

# OUR CHURCH LIFE

*The Newsletter for the Unitarian Universalist  
Church of the Hill Country  
September 2016*

## **Background & Recap of “A Deeper Look” Gathering Monday, August 1**

In order to continue the thinking and sharing that arose during the Start-Up Retreat led by Natalie Briscoe in May, members and friends were invited to submit questions/comments/concerns at two Sunday services. The recap of the second of the two gatherings held on August 1 was collated by Karen Burkett and is below. The recap of the first gathering held on Monday, July 11 may be found on the front page of the August “Our Church Life” newsletter.

**What do you see as your role in the church’s ministry both within and outside of the church?** Ja clarified the fact that every person in this church is a minister and a representative of the church when dealing with the community.

Members shared approaches they’ve found successful in their “UU ministry in the community”:

- ⊕ Casual conversations with people in various community settings present frequent opportunities to mention activities or thoughts and ideas from “our church”, which often lead to inquiries about our church and thus, opportunities to describe our UU faith.
- ⊕ The small grey card that contains our Seven Principles and Six Sources can open discussion, or may be handed to someone who is interested.

The group agreed that being grounded in our UU faith is the best way to be a living example of UU values. We must each take on the responsibility to be a good member among members of the congregation; take an active role in the life of the church; and be willing to take a leadership role. Being true to oneself and one’s faith includes being aware of the words we use, in talking with each other and with those in the community.

**What do you see as this church’s role/ministry in Kerrville? What can/would you do to make it happen? How can our minister lead us into this church’s ministry in Kerrville?**

- ⊕ The group felt that the church’s role is to do the most good that we can within our community.
- ⊕ The church is to be a sanctuary for issues of faith and for personal life choices.
- ⊕ The church can:
  - ✓ grow in numbers so we can do more and so that we will have more legitimacy.
  - ✓ become a “Welcoming Congregation”.
  - ✓ reach into the community and create more awareness by advertising/creating publicity in local newspapers, on our website, with the Chamber of Commerce, the Visitor’s Guide to Kerrville, and other free and/or low cost forms.
  - ✓ look at UUA website for ideas.

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**Dr. Jeannette Cockroft, the guest speaker of Sunday, August 7 who spoke of “The Transformative Power of Work” is now in China. As promised, below is her blog link:**

**[drjeannettecockroft.blogspot.com](http://drjeannettecockroft.blogspot.com)**



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## FROM YOUR MINISTER...

### Greetings!

Another summer in the Hill Country is beginning to wind down and soon it will be fall. As I visit with our many church committees I see that this autumn is going to be exciting. Judy is planning a great fundraiser and all of our committees are on board to make this one memorable. It will be a great event for members and friends to have fun, to relax and possibly to take home that special item to be used as a Christmas gift.

Judy also has plans for a fabulous Christmas party which will be another event to get to know each other better over a great meal. I know I have the opportunity to see you all on Sunday morning but to spend time with you in a fun setting will make the time together even more special.

Karen and her Transportation Committee are moving along quite well. She helped to host a forum to explore the needs of the community which was very well attended by not only people who have needs but also the Mayor and several other city and county dignitaries.

I will be taking a vacation in September which is, in my opinion, a great time to go camping. Children have returned to school and families are busy so campgrounds are usually pretty empty. I will be heading to Wisconsin to visit friends with a few stops along the way.

By the time I return most of our members will be back from the far reaches of the United States and although we will be enjoying fun activities there are also some learning opportunities. For instance, Membership Chair, Ellen Jackson and I will be holding classes to invite new members into our congregation.

There are many things being planned and I hope to see you at some of them.

With gratitude,

*Ja*



### Hurry, Hurry! Looking for Great Chili!

The first 8 people who submit an entry for the Chili Cook Off at the Handicrafts Fair & Auction to be held on Friday, October 29, have a chance to **win a prize!** Forms are on the back table in the sanctuary or contact Marie Brown 830-895-5138/ [marieuu34@gmail.com](mailto:marieuu34@gmail.com)



### September Calendar of Upcoming Events, Programs & Meetings

-Subject to Change; Consult [www.uuchc.org](http://www.uuchc.org) and/or Weekly Calendar Update emailed most Thursdays-

- 2 Friday - 11:30am - Palmer Annex: **Men's Fellowship Lunch.** 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/ [sgalland@afgimail.com](mailto:sgalland@afgimail.com)
- 4 Sunday - 10am - Church Sanctuary: **Sermon - Pastor Ja Rickard; "The Biblical Mary".**  
Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) Sunday - Focus is on boxed and canned food items. The basket for these items may be found at the back of the church. ☎ Contact Susan Lipp 619.248-0669/ [susan@lipphealth.com](mailto:susan@lipphealth.com)
- 5 Monday - **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**
- 7 Wednesday - **LAST DAY to enroll in September Circle Suppers** ☎ Contact Marie Brown 830-895-5138/ [marieuu34@gmail.com](mailto:marieuu34@gmail.com)

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### September Chalice Table Décor

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

- 4 - Steve & Ann Galland
- 11 - Bill & Selma Gibson
- 18 - Susan Lipp
- 25 - Monte & Meredith Hensley

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

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- 8 **Thursday** - 3:30-5pm - Church Sanctuary: **Choir Practice** ☎ Contact Meredith Hensley 830.522-0802/ [pmeredithc@yahoo.com](mailto:pmeredithc@yahoo.com)
- 9 **Friday** - 6pm - "Circle Supper". Find out more and sign up to be a host or a guest. ☎ Contact Marie Brown 830.895-5138/ [marieuu34@gmail.com](mailto:marieuu34@gmail.com)
- 10 **Saturday** - 6pm - "Circle Supper". Find out more and sign up to be a host or a guest ☎ Contact Marie Brown 830.895-5138/ [marieuu34@gmail.com](mailto:marieuu34@gmail.com)
- 11 **Sunday** - 9-9:45am - Palmer Annex: **Lifespan Learning (Adult RE)** - Coffee, juice and morning snacks for everyone as we relax and talk informally about what you, the congregation, would like to talk about this fall. We are listening for ideas for not only the Sunday Adult Forum but also weekday or evening single sessions or series. ☎ Contact Marie Brown 830-895-5138/ [marieuu34@gmail.com](mailto:marieuu34@gmail.com) or Karen Burkett 830.895-7076/ [m.k.burkett@att.net](mailto:m.k.burkett@att.net)
- 10am - Church Sanctuary: **Sermon** - Pastor Ja Rickard; "Water Communion". Water gathered by church members and friends while travelling this summer will be mingled during this annual tradition.
- Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) Sunday - Focus is on boxed and canned food items. The basket for these items may be found at the back of the church. ☎ Contact Susan Lipp 619.248-0669/ [susan@lipphealth.com](mailto:susan@lipphealth.com)

### PATRIOT DAY

- 14 **Wednesday** - 6:30pm - Palmer Annex: **Monthly Board Meeting**. Open to all. ☎ Contact President Linda Smith 830.257-2529/ [president@uuchc.org](mailto:president@uuchc.org)
- 15 **Thursday** - 3:30-5pm - Church Sanctuary: **Choir Practice** ☎ Contact Meredith Hensley 830.522-0802/ [pmeredithc@yahoo.com](mailto:pmeredithc@yahoo.com)
- 16 **Friday** - 11:30am - Palmer Annex: **Men's Fellowship Lunch**. 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/ [sgalland@afgimail.com](mailto:sgalland@afgimail.com)
- 2pm - Palmer Annex: **Lifespan Learning** full committee meeting. Everyone is welcome to help plan the year's programs! ☎ Contact Marie Brown 830-895-5138/ [marieuu34@gmail.com](mailto:marieuu34@gmail.com) or Karen Burkett 830.895-7076/ [m.k.burkett@att.net](mailto:m.k.burkett@att.net)
- 18 **Sunday** - 10am - Church Sanctuary: **Sermon** - Rev. Pat Jobe. Subject, "The Gospel According To Key Lime Pie." Or maybe your favorite flavor is peach, cherry, apple or pecan. (This worship service will include a survey of the various pronunciations of the word, "pecan" and there will take a vote on which one is most common in Kerrville.) Rev. Jobe will offer that a religious community cannot be simply about one flavor of pie or one pie supper each year or offering pie to the poor, but rather has to be transcendent of all functionality and open to the great mysteries of life. He will also encourage vanilla ice cream on hot apple or peach or cherry, but not to the exclusion of everything else. The Rev. Pat Jobe is a 17-year veteran of pastoral ministry and is currently serving as minister of the Greenville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. ☎ Mike Burkett 830.895-7076/ [m.k.burkett@att.net](mailto:m.k.burkett@att.net)

🍲 **Pot Luck Dinner after the Service**  
**Last Day to Submit items for October newsletter**  
 ☎ Contact Susan Lipp 619.248-0669/  
[susan@lipphealth.com](mailto:susan@lipphealth.com) or  
[communication@uuchc.org](mailto:communication@uuchc.org)

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*New Members classes will be held during the first three weeks of October. These will be three, one hour sessions; UU History, our congregation and an introduction to our committees. Anyone interested in attending may sign up on a special sheet found on the back table of the sanctuary. Pastor Ja will contact everyone on the list to find a day and time that will work for all.*



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- 21 Wednesday - 10:30am - Palmer Annex: **Women's Connection.** Church women and their female friends meet for fun, support and then enjoy lunch afterward. This month, the eatery is "Carrot Patch Cafe" located in Kerrville Health Foods - 141 West Water Street- 11:45am. Contact Kay White 830.896-2852/ [kaywhite201222@gmail.com](mailto:kaywhite201222@gmail.com)
- 22 Thursday - 3:30-5pm - Church Sanctuary: **Choir Practice** ☎ Contact Meredith Hensley 830.522-0802/ [pmeredithc@yahoo.com](mailto:pmeredithc@yahoo.com)
- 23 Friday - 2pm - Palmer Annex: "Needles" Group - Church crafting open to all. The group will choose meeting dates/times and which projects to undertake: community or church projects, individual work, etc. Anyone interested in being together as we work on handworks or crafts of any kind is welcomed. ☎ Contact Marie Brown 830-895-5138/ [marieuu34@gmail.com](mailto:marieuu34@gmail.com) or Karen Burkett 830.895-7076/ [m.k.burkett@att.net](mailto:m.k.burkett@att.net)
- 24 Saturday - 6:30-9pm - Palmer Annex: "Saturday Night at the Movies" - "Mister Roberts" 1955 - 2 hours, 3 min. A hilarious and heartfelt military comedy-drama co-directed by John Ford and Mervyn LeRoy, this movie stars Henry Fond an officer who's yearning for battle but is stuck in the backwaters of World War II on a non-commissioned Navy ship run by the bullying Capt. Morton (James Cagney). Jack Lemmon enjoys a star-making turn as the freewheeling Ensign Pulver, and William Powell stars as the ship's doctor in his last screen role. ☎ Contact Judy Ashcraft 210.326-0084/ [whodit@hotmail.com](mailto:whodit@hotmail.com).
- 25 Sunday - 9-9:45am - Palmer Annex: **Lifespan Learning (Adult RE)** - review of the May 14 Congregation/Minister Start-Up Retreat with Natalie Briscoe, as well as the continuing conversations on July 11 and August 1. This review is a preparation for Natalie's second visit on Saturday, October 15 to complete the Start-Up.

10am - Church Sanctuary: **Speaker** - Mike Burkett. Subject, "A challenge to the First Principle—what is your answer?"

Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM) **Sunday** - Focus is on personal products; shampoos, soaps, facial tissues, etc. The basket for these items may be found at the back of the church. ☎ Contact Susan Lipp 619.248-0669/ [susan@lipphealth.com](mailto:susan@lipphealth.com)

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

**4 - Ann Galland  
11 - Julie Davis  
18 - Pot Luck Dinner  
25 - Shari Gore**

*Thanks for the Yummies  
for our tummies!*