

# OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country  
Newsletter

October 2021



Above is UUCHC Board President Jerry Best (left) signing the ministerial contract with Reverend Phillip Schulman. Right is Reverend Schulman wearing the "Tree of Life" stole, a gift from the UUCHC Board of Directors. Below is Vicki Luther presenting the gift with Mike Burkett, Service Associate, looking on.



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## FROM YOUR MINISTER...

*Did you know I was auditioning with UUCHC from January to August, that I was "campaigning" for this office? One of my "campaign promises" was to value shared ministry; collaboration, co-creativity. Toward that goal, I want to encourage giving from the heart. No, I'm not starting a pledge campaign early. I'm talking about us encouraging and inspiring each other to refresh our creativity in our religious lives together. UUCHC has thrived and will blossom again and again as we give our energy to it. We have faith that our giving contributes to the larger life of the church.*

*Many of us have experienced religion that employs guilt and obligation to coerce participation. As religious liberals, UUs strive to create community through consensual relationships and activities. We believe that the fruits of our freedom are sweet! We trust that giving from the heart is more effective for creating beloved community.*

*As a counselor I've learned to listen for where the inner juice or energy is wanting to be expressed. I need your help to be able to hear and learn where that juice, that joy, that passion is cooking here at UUCHC. You can count on me to bring my energy to this congregation. I need your help to learn how to best direct it. Maybe you saw and remember the movie "Philadelphia", where Denzel Washington said "Explain it to me like I was a five year old." I'm the newbie. You can help me by sharing your experience. What and why have you loved this church? Where do you experience its vitality? How have you found fulfillment here? And sure I welcome you sharing where you have struggled here too.*

*BTW, I am courting invitations. Sometimes I'll accept your invitation and jump in with you. Sometimes I'll question you or cheer you on. Sometimes I'll just listen and learn. Bring it!*

***Yours in JOY~***

Reverend Phillip Schulman

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

***Want to personally meet with Reverend Schulman? Please see his message on page 4!***

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

**3 Rev. Phillip Schulman - Sermon: "The Legacy of Universalism".** When UU becomes "Unitarians" for short, it's a reflection of what happened soon after the 1961 joining of two heretical Christian denominations. To many Universalists, the merger seemed to be more of a submerging of their faith. Fifty and now sixty years later, many UUs have turned back to reclaim the 2nd UU! What was this faith and how does it impact us today?

**10 Speaker: Pamela Slutz, Former Ambassador to Mongolia - Topic: "There & Back Again".**




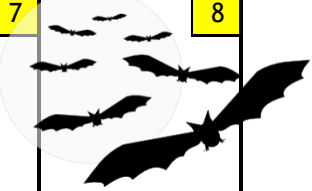





Pamela Slutz was a career member of the United States Foreign Service who served as US Ambassador to Burundi and Mongolia. She also served at US embassies in Kinshasa, Zaire, Shanghai, China, the American Institute in Taiwan, and Nairobi, Kenya. Her Father was a Foreign Service Officer giving her the opportunity to live in many locations as a youth. She holds an MA in Asian Studies specializing in Indonesian studies from the University of Hawaii. Although retired, she continues to work part-time for the Office of the Inspector General, US Department of State. Ms. Slutz is married to Ronald J. Deutch, a fellow Foreign Service Officer. Since retiring she has also served as the chairman of the Board of Directors of the North America-Mongolian Business Council and was elected President of The Mongolian Society in 2019.

**17 Speaker: Betty Henderson - Topic: "Dream Tending".** "Dream Tending" is a type of dream work that allows the dreamer to go back into the dream, animate the dream images and discover the desire of the dream. Although working on dreams may feel therapeutic, it is not a substitute for

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# October 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>CS: Church Sanctuary PA: Wilma Palmer Annex</p> <p><b>All Sunday services are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary &amp; face masks are required. All listed meetings are open &amp; all are welcome to attend. Church friends may serve on committees.</b></p>					<p>1</p> <p>Committee Chair Council meeting: 10:30am - PA</p> <p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA①</p> 	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Rev. Phillip Schulman - Sermon: "The Legacy of Universalism" - see page 2</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> 	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Speaker: Pamela Slutz - Topic: "There &amp; Back Again" - see page 2</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Columbus/ Indigenous People's Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA①</p> <p>Last day to submit articles for November's newsletter: communication@ uuchc.org</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Speaker: Betty Henderson - Topic: "Dream Tending" - see pages 2 &amp; 4</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Speaker: Jill Wiggins - Topic: "Poetry Lottery" - see page 4</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> 
<p>31</p> <p>Rev. Phillip Schulman - Sermon: "All Souls Day" - see page 4</p> 	<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</p>					

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professional therapy. However, dream work can help us to understand the desires of our psyche for healing in our lives.

Henderson has been studying the practice of Dream Tending since 2005. In addition to studies at the Jung Center in Houston, through Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, she has completed a six-month clinical training program in 2008, a nine-month certification program in 2015, and two advanced certificate programs in 2019 and 2021. She is the founder of three dream circles: one in Houston which has been meeting since 1994 and two circles in Kerrville.

**24 Speaker: Jill Wiggins, church member - Topic: “Poetry Lottery”.** If you've ever been bored listening to a poet standing stiffly reading one dry poem after another, with a little polite clapping in between, this won't be like that. Jill will share her poetry in a lively, interactive way that she hopes will be fun for everyone. There will be a variety of poems, and some surprises, too. Come and hear a little poetry and have some fun!

Jill Wiggins has been a member of UUCHC for three years. She currently serves as secretary on our board. Jill was born in England and moved to Ohio when she was eight. She has a degree in art from St. Edward's University and has worked as a writer, editor and graphic designer. She retired in 2009 after 12 years working in communications at the Texas Medical Board. She lives in Kerrville with her husband Gary Payne, an actor; her granddaughter, Chloe, an eighth-grader and fabulous artist; and their blue heeler, Junior. She has two blogs, wigginswi.wordpress.com (“Radical Retirement”) and an art blog, jillybeanswiggins.wordpress.com. She knits, paints and makes original art postcards for international swaps and to share with friends.

**31 Rev. Phillip Schulman - Sermon: “All Souls Day”.** The tradition is one of several this week that set aside time to remember and honor family, friends and others who have died. Themes: death and life are one, and “They live on” the many ways we are connected across time to those who have gone before us. All are invited to bring a memento or picture of departed soul for the altar.



### Minister's Office Hours

(a message from Reverend Phillip Schulman)

Drop-in office hours are 1:30pm-3:30pm on Wednesday and Thursday. If you'd like to make an appointment for any time Wednesday through Sunday, please call **210-365-7169** or email [minister@uuchc.org](mailto:minister@uuchc.org) to request a day and time. I hope to get together with every person who would care to meet with me! I'm eager to hear your experiences of and hopes for this congregation. Share anything else in your heart that you want me to know about you and UUCHC!



*Vicki Luther & Judy Ashcraft sporting T-shirts for T-shirt Sunday on August 1, 2021*



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	Coffee Hour
<b>3</b>	Sarah Johanson	Sarah Johanson
<b>10</b>	Donna Schloss	Ed Langford & Vicki Luther
<b>17</b>	Vicki Luther	Judy Ashcraft & Jerry Best
<b>24</b>	Janet Belden	Janet Belden & Bryan Bristol
<b>31</b>	Mike Burkett	Amanda & Justin Biemer

- ⊕ To be a Service Associate, contact Linda Smith or Vicki Luther.
- ⊕ Chalice Table Decoration is handled by Pat Kobe 830.955-1139/ [kobepat313@gmail.com](mailto:kobepat313@gmail.com)
- ⊕ Sign up to provide coffee on the sheet located on the table to the rear of the sanctuary.
- ⊕ Greeters are coordinated Bryan Bristol (214.392-4823/ [bryan.bristol@yahoo.com](mailto:bryan.bristol@yahoo.com)) and Gary Payne (512.799-5872/ [garyraypayne209@gmail.com](mailto:garyraypayne209@gmail.com))



## Reminder!

On Tuesday, October 5 a UUCHC team will join in a clean-up of a .7 mile section of the Kerrville River Trail for the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) annual river cleanup. Please contact Kevin Hartley if you would like to help: [kevinh743@gmail.com](mailto:kevinh743@gmail.com), 830-896-5191.



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

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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,  
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Transportation Planning Council

**Finance Committee Chair: Mike Burkett**  
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