

# OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country  
Newsletter

August 2021

## UUCHC Working Toward Life after the Challenges of 2020

Hello, this is Susan Lipp your newsletter and Weekly Calendar Update writer/editor. Welcome to the first UUCHC newsletter since May 2020. Covid-19 has changed all of our lives in varying degrees and ways, some for the better and some not so well. Since reuniting in our sanctuary we have enjoyed hugs, sharing and community in the way only physical contact can afford.

As I begin writing this newsletter I am aware that many things are missing. There are committees and information that have yet to begin again as fully as they were in the past. I thought I would list areas that may have begun planning or are having meetings but for which I do not have information.

If you are involved in any of the following areas and have information for me to share in the September newsletter or in a future Weekly Calendar Update, please email it to me at [susan@lipphealth.com](mailto:susan@lipphealth.com) or [communication@uuchc.org](mailto:communication@uuchc.org).

- ⊕ Summaries of monthly board meetings
- ⊕ Committee Chair Council meetings
- ⊕ Updates on events & activities including all areas this important committee currently handles (Women's Connection, coffee hour treats, Pot Luck suppers, Movie/Game nights, etc.)
- ⊕ Social Justice & Outreach meetings & events
- ⊕ Chalice table list (when Pat Kobe returns)
- ⊕ Weekly Sunday greeter list
- ⊕ Other areas as needed

## UUCHC Bids Fond Farewell to Long Time Member, Troy Fannin on Saturday, July 17

Troy Fannin passed away on Wednesday, June 23 at his Kerrville residence. Troy's daughter and son-in-law hosted a Celebration of Life service for Troy and when Troy's long-time companion and UUCHC friend, **Julie Davis**, retired Troy's name tag (see photo below). The congregation celebrated Troy with stories about him through the years. He is missed.



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### **“Our Church Life” - More Material on Sunday Services in Chronological Date Order...**

- 1 Leader: Jerry Best (UUCHC Board President) - Service: "T-Shirt Sunday"** - All are urged to wear a tee shirt that has a particular/ special meaning to them and share that with the congregation.
- 8 Speaker: Reverend Phillip Schulman - Sermon: "76 Years and Counting"** - For a small but significant minority of religious liberals August 6-9th is a solemn time of prayers vigils, rallies, marches, and ceremonies commemorating the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. To date, it was the only time nuclear weapons were deployed upon a population. Our faith has consistently cast hope of surviving the nuclear age and emerging as a global society transformed by awareness of our interconnected existence. Is humanity capable of learning? How do our faith, our conscience and our spirit direct us?

Reverend Schulman is a former UU Community Church of San Antonio minister. He has served as UU Minister to congregations in California, New Jersey, St. John US Virgin Islands, and Houston. He is a graduate of Star King UU Seminary in 1989 and a life-long ecology, peace and justice activist participating in numerous campaigns for the civil and human rights of mental health consumers, survivors, and former patients. He worked as an Addiction Counselor and developed a Spirituality Assessment. In 1988 he directed one of the nation's first "Crisis Alternative Programs" to reduce the use of force and violence in mental health crisis response. While in San Antonio, he initiated a project that saw 35 congregations plant over 3,500 trees, a program in which we are proud to have been included. In 2017 he was hit by a truck while riding a bicycle in Gainesville. Many have been inspired by his spectacular recovery from the trauma he sustained.

- 15 Speaker: Vicki Luther (UUCHC Board Vice-President) - Service: "Banner Symbols"** - Vicki will elaborate on each faith pictured on our banner in the sanctuary.

Vicki Luther currently shares a dwelling with two Corgis and two cats and her horse, Henry, lives at a friend's barn. Vicki rides 5 times a week (in a perfect week) and Henry's job is teaching her how to keep her balance.

- 22 Reverend Phillip Schulman - Sermon: "MAD Movement & Peer Support: Wisdom for Empowerment"** - Rev. Schulman is a MAD movement Minister, working 32 years for and with others who

have "lived experience" of our mental health system. "MAD" activists are mental health system users, survivors, ex-patients, dissident professionals and other allies working to humanize the mental system, advocate for human rights and promote progressive social change. He will present values that the MAD Movement and our living religious tradition have in common.

- 29 Speaker: Reverend Addae Kraba - Service: Awakening the Spiritual Heart** - Concentrating on the rhythm of our heartbeat serves to remind us that we are spiritual beings having a human experience rather than the other way around. Our heart is the link between body and spirit, instinct and inspiration. When the spiritual heart is awakened, we become aware listening with feeling giving the speaker all of our attention.

Rev. Kraba currently serves as Minister to the UU congregation in New Braunfels, TX where she resides. She earned a Master of Divinity from the Star King School for the Minister in Berkeley after receiving a B.S. degree in Organizational Behavior from the University of San Francisco. Prior to being a minister, she spent over 20 years in the field of mental health in several locations. She has served at all levels of UUA beginning with the Committee for Antiracism, Anti-Oppression and Multiculturalism; a trustee on the Murray Grove Retreat and Conference Center in Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey; the Board of the Joseph Priestly District while serving the First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia, PA; Chaplain providing pastoral care in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina and to the Knoxville UU Church after the shooting in Tennessee. She has published work in "She is Everywhere, Vol II, an anthology of Writing in Womanist/ Feminist Spirituality, Lifting our Voices, Readings in the Living Tradition, Voices from The Margins, an Anthology of Meditations, and Conversations with the Sacred, a Collection of Prayers."



# August 2021 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>All listed meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.</p> <p>Church friends may serve on committees.</p> <p>CS: Church Sanctuary      PA: Wilma Palmer Annex</p>  <p><b>IT'S SUMMER!</b></p>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>Leader: Jerry Best, UUCHC Board President - Service: "T-shirt Sunday" - see page 2</p> 					<p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA①</p>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>Speaker: Rev. Phillip Schulman - Sermon: "76 Years &amp; Counting" - see page 2</p>			<p>Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA</p>			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>Speaker: Vicki Luther, UUCHC Board Vice-President - Service: "Banner Symbols" - see page 2</p> <p>Last day to submit articles for September newsletter: <a href="mailto:communication@uuchc.org">communication@uuchc.org</a></p>					<p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA①</p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>Speaker: Rev. Phillip Schulman - Sermon: "MAD Movement &amp; Peer Support: Wisdom for Empowerment" - see page 2</p>						
29	30	31				
<p>Speaker: Rev. Addae Kraba - Sermon: "Awakening the Spiritual Heart" - see page 2</p> <p>5th Sunday "Donate the Plate" program benefitting Hill Country Crisis Council - see page 4</p>						
<p><b>All Sunday church services are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary unless otherwise noted.</b></p>						

① There will be news, views, and thought provoking discussion. Guys bring your sandwich or gourmet repast as you wish. Contact: Bryan Bristol 214.392-4823/[bryan.bristol@yahoo.com](mailto:bryan.bristol@yahoo.com)





Thanks to the following people for participating in these important duties for the church. Please note that there is a lot of organization going on right now, hence the multiple and temporary "tba" designations.

Interested in helping out? 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
1	Sarah Johanson	tba	tba	tba
8	Janet Belden	tba	tba	tba
15	Donna Schloss	tba	tba	tba
22	tba	tba	tba	tba
29	Susan Lipp	tba	tba	tba

⊕ 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). Please note Pat is on vacation for much of August.

⊕ 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/ [garryraypayne209@gmail.com](mailto:garryraypayne209@gmail.com)

### "Donate the Plate" Sunday, August 29

On the fifth Sunday of every month with a fifth Sunday, all moneys in the collection plate not designated for the church are donated to a worthy non-profit organization. In August these proceeds will be given to **Hill Country Crisis Council**, a church supported nonprofit group which is dedicated to stopping the cycle of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse through education, intervention and assistance.

NOTE →if you wish to make a donation by check to Hill Country Crisis Council through "Donate the Plate", please make your check out to UUCHC, then write "Donate the Plate" or "Hill Country Crisis Council" in the check's notation line.



## Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Board Members for 2021

**President ~ Jerry Best**

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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 Café, 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**

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

**Finance Committee Chair: Mike Burkett**

Stewardship, Budget, Building/Grounds  
Financial Management & Reports

**Activities/Events Chair: Judy Ashcraft**

Special Social Events, Recurring Events, Building Usage

**Communications Chair: Open**

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