

# OUR CHURCH LIFE

## CHURCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2015

**4th., Sunday Forum 9:00a.m.—9:45a.m.:** U.U Magazine Discussion. Summer Edition p5 Embracing Failure by Peter Morales. Our Association Pres asks us to embrace failure as a spiritual discipline. He says "If we limit ourselves to what we already know how will we ever imagine new opportunities?. The right kind of failures will bring success" What do you think? Should we be bold and even a little passionate? Is change an opportunity even if we fail? Come for coffee and good talk. Facilitated by Marie Brown.

**Service 10:00 a.m.:** A Blessing of the Animals by Rev. Fran Davis. At this special service, we will celebrate the fact that we humans are part of the animal kingdom. In witnessing animals' interactions, we get a view into what makes us tick. In acknowledging our interrelatedness, we accept our animal nature as part of our essential authenticity. All lives depend on community, and today we will celebrate it with the animals in song, story, touch and joy. (Pets on leash or crated please)

**9th., Friday 2:00p.m.:** Needles, a crafting group in Annex. Please call Shari Gore if you are unable to attend.

**11th., Sunday Forum, 9 to 9:45 am:** in the Palmer Annex - - Jan Lentner and Karen Burkett will talk about our UUCHC Justice Ministry Committee. The congregation submitted great ideas for our local focus in the coming year, and from that list the committee settled on "Public Transportation in Kerrville". Come and help us kick around some ideas of ways we can work with others in the community to lead Kerrville toward this goal! Jan and Karen.

**Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.:** To Be Announced. Information not available at time of publication. Contact June Hartley, Service Chair, 896-5131 for details.

**14th., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.:** Board Meeting, Annex

**18th., Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.:** To Be Announced. Information not available at time of publication. Contact June Hartley, Service Chair, 896-5131 for details.

### POTLUCK SUNDAY

**23rd., Friday 2:00p.m.:** Needles, a crafting group in Annex. Please call Shari Gore if you are unable to attend.

**24th., Saturday Night at the Movies 6:30p.m.:** Palmer Annex (see below)

**25th., Sunday Forum 9:00a.m.—9:45a.m., Principles and Purposes Series.** Over the next few months we will have an opportunity to consider the document that binds us together as a faith. We will examine what it says and test it against what each of us individually believes. The Principles are not a dogma or doctrine but rather a covenant for those of us who join and participate in UU communities. Session 1. Sources of our Living Tradition- We will examine the six sources [among others] from which we derive inspiration and a little history about how they are agreed upon and how they have evolved over the years. This would be a good series to bring any potential new members. Facilitated by Marie Brown

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Little Shop of Horrors 1986 PG-13 94 mins

Plant yourself in front of the tube and veg out with Frank Oz's horticultural horror flick. Gawky Seymour Krelborn looking for a way to save his job in a ramshackle, skid row Flower Shop, purchases a curious exotic plant hoping it will make business bloom. And it does. There's just one problem: The little creeper possesses a rapacious appetite for fresh human plasma and it's mushrooming out of control! Cast: Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene, Vincent Gardenia, more...



Chalice Table/Greeter

Following is the roster for decorating the chalice table and greeting members and guests. If you cannot participate on the Sunday listed, please contact Shari Gore, 367-3142

Oct. 4 Lipp Family  
Oct. 11 McMahon Family  
Oct. 18 Osborn Family  
Oct. 25 Pesez Family

## IN MEMORY OF BOB RANDLE

On Sunday, September 6, 2015, a beautiful new pulpit and chalice table was introduced to our church. It was built by a woodworker/artist in Fredericksburg to desired specifications as a gift to our church from the Randle family on behalf of the Robert Randle Memorial Fund.

At the time of his sudden passing in 2010, Bob was President of the Board as well as a valued advisor to the congregation. He left behind his wife, Joyce, and his sons, Patrick and Andrew as well as his many friends. The Memorial Fund was created by the spontaneous gifts from members and friends. Those of us who had the good fortune to know Bob would heartily agree that his family's decision to use the Fund for this outstandingly crafted pulpit would have met with his approval.

Bob was born in Mission, Texas, raised on a citrus farm, and grew up a Methodist. He attended Texas A&M, became a member of the police force in Brownsville, Tx and then a US Border Patrolman in Laredo, Tx, from which he took an early retirement in 1986. After his retirement he had a 19 year career as a tax preparer.

Bob met his wife while stopped in his Border Patrol car at a railroad crossing.. Joyce was the driver in the car just ahead of his, and while the long train was passing he walked up to her window and introduced himself. Their first date was to a church spaghetti dinner, tickets for which he had purchased from the child of a fellow officer. He and Joyce were married about three months later in 1981.

Their boys were born about two years apart, and Bob's family became the most profoundly important part of his life.

After moving to Kerrville in 1988, and wishing to find a spiritual home for their family, Bob and Joyce became Unitarian Universalists, joining the UU Fellowship where they were members until spring of 1995. In the summer of 1995 they, together with 11 others, started the UU Church of the Hill Country. The small congregation met in the Chapel at Schreiner University where they became 'the Church in a box,' using a small cabinet with wheels to hold their hymnals, chalice and candles.

After two years, the Chapel became too small, and 960 Barnett was purchased, kindly financed by member Wilma Palmer. The members made a contract with her to pay her \$400 per month. To make the little house into a church, gutting the building and complete remodeling was necessary. Bob obtained his contractors' license and began working as electrician, plumber and woodworker. The church soon became a family project for the Randle's, with the boys helping Dad whenever they could. If you are interested in the remodeling plan and history, please see the scrapbook in the back of the church. This same building experience occurred when it was decided to add the Annex.

Throughout his years in Kerrville, Bob took part in various civic and community organizations. As an Eagle Scout (as are his sons), he held a number of leadership roles in Scouting and was, at the time of his passing, a member of the Scout Leadership Committee. At that time he was also Vice-President of the Mounted Peace Officers – a search and rescue organization.

Bob used to smile and comment that he could honestly say he had "built a church." Through the ensuing years the Church remained of great importance to him, and he was proud of his work in the many capacities in which he served. He believed that within the Church there was no room for ego, that it was instead vital to look at the big picture. His motto was "For the Good of the Church."

Within the community as well as the church, Bob touched many lives. Joyce remembers seeing a number of people at his Memorial Service with whom she was not acquainted and had never seen before.

Those of us in our Church community who had the good fortune to know Bob Randle remember him for his uncompromising honesty as well as his integrity. We remember his big heart, his humor, his hard work and understanding of what needed to be done. We also remember that when Bob said, "I have your back," he meant it, in word and deed.

We thank the Randle family for their kind and caring decision to make this wonderful pulpit and chalice table a part of our Church. It will serve not only our needs for many years to come but as a special and continuing reminder of the man for whom it is dedicated.

By *Meredith Hensley*



# UUCHC 2015 AUCTION

Auction to be held on November 1st. Please contact Mike Burkett to donate and/or fill in a donation form found at the back of the sanctuary and give it to Mike. Physical delivery of items to the church will be accepted beginning October 15th and last day for donation is October 28th. Don't forget that you can donate services as well as goods. Already donated is a sermon of your choice from Scottie Johnson, a quilt from Dale Flashburg of the Jewish community and stunning photo album on computer chip from Kevin Hartley from his hikes and trips around the national and state parks. If you need help getting an item to the church, contact Mike.

Finger food and desserts will be available at no charge. Wine to be served with a donation.

The auction will be held from 11:30 to 1:30. It is a silent auction and you do not have to be present if your bid wins. However, at sporadic moments, other items will be auctioned off in a live auction, so you need to stay around and bid, bid, bid!

We will also have a raffle of a unique, made-in-Australia quilt featuring Wizard of Oz characters. Accompanying the quilt are two large chocolate mugs with pictures of characters from the movie, a DVD of the movie, and Madam Alexander dolls of characters from the movies put out by McDonalds in 2007. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Even if you don't want it, Christmas is coming! The raffle drawing will be held at 1:30, and you do not have to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased from Mike Burkett, Judy Ashcraft or from the honor container at the back of the sanctuary. Buy, buy buy to increase your chances of winning.



## ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee will present its next series in World Religions starting Monday afternoon, November 16th, from 2:00 to 4:00. This series will focus on Islam and will cover at least 5 sessions.

"Our generation has a mission, a clear and evident one; we have a compelling moral purpose which can direct our lives and our energies—literally, we are about saving the world. These days of challenge call us to put aside our pettiness and our little quarrels, our theological differences, and to focus on the larger issues. You don't talk about the color of the drapes when the house is burning down."

- Rev. Marilyn Sewell of First Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon, from a sermon October 2006 on "The Moral Dimensions of Global Warming"

With cooler weather coming take time to find the coat racks. One located at the back door and the second near the kitchen in church.



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