Minister. Justin Beimer will provide technical support as much of the search will be conducted online. The other members are Donna Schloss and Don Pyle. Mary Jones will be an alternate and Jill Wiggins will be our consulting advisor as she has experience with search committee work. Alice Leuchtag has agreed to represent the Fellowship on the committee to help find the right Minister to work with both the church and the Fellowship.

They have begun the work and have set goals which will require input from every member of the congregation. If you are contacted by the Search Committee and they are asking for input, please reply. The committee is working to be transparent and to receive input from all members so that everyone has a voice in making this decision.

Our Safety Committee met this month and attended a webinar that was facilitated by the Southern Region of the UUA. The webinar was extremely informative and gave those of us on the committee some things to consider as we work to keep our congregation as safe as we possibly can.

Great things are happening in our congregation and we are so happy that you are all here to experience them.

With Gratitude,

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November Greeters

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

- 4 - Gary Payne & Andy Pesez
- 11 - Jill Wiggins & Monte Hensley
- 18 - Marie Brown & Steve Galland
- 25 - Selma Gibson & Susan Lipp

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



November Chalice Table Décor

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

- 4 - Amanda & Justin Biemer
- 11 - Marie Brown
- 18 - Judy & Donnie Bunch
- 25 - Karen & Mike Burkett

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



Church member, Carolyn Dreyer with her chalice table decorated for día de los Muertos. Dreyer invited everyone to bring photos of loved ones who had passed and explained this celebration.



Search Committee Open Meetings each Wednesday in November ★ 10am ★ Palmer Annex

Free Speech Café after the service

Sunday, November 25

Share questions, issues & commentary.

Free Light Lunch!





November 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 most Thursdays.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
<p>Church Friends may serve on committees.</p> <p>All listed meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.</p> <p>CS: Church Sanctuary PA: Wilma Palmer Annex</p>				1	2	3			
<p>Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Love as If Your Life Depends on It"</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Ends (set clocks back one hour)</p> 	5	<p>VOTE!</p>  <p>Events Committee meeting: 4pm Cover Floors (1204 Sidney Baker South-Kerrville) Contact- Judy Ashcraft 830.896-8319</p>	7	<p>Ministerial Search Committee meeting: 10am - PA Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA</p>	8	<p>Craftopia - "We Make, We Create, We Donate": 10am-12pm - PA ⑤</p>	10	<p>See member Gary Payne as Clarence Darrow: 2pm - CS - see page 1</p>	
<p>CAM Sunday ②</p>  <p>Service: Lee Legault. Sermon: "Out of Egypt, Into the Wilderness & on to Freedom." - see page 4</p>	12	<p>ARE program: 1pm - PA see page 1</p> <p>PFLAG meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - Dietert Center (451 Guadalupe Street). Contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ deadeye1961@gmail.com</p>	13	<p>Justice & Outreach Committee Meeting: 3:30pm - PA Min. Search Committee meeting: 10am - PA Girls Night Out 5:30pm - see page 4 Board meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.</p>	14	<p>Habitat for Humanity lunch - see page 4.</p> <p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA①</p>	15	<p>Craftopia: 10am-12pm - PA ⑤</p>	17
<p>Hill Country Crisis Council ③</p> <p>Service: Shastri Linda Mockeridge, Buddhist priest at the Shambhala Meditation Center in San Antonio. Subject: TBA</p> <p>Pot Luck Dinner after Service - PA</p>	19	20	21	<p>Ministerial Search Committee meeting: 10am - PA</p>	22		23		24
<p>CAM Sunday ②</p> <p>Service: Phil Mason. Sermon: TBA</p> <p>Free Speech Café after service: PA - light lunch provided</p>	26		28	<p>Min. Search Committee meeting: 10am - PA Girls Night Out 5:30pm - see page 4</p>	29	<p>Craftopia: 10am-12pm - PA ⑤</p>	30		

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



**Making Lunch for the Crew
Thursday, November 15 ★ 11:30am
Palmer Annex ★ Marie Brown, Organizer**

Help is needed to make this church effort a success! 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 and in November, the organizer is Marie Brown.

Volunteers are needed to assist Marie in preparing or buying a part of the meal (entrée, salad or vegetable, dessert) and to get it delivered to the Habitat for Humanity office at 121 McGinnis Court. These are simple meals and you will get reminder when your “adopted” month comes (and it will also be on the church calendar).

PLEASE choose a month to help:

2018: Dec 20

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.

**“Girl’s Night Out” ★ 5:30pm
November 14 & 28**

Women’s Connection is now “Girl’s Night Out” and will be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Meet at the chosen restaurant (see below) to have a great meal and conversation. It’s “Dutch treat”, of course. (Board members may leave early without hurting feelings.)

Restaurants will be chosen by attendees:

Nov. 14: Pint and Plow - 332 Clay Street

Nov. 28: Billy Gene’s - 1489 Junction Hwy.

“Let the men take care of the children and 4 legged ‘kids’ and come step out with the girls for girl talk.”

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

11 Speaker - Lee Legault. Talk: “Out of Egypt, Into the Wilderness, and on to Freedom - Psychologist C.G Jung developed a paradigm for psychological growth called individuation and believed it to be humanity’s most important work. From a Jungian perspective, Moses’s life becomes a map to freedom through the arduous inner work of individuation. We’ll reflect on what we gain when we leave the narrow straits of Egypt and lose our ego identities in the wilderness.” Lee Legault is a Unitarian Universalist ministerial aspirant working on dual master’s degrees in social work and divinity at the University of Texas and the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She practiced law in the areas of civil litigation and appeals for fifteen years before answering her call to be a different kind of counselor.



What is that box in front of the church? It’s **Little Free Library**, a way to spread literacy and goodwill in the church neighborhood. Many church friends and members made this effort a reality!





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

**4 - Julie Davis
11 - Judy Ashcraft
25 - Marie Brown**

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

Sunday School Update

Religious Education Instructor, Judy Ashcraft shared the following: *Sunday School has been having fun. Our young folks are learning to play and work together. All 4 children made hand print planks for their parents (see below). Mark Biemer is like a big brother to Ancrett Lluvee Geoghegan and Bebhionn Lilit Geoghegan Cameron. Their baby brother is beginning to walk. We still need volunteers to help keep these energetic ones from getting bored.*



Former church member, Lucy Silva has reported that her father, Jesse Silva formerly of Kerrville, passed away Monday, October 22, 2018 at age 102 in San Antonio. His services will be held at Notre Dame Parish in Kerrville, with visitation at Grimes Funeral Home. The Grimes Funeral Home website has a place to send a note of condolence to the family:

<http://grimesfuneralchapels.com/obituaries/jesse-silva/2200/>



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

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Karen Burkett

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