

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter
February 2017

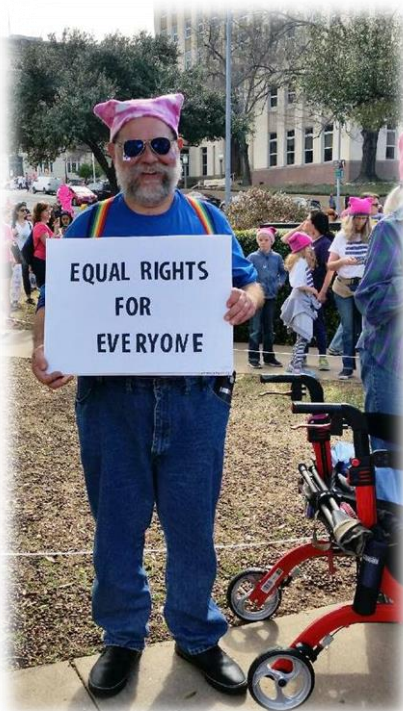


On January 21, the Women's March was held in Austin and throughout the country. Some of the church members who participated were from left to right (rear row) June Hartley, Pat Kobe, Ellen Jackson and Curtis Overstreet; (front row) Ann Cornelison, Jo Pendleton (friend and sister of June and Ellen) and Baxter.

Church Members Volunteer & Express Their Opinions & Views During the Holidays and into 2017



Church members, Jerry Best and Ellen Jackson (in background) were part of the many church members who volunteered at La Casa de Raices in San Antonio during the holiday season.



Curtis Overstreet with Ellen Jackson (to right) during the Women's March on January 21 at the Capital Building in Austin.



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FROM YOUR MINISTER...

History

We all know the history of our congregation and hopefully, are all aware of the fact that we still have members who were a part of creating the congregation we call home today. Much hard work, long hours, and inviting people to become a part of our little congregation resulted in our being the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country. Hopefully we are working to keep that tradition alive by inviting new people to join us, helping to realize goals that the congregation would like to achieve and by becoming a part of the fabric that keeps us together.

This month I will be preaching on history. Not the history of our congregation, but the history of the Universalist Church in the state of Texas. The Universalists are only half of our denomination as we merged with the Unitarians back in 1961 and became the Unitarian Universalists Association. These two denominations were small and struggling and felt that to keep their traditions alive they would join forces. Together they did exactly what a small, struggling group of people should do; they rolled up their sleeves and went to work.

In 1961 we were a denomination of just over 141,000 members. Today we number over 800,000 friends and members. We have come a long way and are fortunate to belong to the Unitarian Universalist Association where we are a free faith belonging to a larger group of autonomous congregations.

Later this month I will talk about another part of our denomination's history, The Cambridge Platform. The Cambridge Platform is a document that was written in 1648 and defines the governance of free congregations. It is clear and succinct in defining how our congregations should be run. We all need direction and The Cambridge Platform gives us that direction.

When we want to know why we do what we do as a congregation we can always refer back to our history and let it guide us. Our congregation has a rich history and we need to continue to learn from our short-comings, mistakes and of course, triumphs.

Let us continue to learn and grow together,

Reverend Ja

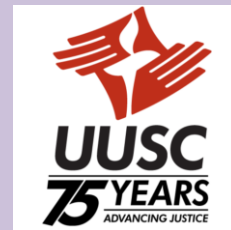


February Chalice Table Décor

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

5 - June & Kevin Hartley
12 - Monte & Meredith Hensley
19 - Ellen Jackson
26 - Bill & Selma Gibson

For more information
about Chalice Table décor,
please contact Shari Gore 830.367-3142.



UUSC "Guest at Your Table" Program Fundraiser Sunday, January 15 - Monday, February 13

This program's worldwide humanitarian efforts was acknowledged and shared during the kickoff on Sunday, January 15 and its annual fundraising effort ends on Monday, February 13. In the past the church has supported this program very generously. All donations over \$125 are doubled by the Long Island Shelter Rock Church.




Life Span Learning Continues with 6-week Series on Judaism

The Video/Discussion Series of World Religions with the focus on Judaism will continue every Monday through February 13. The series will be held from 1-3pm in the Palmer Annex and Laurie Pesetz will be the facilitator. For more information, please call Laurie (830.895-4764).

February 2017 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 Thursdays.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Groundhog Day Choir Practice: 3:30-5pm - CS - Subject to change. ④ Activities & Events Committee Meeting (open): 5:30pm - PA	3 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ①	4
5 Service: Rev. Ja Rickard - Sermon: "Universalists".	6 Life Span Learning (#5 of 6): 1-3pm - PA. See page 2. PFLAG Meeting: 7pm- 8:30pm - The Unity Church, (corner Tivy & Jefferson Streets). For more information about PFLAG, contact Reverend Ja Rickard 262.237-0634/ minister@uuchc.org	7	8 Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All are welcomed. Last day to sign up to participate in Circle Suppers	9 Choir Practice: 3:30-5pm - CS - Subject to change. ④	10 ← Circle Suppers →	11
12 CAM Sunday ☺ Speaker: Ann Galland, Church Member. Service based on a sermon by Sarah Movius Schurr, "Love Is Like A Box Of Chocolates". At the end of the service there will be a "Chocolate Communion".	13 Life Span Learning (#6 of 6): 1-3pm - PA. See page 2. UUSC "Guest at Your Table" campaign ends. See page 2.	14 	15 TXUUJM Legislative Action Day: 8:30am - Austin. See page 4.	16 Choir Practice: 3:30-5pm - CS - Subject to change. ④	17 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ①	18 Last day to submit articles for next month's newsletter - communication@u uchc.org
19 Service: Rev. Ja Rickard - Sermon: "Why Do We Do What We Do" ☺ Pot Luck Dinner after the Service - PA	20 President's Day 	21 Eric Lane speaks: "The Founders Greatest Gift: Separation of Church & State." See pg 4.	22	23 Choir Practice: 3:30-5pm - CS - Subject to change. ④	24	25
26 CAM Sunday ☺ Speaker: Rev. Peter Bauer, Minister from The United Church Of Christ. Sermon: "What Kind of Character Are You?"	27 UUSC Solidarity and Sanctuary Webinar Series - final segment. See page 4.	28	PA: Palmer Annex CS: Church Sanctuary			

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@liphealth.com

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



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

**5 - TBA
12 - Judy Ashcraft
26 - Shari Gore**

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

**TXUUJM Legislative Action Day
Wednesday, February 15**

The TXUUJM (Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry) Legislative Action Day is Wednesday, February 15 in Austin. Contact Karen or Mike Burkett for more information (830.895-7076/ m.k.burkett@att.net).

**Speaker on the Separation
of Church & State to Speak on
Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30pm**

Eric Lane, the President of the San Antonio chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State (sometimes known as the Freethinkers) will be speaking at UUCHC on February 21st at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. His topic is "The Founders Greatest Gift: The Separation of Church & State."

He will also address the controversy in Kerrville when another group (not his) asked to put an alternative banner on the courthouse grounds at Christmas and will take questions from the audience. This event will be given publicity and the public will be invited.

**UUSC Solidarity & Sanctuary Webinar
Series continues Monday, February 27**

Wondering what options might be for effective congregational action in a heightened time of hostility and violence and possible deportations? The final of three segments in this three part series, "The Path toward Sanctuary: A Practical Guide", will be held on Monday, February 27, 2017; 7-9pm (ET). Register here: <http://connect.uusc.org/e/103112/c7045d80e5cfc7c24e00bf0acd2b8/gpmf6/68107231>



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