

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter

November 2017



“Little Halloween Scare” Going-Away Party for Joyce Randle More Treat than Trick!

Joyce Randle, one of Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country’s founding members was celebrated in a special going-away party on Sunday, October 15. Almost 40 people from the church and local fellowship enjoyed a meal of five different sandwich selections, cake and punch as they thanked Randle for her decade’s long commitment to the church.

The Sunday school children created a shadow box for her, Board President Linda Smith gave her a wonderful personality t-shirt, and the congregation presented her with a large signed card and gift card to her favorite craft store.

Days later Joyce was still talking about the love she felt. Her shadow box will have a prominent place in her new home, now in San Antonio.



”Guest at Your Table” Program to Launch on November 19

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is UUSC’s annual inter-generational program to raise support for and awareness about work to advance human rights. Since UUSC works in over 25 countries with over 75 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that members make possible. GAYT is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals - the “guests” in Guest at Your Table.

UUSC’s grassroots partners make a big difference in their communities and so does participation in GAYT. That is why this year’s program theme is “Small Change is Big Change”.

In the past our church has supported this program very generously. Boxes, envelopes, and information will be available at upcoming church services. Contact: Donna Schloss: 830.792-6189/ dschloss@kctc.com.



Making Lunch for the Crew Thursday, November 16 ★ 11am Palmer Annex

As the only local church providing this service, help is needed to prepare and deliver lunch to the Habitat for Humanity crew which numbers from 6 to 12. Some of the items that the crew likes are fried chicken, 6” Subway sandwiches, BBQ, potato salad (apparently a favorite), chips, cookies or brownies (another favorite). Several people have already stepped up but more help is needed. Contacts: Karen Burkett 830.895-7076 or Judy Ashcraft 210.326-0084.



Please be on the lookout for news of holiday events & activities including participation in a Holiday Parade in the Thursday Weekly Calendar Updates.



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FROM YOUR MINISTER...

As many of you know we will be holding our annual pledge drive soon. Yes, it is that time again. You will be hearing a lot about this in the upcoming weeks. I wanted to give you an idea of what has been done to prepare for next year's budget.

Andy has met with the Committee Chairs and they have suggested amounts that they will need to continue doing the ministry of the congregation. After that meeting Andy, Linda and I sat down and went over the numbers and we sliced and diced until we came up with a fairly reasonable amount for our little congregation. For the second year in a row I have declined a raise. I did not ask for money to attend conferences and I believe that will help a bit.

The one figure that was brought before the Board as they discussed the budget was the increase in UUA dues. The UUA has increased their suggested donation to \$60 per congregational member plus 7% for the Southern Region. That increase will take us from around \$2,000 to about \$5,000 for 2018. Andy will present the actual numbers when he prepares the budget report. This is a big hit for our small budget which is why we analyzed the numbers so closely.

The other thing that we would like to do is to increase our giving to the five organizations we annually provide donations to. Although we do take the 5th Sunday collection from the congregation and add \$100 from the church budget, it would be nice if we could contribute more. I am very sure that every organization truly appreciates our gift but a few more dollars might be nice.

As we get closer to the actual pledge drive be ready to see it done in a new way. We are hopeful that you appreciate our congregation and will help to keep it moving forward in 2018.

With Gratitude,

Reverend Ja



Chalice Table

Nov 5	Judy Ashcraft & Jerry Best
Nov 12	Baxter & Don Pyle
Nov 19	Marie Brown
Nov 26	Judy & Donnie Bunch



Treats

Julie Davis
Marie Brown
Pot Luck
Judy Ashcraft



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Lifespan Development, Free Speech Café,
Wayside Pulpit, Coffee Set-Up, Music/Choir, Greeters,
Order of Service, Chalice Table, Service Schedule/Associates

Membership: Reverend Ja Rickard

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

Finance Committee Chair: Andy Pesez

Stewardship, Budget, Building/Grounds
Financial Management & Reports

Activities/Events Chair: Judy Ashcraft

Special Social Events, Recurring Events, Building Usage

Communications Chair (temporary): Linda Smith

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Nov 5 - Linda and Judy Ashcraft
Nov 12 - Steve and Linda
Nov 19 - Steve and Mike
Nov 26 - Donnie & Judy Bunch



November 2017 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 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: Palmer Annex</p>			1 Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA	2 Activities & Events Committee Meeting: 5:30pm - PA	3	4
5 Service: Don Pyle, church member. Subject: "The Doping of Jesus"	6	7 	8 Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.	9	10 Adult Religious Education Meeting: 2pm - PA	11 
12 CAM Sunday ☺ Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: TBA	13 PFLAG Meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - The Unity Church, (corner Tivy & Jefferson Sts.). Contact: Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859 / mrcb61@yahoo.com	14	15	16 Habitat for Humanity lunch - see page 2.	17	18 Last day to submit articles for December's newsletter: communication@uuchc.org
19 Hill Country Crisis Council ☺ Service: June Hartley, church member. Subject: TBA Launch of UUSC "Guest at Your Table Program - see page 1  Pot Luck Dinner after Service - PA	20	21	22 Justice & Outreach Committee Meeting: 3:30pm - PA	23 December newsletter emailed 	24 	25
26 CAM Sunday ☺ Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: TBA	27	28 	29	30		

All Sunday church services are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary.

☺ 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

☺ Hill Country Crisis Council Sundays are held on 3rd Sundays and focus on paper products: toilet and facial tissue, paper towels, women's sanitary products, plus large bottles of baby shampoo and liquid soap. Contact Carolyn Dreyer 830.496-3094/ brightredmimi@gmail.com