

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter
September 2017



Curtis Overstreet plays the stacking game above.

UUCHC beats the heat at Ice Cream Social hosted by Activities & Events Committee on Saturday, August 8

Loads of fun was had by the nearly forty attending the Ice Cream Social held at Three Hills Mobile Home Park on Junction Highway. Members of UUCHC, the UU Fellowship and the Mobile Home Park enjoyed ice cream, sorbet, cookies and brownies while partaking in games.



Prizes were awarded for winners as evidenced by the "Olympic" medal worn by Mike Burkett, right and below left. Unfortunately, Overstreet's efforts didn't result in a win (below) but provided entertainment for Overstreet, Amanda Biemer (left rear) and Karen Burkett (right). Kevin Hartley ended up winning the game.



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FROM YOUR MINISTER...

Last month was a difficult one. We saw an uprising in Charlottesville and seven members of our congregation countered that situation by participating in a candlelight vigil in front of the Kerr County Courthouse. There is an upheaval in our government and we all must be wondering what will come of it. There is one thing we can count on. We are a community of people who are holding hope; hope that there will be no more confrontations, hope that our government will settle down and resume the work that we as the American public deserve and hope that our lives will not be impacted by all of these problems.

As a congregation we are strong and we can weather these storms as long as we continue to respect each other and the knowledge that we may not all think alike. Being kind and gentle with those around us in our community, our neighborhood and our congregation should be our ultimate goal. Let us look at the bright side of life as we continue to hold those who have been injured by the recent events in our thoughts.

With Gratitude,

Reverend Ja



Per Ja's column above, above are Kerrville Unitarian Universalists at the Kerr County Courthouse vigil held on Sunday, August 13 for Heather Heyer who was murdered August 12 in Charlottesville, Virginia by a white supremacist. From left to right are Carolyn Dreyer, Karen and Mike Burkett, Kevin Hartley, Pat Kobe, Alice and Richard Leuchtag. The group joined



about 700 other marches and vigils totalling thousands of Americans held nationwide to respond to this heinous act. Left is church member, Ann Cornelison who joined 50 other concerned citizens in Machias, Maine along a busy road. In addition to Machias, 22 congregated in Eastport, Maine including church members June Hartley and Ellen Jackson.



September Chalice Table Décor

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

- 3 - Diane & Jim McMahon
- 10 - Carolyn Osborn
- 17 - Curtis Overstreet
- 24 - Joyce Randle

For more information about Chalice Table décor, please contact Pat Kobe 830.367-3142/ kobepat313@gmail.com

"Donate the Plate" 5th Sunday Program Nets Hill Country Crisis Council \$317 in July

Carolyn Dreyer, the church's liaison to HCCC gives Patsy Fleming, family crisis coordinator, the church check. Below is the letter of thanks from the new Executive Director, Brent Ives.



On behalf of the clients that we serve at Hill Country Crisis Council, I am very grateful for your **continuous support** and for your recent donation. We are also very grateful for your paper goods, toiletries and diapers! They really help us stay stocked!

Each day our employees are on the front lines performing crisis intervention, hospital accompaniment, forensic interviewing, counseling, as well as partnering with our area law enforcement and the 198th, 216th, 451st and 452nd District Courts. We strive to bring people out of trauma and guide them toward healing and hope.

I wish that I could say our services were no longer needed, our continuous need or funds was over, and that the epidemic of violence was cured. Until that day arrives you have my utmost gratitude and respect and I look forward to changes that we can make to better the lives of this silent population.

September 2017 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
 <p>All listed meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.</p> <p style="color: red;">Church friends may serve on committees.</p> <p>CS: Church Sanctuary PA: Palmer Annex</p>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 <p>Speaker: Judy Ashcraft. Subject: "T-shirt Sunday" (with a little something extra). All are urged to wear or bring their favorite T-shirt and share its importance/meaning with everyone.</p>			<p style="color: red;">Last day to sign up to participate in Circle Suppers</p> <p>Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA</p>	<p>Activities & Events Committee Meeting (open): 5:30pm - PA</p>	 <p>Adult Religious Education Meeting: 2pm - PA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">← Circle Suppers →</p>	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>CAM Sunday ☺</p> <p>Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: TBA</p>	<p>PFLAG Meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - The Unity Church, (corner Tivy & Jefferson Streets). For more information about PFLAG, contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/</p>		<p>Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.</p>			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>Hill Country Crisis Council ☺</p> <p>Speaker: Steve Brooks. Subject: "The People Who Brought You Weekends: The Labor Movement and UU Principles". See page 2 for more information.</p> <p> Pot Luck Dinner after Service PA</p>	<p style="color: orange;">Last day to submit articles for October's newsletter: communication@uuchc.org</p>		 <p style="color: blue;">Rosh Hashanah</p> <p>begins at sundown</p>		<p>First day of Autumn</p> 	<p> Saturday Night at the Movies See page 5.</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>CAM Sunday ☺</p> <p>"Water Service" - If you are travelling this summer, remember to gather water from the areas where you visit to share with the congregation at this traditional service.</p>			<p>Justice & Outreach Committee Meeting: 3:30pm - PA</p>	<p style="color: orange;">October newsletter emailed</p>		

All Sunday church services are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary.

☺ 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 619.248-0669/ susan@lipphealth.com

☺ Hill Country Crisis Council Sundays are held on 3rd Sundays and focus on paper products: toilet and facial tissue, paper towels, women's sanitary products, plus large bottles of baby shampoo and liquid soap. Contact Carolyn Dreyer 830.496-3094/ brightredmimi@gmail.com



“Our Church Life” - More Material on Sunday Services...

17 Speaker - Steve Brooks, Austin UU folksinger and writer - Topic: **The People Who Brought You Weekends: The Labor Movement and UU Principles.** Most of us spend Labor Day enjoying a cookout or a campout. Brooks reminds us of the forgotten history of the holiday, and the century of struggles that brought us the eight-hour day and the forty-hour week. He invites us to join in that history with a rousing series of singalongs about the labor movement and work in general.



BRAINSTORMING FOR ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The UUCHC Adult RE committee met with Rev. Ja Rickard and Vice-President/Spiritual Development Chair, Mike Burkett recently to consider 2018 programming. Those who attended the Welcoming Congregation training sessions earlier this year benefited from some basic concepts for broadening our understanding of our fellow human beings. Our idea for this year’s Adult RE offerings is to expand on those concepts as we continue to look at ourselves and those around us.

Following is the list that was developed, which everyone is urged to add to:

- ⊕ Movie, “Moonlight” - LGBT theme
- ⊕ UUA “Common Read” - book study
The Third Reconstruction by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber
Centering - Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry Compiled by Mitra Rahnema
Daring Democracy, Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want by Frances Moore Lappe´ and Adam Eichen
- ⊕ Workshops - 10-11 week study and discussion
“Witnessing Whiteness: First Steps toward an Antiracist Practice and Culture” by Shelly Tochluk
“A Hidden Wholeness - The Journey toward an Undivided Life” by Parker Palmer
- ⊕ Panel Presentations and Discussion - UUCHC members describing their:
Atheism Gnosticism Humanism
Paganism Naturalism Agnosticism

Are you a group leader? Do you like to read and research ideas? Do you have thoughts or questions you’ve wanted to share?

Contact Marie Brown 830.895-5138/
marieuu34@gmail.com); Karen Burkett (830.895-7076, m.k.burkett@att.net).

→Next meeting: **Friday, September 8 at 2 pm - Palmer Annex**



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

**3 - Judy Ashcraft
10 - Judy Ashcraft
24 - Karen & Mike Burkett**

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



**"Saturday Night at the Movies"
Saturday, September 23 - 6:30pm - Palmer Annex
"Robin Hood: Men in Tights"
(1993 - PG - 1hr 44m)**

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. 6:35pm prelude: 'The Vicar of Dibley' series; 7pm movie begins.

September Movie Description: It's the classic tale of Robin Hood...re-envisioned by comic master Mel Brooks. As evil Prince John (Richard Lewis) oppresses the people, Robin (Cary Elwes) steals from the tax collectors, triumphs in an archery contest, foils (literally!) the Sheriff of Nottingham (Roger Rees) and makes goo-goo eyes at Maid Marian (Amy Yasbeck). The titular music number, involving song, dance and, yes, men in tights, is an undisputed highlight.



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Karen Burkett**

CAM, La Casa de Raices, TXUJUM, PFLAG,
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Child care is provided every Sunday with advance notice from 9:45-11:15am. Please contact Joyce Randle the Saturday before: 830.257-2346/ maofteacup@gmail.com