

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country
Newsletter

September 2021

Reverend Phillip Schulman selected as new minister for Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country

The UU Church of the Hill Country is proud to introduce you to our new minister, Reverend Phillip Schulman. We welcome his experience and training; however, his compassion, human rights work and perpetual search and mission to live UU values while overcoming life's challenges makes him a minister like no other. We look forward to a shared ministry with him as our guiding light! Please note Phillip's first ministerial sharing to the newsletter on the next page.



Mark Your Calendars!

**UUCHC volunteers to participate in the UGRA
Annual River Cleanup on Tuesday, October 5**

A UUCHC team will do a .7 mile section of the Kerrville River Trail for the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) annual river cleanup. This important community event is focused on removing trash from the Guadalupe River watershed and raise awareness about the problem of litter in the community. Please contact Kevin Hartley if you wish to help, kevinh743@gmail.com, 830-896-5191.



Showing artistic spirit, Sarah Johanson decorated the chalice table on Sunday, August 22. Anyone wishing to participate in decorating the chalice table on a Sunday, please contact Pat Kobe 830.955-1139/ kobepat313@gmail.com.

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REVEREND PHILLIP SCHULMAN

FROM YOUR MINISTER...

On Sunday, August 22 there was a special announcement. The search committee had recommended to the board, and the board had voted to invite me to serve as your minister. I said "YES!" and wish to express a hearty "Thank you!" to everyone who did service to help the congregation reach this juncture. I am grateful for the honor and eager to serve the congregation as Minister!

The first time back at UUCHC as guest minister was in January. We have been getting acquainted since then. It's been a long audition! Thank you for appreciating my gifts. You gave me the chance to get back to work I love. Many of you have shared pieces of your journeys, including the adversity you have survived. I've grown in appreciation of elders as people who have been around the block and back!

Our UU tradition values lifelong learning; we say that revelation is continuous. Knowing that learning is an option, even in difficult times, has helped pull me pull through them.

It's said that we teach what we most need to learn. At the Dwight Brown Leadership Program I heard "All we do is faith development. All we teach is Unitarian Universalism, and the congregation is the curriculum!" I'm eager to discover what we will teach and learn together. I am excited to hear as you share your experiences and hopes for our shared ministry!

"Our Church Life" - More Material on Sunday Services in Chronological Date Order...

5 Speaker: Steve Brooks - Topic: "The People Who Brought You Weekends: The Labor Movement and UU Principles". It's easy to take the eight-hour day and the forty-hour week for granted. Austin UU folksinger and writer Steve Brooks looks at the long history of American labor, the struggles that created many of our middle-class comforts, and its role in advancing UU principles like equity, justice and the democratic process. He invites us to join in that history, and to celebrate Labor Day, with a rousing series of singalongs about the labor movement and work in general.

Brooks is a writer and performer whose creativity points in many directions. His songs have been recorded by more than a dozen folk and Americana artists like Slaid Cleaves, Russell Crowe and Albert & Gage. His two most recent CDs, "I'll Take You Home" and "Chasing Grace," have been played on more than 100 folk and Americana stations coast-to-coast. In an earlier incarnation on radio, he was a humorist who wrote a song-a-week for Jim Hightower's nationally-syndicated talk show.


When he's not onstage, you can find Brooks in a pulpit, speaking on topics like "Songwriting as a Spiritual Path." Or in a library, introducing kids to classic American folk songs. Or flexing his wits as six-time World Pun Champion. If that's not enough, he's been an award-winning journalist for over 25 years. Kick off your shoes and poke around a bit. You'll find plenty to keep you entertained and inspired, and you'll find out why *Stave Magazine* calls Steve "simply the most clever man you'll hear with a guitar."

12 Speaker: Reverend Phillip Schulman - Sermon: "Water Communion". How many awesome water stories do you have? Let's take out spiritual microscopes, slow down and immerse ourselves in the wonder of water. Some of us collect water for this annual ceremony. We invite everyone to bring to church a small container of water from some place meaningful to you. Home definitely fits that bill! We will also have water on hand. We'll use water as a symbol of our connection to Earth -- and to life. And it will represent our coming together again!

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September 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. Masks currently required for all Sunday services which are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary.</p> <p>CS: Church Sanctuary PA: Wilma Palmer Annex</p>					<p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ①</p>	
5	 <p>Rosh Hashanah begins at Sundown</p>	7	<p>Rosh Hashanah ends at Sundown</p> 	9	10	<p>Patriot Day</p> 
12	13	14	<p>Last day to submit articles for October's newsletter: communication@uuchc.org</p> <p>Yom Kippur begins at Sundown</p> <p>Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA</p>	16	17	18
			<p>Yom Kippur ends at Sundown</p>	<p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ①</p>		
19	20	21	 <p>First Day of Autumn</p>	23	24	25
<p>Speaker: Elena Westbrook - Topic: "TBA" - see page 4 -</p>						
26	27	28		30	<p>①There will be news, views, and thought provoking discussion. Guys bring your sandwich or gourmet repast as you wish.</p> <p>Contact: Bryan Bristol 214.392-4823/bryan.bristol@yahoo.com</p>	
<p>Speaker: Rev. Phillip Schulman - Sermon: "Art is Life & Life is Art" - see page 4 -</p> 						

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- 19 Speaker: Elena Westbrook - Topic: TBA.**
 Elena is a long-time UU and a member of the Community UU Church, where she leads the worship associates and is a regular guest speaker. Her spiritual background was formed by liberal Christianity, Buddhism, neo-paganism and eclectic reading habits. With a long career in writing and speaking, Elena currently manages content marketing and proposals for a national public accounting firm. She lives in Fairview with her husband, Paul.
- 26 Speaker: Reverend Phillip Schulman - Sermon: “Art is Life & Life is Art”.** "How much art and creativity can one congregation enjoy? Could art ignite us, and bring more vitality to our services and congregational life? Could art be a spiritual practice? If I am not an artist, how can I tap the power of art? Tools for aMUSEment will be offered!"



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
5	Pat Kobe	Unfortunately, the Newsletter Editor misplaced her list of Weekly Chalice Table volunteers so be prepared for a weekly update.
12	Mike Burkett	
19	Janet Belden	
26	Mike Burkett	

- ⊕ To be a Service Associate, contact Vickie Luther.
- ⊕ Chalice Table Decoration is handled by Pat Kobe
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The Summary of Board Meetings will return to the newsletter in future months.



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

- President ~ Jerry Best**
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Sunday Services Chair: Vicki Luther
 Wayside Pulpit, Coffee Set-Up, Music/Choir, Greeters, Order of Service, Chalice Table, Service Schedule/Associates

**Ex Officio Board Member (Past President):
 Linda Smith**

Spiritual Development Chair: Vicki Luther
 Life Span Development (Adult and Children's Religious Education), Free Speech Café, Forums

Membership Co-Chairs: Bryan Bristol & Gary Payne
 Congregational Care, Visitor Follow-Up, Exit Interviews, New Member Orientation, Emergency Phone Tree, Members/Friends List

**Outreach/Social Justice Committee Chair:
 Open**

La Casa de Raices, TXUUJM, PFLAG, Habitat for Humanity, Donate the Plate, 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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