

# OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country  
Newsletter

July 2019

## Care Team to Started Again

The Membership Committee is reenergizing the church Care Team to respond to pastoral needs such as illness, death or other crises and challenges members may face and wish to receive support from the church community.

If you would like to be part of this team, which might entail visits, meals, writing notes or making phone calls (the procedures and criteria are being formed), please call/text Jill Wiggins at 512.965-9947 or email:

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Front of 121 Village Drive circa 2015

**Open House Cookout  
at the Parsonage  
Saturday, July 20 11am - 3pm  
121 Village Drive, Kerrville**

All are invited to come and view the newly enhanced minister's residence provided by the church. There's new carpeting, fresh paint, and new furniture to give the parsonage a fresh new look.

Grilled Veggies and 'Beef Dogs' will be provided. Please bring a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite beverage (Ice and water will be provided).

Please, this is a pets, small children (dangerous drop off the balcony and yard), smoke, & alcohol Free zone.



Rear of 121 Village Drive circa 2015

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**7 Speaker: Rev. Art Severance - Topic: “Everything is Holy: Scientific Spirituality in Nature”.** Based on a book, When God is Gone Everything is Holy: The Making of a Religious Naturalist by Chet Raymo, a physics and astronomy professor.

Rev. Art Severance has been speaking to the church since the 1990s, when the church was meeting at Schreiner College. Now retired after almost 30 years in ministry he has moved back to San Antonio, where he served as minister at First UU Church from 1991-2006, helping it grow from 250 to over 400 and building a 500-seat sanctuary

Originally from New Hampshire, he has been married to wife Cathie since 1973, has 3 married daughters and 5 grandchildren. He has served UU Congregations in PA, NJ, CA, CO, TX, NY, and OH - either as interim, part or full-time or Developmental minister, served on the old District Board, was one of the district’s Ministerial Settlement Representatives, and currently serves on the board of UURMAPA (UU Retired Ministers & Partners Association).

Severance is a folksinger & songwriter and has a CD available titled “Listen to the Whirlwind”, as well as 2 small books, Sermons, Songs & Scribblings; Searching for Truth, Love, Meaning, and Perhaps Even God and Sermons & Scribblings: Book the Second which will be available after the service. He enjoys photography, antiques, HGTV, World Religions, Psychology, reading mysteries, New England, and music. He considers himself a “Mystical Humanist with a good sense of humor.”

**14 Speaker: Pam Haylock - Topic: “Stopping Human Trafficking: Efforts at the Local Level”.** Several non-profit organizations and public offices have joined together to educate providers and the public about trafficking. Do you know what to do if you see something that looks suspicious? Pam will offer a view of the problem, what to do and how you can help.

Haylock is as an oncology nurse with a specialty in cancer survivorship and holds a PhD from UT Galveston. She currently serves as president of the local branch of the American Association of University Women and has been part of a multi-organization effort to educate the public about human trafficking in our area.

**21 Speaker: Rev. Peter Bauer - Topic: “How Do You Find Home? - A look at poverty and profit in U.S. housing”.**

Bauer is a United Church of Christ minister but that is only the beginning. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Bauer currently works in the Frank Tejada Outpatient Clinic at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System in San Antonio. He is a Medical Service Corps officer in the US Army Reserve holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

For several years Bauer served as this church’s part-time Pastor until he was mobilized for active duty with the US Army. He served for 4.5 years and then returned to the San Antonio area. Peter is back with us and anxious to renew old friendships as well as make new ones.

**28 Speaker: Mikie Baker - Topic: The Power of Information - A talk on the importance of the truth and always having access to it.** There is power in powerful, honest communication. (Baker will also review the history of our Hill Country Radio Station, KTXI, and what the future holds for all of Texas Public Radio.)

Baker began her career in the radio industry as the Music Director for KLIF in Dallas where she received gold records for her achievements in radio programming. Thereafter, she joined T.G.I. Friday’s, Inc. creating the company’s first creative arts department.

In 1990, Baker started her own marketing and design firm, The Baker Agency, which specialized in the hospitality industry and worked with restaurants, hotels and beverage companies throughout the country.

Baker retired to the Hill Country to care for her aging mother and then began a writing career which included a weekly humorous column for the Bandera County Courier. She was twice voted Top Ten Columnist in the State.

After her mother passed away, Baker went back to work for Texas Public Radio, as the Community Liaison for the outlying stations. Baker’s duties include outreach, marketing, underwriting and events. She started the Medina Garden Patch, a children’s learning garden at Medina ISD, is on the board of Bandera County’s Silver Sage and is an avid vegetable gardener.

# July 2019 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
	1	2	3	4	5	6
CAM Sunday② Speaker: Rev. Art Severance - Talk: "Everything is Holy: Scientific Spirituality in Nature" - see page 2	PFLAG meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - PA. Contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ deadeye1961@gmail.com	Women's Connection 5:30pm - Sake Home Cooking & Sushi Bar (845 Junction Hwy - Ste. B, Kerrville)	Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA		Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA①	
Hill Country Crisis Council③ Speaker: Pam Haylock - Talk: "Stopping Human Trafficking Efforts at the Local Level" - see page 2  Pot Luck Dinner after Service- PA				Last day to submit articles for August's newsletter: <a href="mailto:communication@uchc.org">communication@uchc.org</a>	Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA①	 Open House at the Parsonage: 11am - 3pm - 121 Village Drive, Kerrville
CAM Sunday② Speaker: Rev. Peter Bauer - Talk: "How Do You Find Home: a Look at Poverty & Profit in U.S. Housing" - see page 2		Women's Connection 5:30pm - Del Norte restaurant (710 Junction Hwy, Kerrville)		Activities & Events Committee meeting: 1pm - C&R Design (1204 Sidney Baker South-Kerrville) Contact- Judy Ashcraft 210.326-0084/ whodit@hotmail.com		 "Saturday Night at 964 Barnett" - Game Night -see page 4
Speaker: Mikie Baker - Talk: "The Power of Information" - see page 2				<b>Church friends may serve on committees.</b> CS: Church Sanctuary PA: Wilma Palmer Annex 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/sagalland143@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 830.634-2173/ susan@lipphealth.com

③ Hill Country Crisis Center Sundays are held monthly on 3rd Sundays 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

## Summary of Wednesday, June 12, 2019 Board Meeting

**Present:** Board President Jerry Best; Vice President Vicki Luther; Treasurer Judy Bunch; Secretary Jill Wiggins; Member-at-Large Meredith Hensley; and Activities & Events Chair Judy Ashcraft.

Board meeting minutes from the May 8, 2019 meeting were approved. Bunch presented the financial report which was also approved. The decision as to switching bookkeeping duties to Bunch's firm was tabled pending her asking the current company if it will provide QuickBook backups. The new cost would be \$125-140 per month as compared to the current cost of \$150-180 per month.

Committee Chair Council report: Hensley reported that she would invite all chairs to attend CCC meetings, and that the meetings should be for action and planning, not just for reports.

Judy Ashcraft reported the following:

- ⊕ Girls' night out and men's lunches are going well;
- ⊕ the next potluck will be Father's Day;
- ⊕ Game Night will be June 22;
- ⊕ cookbooks are available for \$15; and
- ⊕ there will be an open house at the Parsonage on July 20 with hot dogs and grilled veggies available and sides provided through the potluck. The Board, Activities Events, and CCC will provide setup and cleanup.

Membership reported that several people have expressed interest in attending an orientation class, which will be set sometime in July. Membership will also initiate a mentoring system for new members and will recruit longer-time members to serve as mentors. Membership will also develop a Care Team and ask for volunteers to serve.

Best reported that Justin Biemer has nearly finished the new web page and when it's ready it will be switched from GoDaddy to Wordpress.

Search Committee: Hensley reported that at their next meeting they will set up evaluation criteria, and the evaluation process will begin in August.

There was discussion of the church joining the Chamber of Commerce. Vicki will investigate.

After discussion of a church memorial for Andy Pesez, it was agreed to have a stained glass window made to hang in one of the sanctuary windows. Vicki will look into finding a designer.

Best presented a revised parsonage policy, and the policy was approved by a motion and vote.

A decision to appoint a finance chair was tabled.

The board discussed plans for the upcoming Congregational meeting set for Sunday, June 16.

Check out full minutes on the bulletin board at the back of sanctuary or in the office in the book marked "Minutes."—Jill Wiggins, Secretary



### "Saturday Night at 964 Barnett" Saturday, July 27 ★ 6:30pm Wilma Palmer Annex GAME NIGHT

Bring your favorite game (board, card, domino, word) or come learn a new one. Free pizza will be provided, meat and vegetarian. Bring your favorite beverage and any snacks you want to share. Please remember, that all church sponsored activities and meetings are alcohol free. If you still wish to bring adult beverages, they are NOT to share; and you are asked to keep it under wraps. Please take any leftovers home. Contact: Judy Ashcraft 830.896-8319/ [whodit@hotmail.com](mailto:whodit@hotmail.com)

Below is a song that church member, Sandra Lane introduced to the church on May 19. Many of those present requested a copy of the lyrics.

#### ♪ "Trouble" ♪

*I'm goin' away to where trouble won't never find me,  
I'm leavin' today, ain't gonna hang around here and moan,  
I'm movin' on to where the sun is always shining,  
From now on, trouble's gonna have to find a new home.*

*Gonna find a place that's free from any struggle,  
A place of peace from which I'll never roam,  
Gonna put my feet up and just take life real easy,  
From now on, trouble's gonna have to find a new home.*

#### Bridge

*And when I go, ain't gonna leave no forwarding address,  
Gonna leave my fears and my worries way behind,  
I'm traveling light, ain't got no room for excess baggage,  
'Cause I'm living in a different state of mind.*

*Yeah, I'm gettin' ready for all the good things comin' my way,  
This is the best life that I've ever known,  
Each day's a joy; I'm walking in the sunlight,  
From now on, trouble's gonna have to find a new home. (Oh, yeah!)*



Thanks to the following people for participating in these important duties for the church. Interested? Please reach out to the contact leaders listed under the table below. You'll be glad you did!

Sunday	Service Associate	Chalice Table	Coffee Hour Treats	Greeters
7	Vicki Luther	Carolyn Dreyer	Julie Davis	Mike Burkett
14	Linda Smith	Troy Fannin & Julie Davis	Sarah Johanson	Monte Hensley & Gary Payne
21	Jill Wiggins	Ann & Steve Galland	OPEN	Marie Brown & Jill Wiggins
28	Donna Schloss	Selma & Bill Gibson	Judy Ashcraft (birthday cake)	Selma Gibson & Susan Lipp

- ⊕ To be a Service Associate, contact Linda Smith, Vickie Luther or Donna Schloss.
- ⊕ Chalice Table Decoration is handled by Pat Kobe 830.955-1139/ [kobepat313@gmail.com](mailto:kobepat313@gmail.com).
- ⊕ Sign up to provide coffee hour treats on the sheet located on the table to the rear of the sanctuary.
- ⊕ Greeters are coordinated by Gary Payne 830.890-5378/ [garyraypayne209@gmail.com](mailto:garyraypayne209@gmail.com)



The Activities & Events Committee cookbook is completed and ready for purchase at \$15 each. There are wonderful contributions and the book is expandable. All recipe contributors will receive a free copy. See Judy Ashcraft for yours.



## Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Board Members for 2019

**President ~ Jerry Best**

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**Vice President ~ Vicki Luther**

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**Secretary - Jill Wiggins**

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**Treasurer ~ Judy Bunch**

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**Member at Large - Meredith Hensley**

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**Sunday Services: Donna Schloss,  
Vicki Luther & Linda Smith**

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:  
Frances Osborne**

CAM, La Casa de Raices, TXUJUM, PFLAG,  
Hill Country Crisis Center, Habitat for Humanity,  
Transportation Planning Council, Texas IMPACT

**Finance Committee Chair: Position Open**

Stewardship, Budget, Building/Grounds  
Financial Management & Reports

**Activities/Events Chair: Judy Ashcraft**

Special Social Events, Recurring Events, Building Usage

**Communications Chair: Position Open**

[communication@uuchc.org](mailto:communication@uuchc.org)

Electronic Media (Facebook & web site): Amanda Biemer  
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