

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter
September 2017

Music Notes



We are looking forward to music for the Fall and Holiday seasons and have some excellent music to bring to you.

If you have any hymns or music you would like for us to include/not include, please let me or Don Pyle know. If the hymns are for Rev. Ja's service, you can let her know as she prefers to choose those hymns.

We are hoping our Choir will return on Sunday, October 1. If you or someone you know would like to be part of our Choir, please let me know. Our Choir is open and welcome to all who love to sing and are willing or able to practice. We love singing together in practice and we love bringing music to our Church!

--Meredith Hensley, Music Director



"Little Halloween Scare"
Going-Away Party for
Joyce Randle
Sunday, August 8
11:15am - 1pm
Palmer Annex (964 Barnett St.)

In celebration of Joyce Randle's decade's long commitment to the Church, a special going-away party will be held. There will be sandwiches, fruit, vegetables, sweets and cake, sherbet punch and water (BYOB).

In addition, a live program of "This is your CHURCH life, Joyce Randle" will be featured.

For more information contact Judy Ashcraft (830.896-8319). If you would like to share a fun anecdote about Joyce, please contact Linda Smith (830.257-2529).

"Donate the Plate" 5th Sunday Program

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. Since there are five Sundays in October, PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) has been selected to be the recipient of this important program on October 29.

NOTE → Those wishing to make a donation by check to the group through "Donate the Plate" will need to make their check payable to UUCHC, then write "Donate the Plate" or "PFLAG" in the check's notation line.



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FROM YOUR MINISTER...

I recently had the privilege of speaking at the UU Fellowship of Kerrville and am happy that several of our church members will be speaking there soon. I have also been very happy to see that some of the members of the Fellowship have attended events that are presented by the church. We are all UU's and although there have been some issues between the members of the two congregations in the past it is nice to know that we can in some ways get along.

One of the things that I mentioned at the Fellowship is "staying at the table". The Fellowship just had some issues that caused people to leave the congregation rather than staying at the table and working through the issues. This is a problem not only at our Fellowship in Kerrville but in congregations around the country. Staying at the table is hard work; feelings get hurt, people do not feel as if they are being heard and rather than work through issues they just walk away.

Here at our congregation we are working toward being a cohesive group. We may have a few issues to work out but have opened up channels for everyone to be heard. By opening up all of our meetings including the Board meeting so that everyone may attend and be heard we are looking forward to hearing your ideas. Hopefully, if you have a problem or an issue that you would like addressed you will come to the meeting that covers that topic. If you do not let your voice be heard we will never know if there is a problem.

Currently we have a Board opening for a Vice President. What better way to have your voice heard than becoming a part of the solution? Yes, this job does come with some guidelines. Some of what our Board does is online communication so that everyone will be current prior to the meeting and there are a few other guidelines. I will not say that you just show up for a meeting and you are done. All of our committees are very hard working and you can ask any Board member, it does take work. The rewards are great. You get to work with a great bunch of people and you help to make decisions that guide our congregation forward. If you feel that you would like your voice to be heard, please contact Steve Galland who is currently on the hunt for a new VP for our congregation.

We, as a congregation, cannot address your issues if we don't know what they are, so please be involved in the solutions rather than the problems.

With Gratitude,

Reverend Ja



October Chalice Table Décor

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

1 - Laurie & Andy Pesez

8 - Ellen Jackson

15 - Donna Schloss

22 - Linda Smith

29 - Kay White

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

"Our Church Life" - More Material on Sunday Services...

22 Speaker - Reverend Art Severand.

Severand, now retired, is a former minister of First Church San Antonio, most recently minister of East Shore Church in Kirkland, OH, and interim minister in Boulder, CO; Stockton, CA; and Amherst, NY. He has moved back to San Antonio to be near grandchildren and three daughters who live in San Antonio and Austin.



Making Lunch for the Crew Thursday, October 26 ★ 11am Palmer Annex

Help is needed to prepare and deliver lunch to the Habitat for Humanity crew. Some of the items that the crew likes are fried chicken, 6" Subway sandwiches, BBQ, potato salad (apparently a favorite), chips, cookies or brownies (another favorite). They appreciate the efforts, and are of interesting to talk with! Please sign up on the rear table of the church. Contacts: Karen Burkett 830.895-7076 or Judy Ashcraft 210.326-0084.



October 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
1 Speaker: Mike Burkett. Subject: Reading from <u>Accidental Saints</u> by Nadia Bolz-Weber.	2	3	4 Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA	5 Activities & Events Committee Meeting: 5:30pm - PA	6	7
CAM Sunday ☺ 8 Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Our Whole House" - Do we have rooms in our house that we have yet to discover? Let's discover if our house is big enough to fit everyone that needs to come in.	9 Columbus Day PFLAG Meeting: 7pm- 8:30pm - The Unity Church, (corner Tivy & Jefferson Sts.). Contact- Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ mrclb61@yahoo.com	10	11 Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.	12	13 Adult Religious Education Meeting: 2pm - PA	14
Hill Country Crisis Council ☺ 15 Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "New and Wonderful Possibilities" - Are you feeling bored or frustrated? Possibilities are within your reach. Joyce Randle Going Away Party - see page 1.	16	17	18 Last day to submit articles for November's newsletter: communicatio n@uuchc.org	19	20	21
CAM Sunday ☺ 22 Service: Rev. Art Severance. Subject: TBA - see page 2.	23	24	25 Justice & Outreach Committee Meeting: 3:30pm - PA	26 November newsletter emailed Habitat for Humanity lunch - see page 2.	27	28 Saturday Night at the Movies - see page 4.
29 Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Halloween Traditions" - There are some Halloween traditions that might seem pretty strange until we take a look at where they came from. 5th Sunday "Donate the Plate" program featuring PFLAG - see page 1.	30	31	<p>Church Friends may serve on committees.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> </div> <p>All listed meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CS: Church Sanctuary PA: Palmer Annex</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

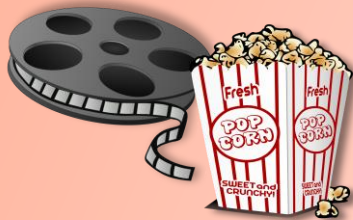
☻ Hill Country Crisis Council Sundays are held on 3rd Sundays and focus on paper products: toilet and facial tissue, paper towels, women's sanitary products, plus large bottles of baby shampoo and liquid soap. Contact Carolyn Dreyer 830.496-3094/ brightredmimi@gmail.com



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

- 1 - Julie Davis**
- 8 - Linda Smith**
- 22 - open**
- 29 - Judy Ashcraft**

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



**"Saturday Night at the Movies"
Saturday, October 28 - 6:30pm - Palmer Annex
"Young Frankenstein"
(1974 - PG - 1hr 46m)**

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.

October Movie Description: A laugh riot from beginning to end, this classic parody from director Mel Brooks stars Gene Wilder as Frederick Frankenstein, who detests his family history but ultimately can't resist the temptation to follow in his infamous grandfather's footsteps. Adding to the fun is a brilliant supporting cast that includes Marty Feldman as bug-eyed assistant Igor, Madeline Kahn as Frankenstein's frosty fiancée and Peter Boyle as the zipper-necked monster.



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Spiritual Development Committee Chair: Mike Burkett
Lifespan Development, Free Speech Café,
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Order of Service, Chalice Table, Service Schedule/Associates

Membership: Reverend Ja Rickard
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, TXUUJM, 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

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Special Social Events, Recurring Events, Building Usage

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Child care is provided every Sunday. Below are the scheduled child care providers.

- Oct 1 - Donnie Bunch & Judy Ashcraft
- Oct 8 - Linda Smith & Judy Ashcraft
- Oct 15 - Mike Burkett & Linda Smith
- Oct 22 - Mike Burkett & Judy Ashcraft
- Oct 29 - Donnie Bunch & Judy Ashcraft