

# OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter

August 2018



## Kerr-Konnect Update

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Hill Country in Kerrville presented Kerr-Konnect, the local volunteer based non-profit transportation program with a check for \$2,000 to help them meet a challenge grant from the Community Foundation of the Hill Country. If Kerr-Konnect raises \$10,000 from the community by November, the Foundation will match it with an additional \$10,000.

With an initial operating area covering a 10-mile radius from the Kerr County courthouse, the service area will include Center Point and Ingram. Rides will be scheduled in advance by calling or going to the Kerr-Konnect website. The door to door service will cost \$2 one way or \$4 round-trip.

Kerr-Konnect is scheduled to start transportation assistance for seniors and others in September after more than two years of research, planning and development. The organization received non-profit certification from the Texas Comptroller and tax exempt non-profit status from IRS.

With their gift, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Hill Country challenges other churches in the Kerr County community to support this much needed and well thought out project for the overall enrichment of the Kerrville and Kerr County community.

Any organizations and individuals wishing to help Kerr-Konnect fulfill the matching grant can do so by calling 830-315-5377, going to the website [www.kerrkonnect.org](http://www.kerrkonnect.org) or mailing a gift to P.O. Box 290194, Kerrville 78029.

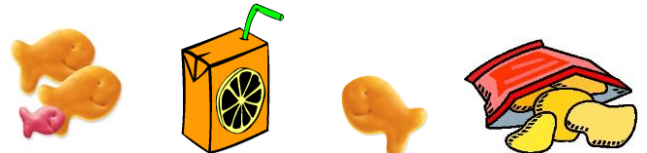
## Hill Country Crisis Council Kids Advocacy Place Needs Your Help

Part of Hill Country Crisis Council is the Kids Advocacy Place where HCCC psychologists conduct forensic interviews with the children and their families experiencing abuse.

Understandably, children in this situation need to be relaxed and supported. During these forensic interviews, HCCC kindly provides the children with juice boxes and snacks. So far this year more than 200 children have been assisted and HCCC has now run out supplies.

Donations of juice boxes and snacks such as cheese & crackers, "Goldfish", animal crackers, etc. in large containers from Big Lots, Costco and/or Walmart or the money to buy them would be particularly helpful. So if you are visiting any of these stores, could you please consider adding these supplies to your shopping visit?

Supplies may be brought to the church, delivered directly to the HCCC Office located at 429 Washington Street in Kerrville (**NOT THE SHELTER**) or to Carolyn Dreyer, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country liaison for HCCC at 830.496-3094/ [brightredmimi@gmail.com](mailto:brightredmimi@gmail.com).



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**Sanctuary  
Window  
Replacement  
Fund-Raiser**

Plans are underway to replace 10 sanctuary windows with new, energy efficient, double pane windows. Each window will cost \$500 and donations are needed to make the transition to modernity painless!

Every donation over \$100 will get the donor's name on a plaque on a window. Please submit donations to either Andy Pesetz (214.663-2798) or Judy Ashcraft (830.896-8319).



**"Saturday Night at the Movies"  
Saturday, August 25 - 6:30pm  
Wilma Palmer Annex  
"What's Up Doc?" (1972 - G - 1hr 34m)**

Movie night includes refreshments, prelude, movie, and church members, friends and guests are invited. Participants bring their favorite beverage and snack for themselves or to share. Popcorn is provided. Doors open at 6pm.

Movie Description: While two researchers are competing for a grant, one must deal with a strange woman who's devoted her life to confusing and embarrassing him. Meanwhile, a woman's jewels are stolen and a government whistleblower arrives with top-secret papers. All, of course, have the same style overnight bag. Barbra Streisand, Ryan O'Neal and Madeline Kahn star in this homage to classic screwball comedies from director Peter Bogdanovich.



**August Chalice Table Décor**

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

- 5 - Mary Jones**
- 12 - Vicki Luther**
- 19 - Jim & Diane McMahon**
- 26 - Susan Lipp**

*For more information  
about Chalice Table décor,  
please contact Pat Kobe 830.955-1139/  
kobepat313@gmail.com*



**Adult Religious Education:  
"Bill Moyers on Faith & Reason"  
Monday, August 13 - 1-3pm  
Wilma Palmer Annex**

This month's program will consist of two interviews. The first segment features author Richard Rodrigues (Hunger of Memory and Days of Obligation: An Argument with My Mexican Father). He is well known for his provocative opinions on diversity and identity. Moyers and Rodrigues discuss spirituality and mortality. Rodrigues also speaks about growing up Catholic in Protestant-dominated America. The second segment features British atmospheric physicist and leading expert on global warming, Sir John Houghton. He is the author of Does God Play Dice? A Look at the Universe and The Search for God: Can Science Help? Houghton is an evangelical Christian who believes science and religion can help improve the human condition. Contact Mary Jones 830.896-9182.

## August 2018 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   |
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| <p><b>All listed meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.</b></p> <p style="color: red;">Church friends may serve on committees.</p> <p>CS: Church Sanctuary      PA: Wilma Palmer Annex</p>                         |        |  | 1  | 2        | 3      | 4  |
| <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Speaker: Susan Lipp    Subject:<br/>"What Problem? - the problem of evil"; a sermon by UU Rev Kathleen Damewood Korb</p>  | 6      | 7  | <p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>Women's Connection Lunch: 11:30am-1pm - PA</p> <p>Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.</p>      | 9        | 10     | 11   |
| <p>CAM Sunday<sup>②</sup></p> <p>Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Surrendering to Beauty - seeing the beauty in the world around us is another way to renew our souls"</p> <p style="color: blue;">New Member Induction</p> | 12     | <p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <p>Adult Religious Education program: "Bill Moyers on Faith &amp; Reason" 1-3pm - PA. See page 2.</p> <p>PFLAG meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - Dietert Center (451 Guadalupe Street). Contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ deadeye1961@gmail.com</p> | 14   | 15       | 16     | 17   |
| <p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>Hill Country Crisis Council<sup>③</sup></p> <p>Speaker: Vicki Luther    Subject: TBA</p> <p> Pot Luck Dinner after Service- PA</p>   | 20     | 21   | <p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Women's Connection Lunch: 11:30am-1pm - PA</p> <p>Justice &amp; Outreach Committee Mtg: 4pm - PA</p> | 23       | 24     | 25   |
| <p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>CAM Sunday<sup>②</sup></p> <p>Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Finding Balance - Change is difficult but we can all find a way to embrace change"</p>                               | 27     | 28   | 29   | 30       | 31     | <p style="text-align: right;">Saturday</p> <p>Night at the Movies - see page 2</p> |
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**All Sunday church services are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary.**

- ① 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/sgalland143@gmail.com
- ② 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 830.634-2173/ susan@lipphealth.com
- ③ Hill Country Crisis Center Sundays are held on 3rd Sundays, monthly with a focus on paper products: toilet and facial tissue, paper towels, women's sanitary products, plus large bottles of baby shampoo. Contact Carolyn Dreyer 830.496-3094/ brightredmimi@gmail.com



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

**5 - Julie Davis  
12 - Judy Ashcraft  
26 - Amanda & Justin Biemer**

**Thanks for the Yummies  
for our tummies!**

**Board Meeting of Wednesday, 7/11/18  
Condensed Minutes**

All board members were present.

**Reports:**

- ⊕ Highlighted topics were the review of Bookkeeper's Report and financial status; the CCC report on all committee activities, with special emphasis on the front-of-church sign; the new windows to be installed as well as methods of fundraising; challenges and concerns about childcare; Kerr+Connect and new possible funding as well as office space; disruptive behavior policies; information from Index Card Project to assist with Mission statement.
- ⊕ Justice/Outreach reported 10 from our church were at the family separation protest.
- ⊕ Activities Committee reported the spaghetti dinner/movie night was a great success with 25 attending including many from Fellowship.
- ⊕ Andy reported installation of windows will start this week.
- ⊕ The Board approved the chalice/rainbow/river design as the church Logo; two additional park benches; obtaining two or more First Aid kits; expanding Activities Committee budget.

For details, see the Binder marked 2017-18 Minutes in the office in the Annex.

*--Meredith Hensley, Board Secretary*



**Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country  
Board Members for 2018**

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**Member at Large - Jerry Best**  
210-633-7553/ [bestjerry@hotmail.com](mailto:bestjerry@hotmail.com)

**Sunday Services Chair: Mike Burkett**  
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 Cafe, 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: 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**  
[communication@uuchc.org](mailto:communication@uuchc.org)  
Electronic Media (Facebook & web site): Amanda Biemer  
Newsletter/Weekly Calendar Update: Susan Lipp