

# OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter  
June 2017

## Transportation Planning Council Update

Karen Burkett, chair of the Outreach/Social Justice Committee has provided the following update for The Transportation Planning Council which the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country has been instrumental in creating.

### The Council now has:

- ⊕ a formal name: **KerrKonnnect**: “We give you a lift”;
- ⊕ a mission statement: “Connecting the Kerrville area community by providing safe and reliable transportation that will help maintain independence and enhance quality of life”;
- ⊕ some direction as to what the system will look like; and
- ⊕ need for Board Members (see skill sets listed below).

By completing the National Volunteer Transportation Center Exercise (2014) “Plan a Volunteer Driver Program”, specific characteristics under two major features of a transit system were created for Kerrville/Kerr County.

### ORGANIZATION FEATURES:

1. serve the general public including, but not limited to, seniors and people with non-wheelchair disabilities;
2. volunteer drivers, at least in the beginning;
3. volunteers’ cars, at least in the beginning, and perhaps owned/leased vehicles;
4. non-profit organization - 501(c)(3);
5. service area within 10 mile radius from center of Kerrville;
6. initial sponsor: Dietert Community Center;
7. volunteer and paid staff;
8. foundation and government grants, passenger donations; support from city and county, churches and businesses;
9. staff, board and others will develop budget; and
10. collaboration with transportation and human service agencies and faith communities.

### SERVICE FEATURES:

1. begin with weekday service, 9am-3pm, then expand to longer hours, then to weekend;
2. one way trip method;
3. destinations: medical, pharmacy, grocery, community centers, some social;
4. eligibility: 16 and older, able to walk to the vehicle (including those with cane or walker);
5. ‘door to door’ service;
6. scheduling by phone/text;

7. training in-house by local, trained person or AACOG trainer;
8. risk management (driver training, insurance);
9. record-keeping of volunteer hours, destination and mileage, rider data, accounting and
10. technology to be used for scheduling and data software; website.

The initial **KerrKonnnect** Board of Directors will comprise of an odd number of individuals (seven or nine).

These must include:

1. Chair - a well-organized person who can move agendas forward, keep meetings on track and manage various points of view toward positive results;
2. Treasurer - a financial/numbers person familiar with QuickBooks, and preferably experienced with non-profit accounting;
3. Medical community Liaison who can coordinate organizations with medical service recipients;
4. Public relations/marketing/development person with experience in effective communication; and
5. Business person who can temper emotionally driven goals with good business sense.

Additional desired skill sets/experience include:

1. Attorney - to provide legal guidance and advice;
  2. A person significantly experienced with non-profit operation;
  3. A person with city/county experience; and
  4. A church care/social action person.
- More than one of the desired skill sets may be satisfied with one person.

You are kindly requested to contact Karen Burkett with any suggestions for candidates to the Board.



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## FROM YOUR MINISTER...

### Greetings!

Our church is an open and inclusive religious community which seeks meaning and purpose of life. Our mission is to inspire the Texas Hill Country to act ethically and with social conscience, justice, and equality.

This is the mission statement of our congregation. It is well thought out and I am sure that much work went into its creation but it isn't very specific to the wants and needs of our congregation. I believe that if we all work together we can create a statement that will describe who we want to be and how we are going to work together to get there.

I have been speaking with our Committee Chairs and the Board and we are ready to take a big step for our congregation. What we propose is to rewrite our mission statement. To do that we will first need to create a statement of vision or a direction that we would like our church to take. When we have determined where it is that we would like to go, we can then create a statement that will guide us in that direction.

On Sunday mornings we read together a covenant for our congregation. A covenant is a statement that describes how we wish to act together and how we expect to be treated and treat each other. It is a statement that we hold each other accountable to. The current covenant that we are using is one that is used by many congregations and although it is a fine statement, it is not ours.

As we determine the vision of what we would like to see our congregation become and we create a mission statement that will hold us accountable in getting there, it is my belief that a covenant that is truly ours will become apparent.

This is something that every member of our congregation will be involved in. We are still working on how we will make this happen but be prepared because we are going to ask every member for input. Take some time to think about where you would like to see our congregation go, how we should go about getting there and how we should be treating each other along the way. You will all be asked and your answers will help to create a vision for UUCHC that will be truly yours.

With Gratitude, *Reverend Ja*



### June Chalice Table Décor

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

- 4 - Marie Brown
- 11 - Donnie & Judy Bunch
- 18 - Karen & Mike Burkett
- 25 - Carolyn Dreyer

For more information about Chalice Table décor, please contact Shari Gore 830.367-3142.



### UBarU Camp & Retreat Center

UBarU is the only Unitarian Universalist camp and retreat center in the central United States south of Minnesota and is just twenty miles west of Kerrville. For directions or to register for the following events go to [www.ubaru.org](http://www.ubaru.org) under the "events" tab:

- ⊕ May 26 - 28 Family Camp
- ⊕ June 11 - July 15 Summer Youth Camps (Grades 3-5: 6/11-17; Grades 6 & 7: 6/25-7/1; Grades 8 & 9: 7/2-8; Grades 10 - 2017 high school graduates: 7/9-15)



Rev Ja will be suspending office hours for the months of May and June. She will be in and out of the office but if you would like to sit down and chat with her for a bit, please call and arrange a time. She would love to talk to you.

262.237-0634  
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## June 2017 Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Calendar

Updates & Revisions to this calendar may be found on the Weekly Calendar Update which is emailed on Thursdays.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>All meetings listed are open and everyone is welcome to attend.</b></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  </div> <p>CS: Church Sanctuary      PA: Palmer Annex</p>				<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p>Choir Practice: 3:30-5pm - CS - Subject to change. ④</p> <p>Activities &amp; Events Committee Meeting (open): 5:30pm - PA</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">3</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p>Service: Rev. Ja Rickard. Sermon: "A Calla Lily in Kerrville (Beauty is where you find it)"</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>Lifespan Learning "Owning Your Religious Past" #4 of 5 study led by Rev. Ja Rickard: 1-3pm - PA.</p> <p>PFLAG Meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - The Unity Church, (corner Tivy &amp; Jefferson Streets). For more information about PFLAG, contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ mrclb61@yahoo.com</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Last day to sign up to participate in Circle Suppers</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8</p> <p>Choir Practice: 3:30-5pm - CS - Subject to change. ④</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">9</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>← Circle Suppers →</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: right;">10</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11</p> <p>CAM Sunday ②</p> <p>Speakers: Todd &amp; Meg Hoke. Subject: TBA.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12</p> <p>Lifespan Learning "Owning Your Religious Past" #5 of 5 study led by Rev. Ja Rickard: 1-3pm - PA.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Flag Day</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: right;">14</p> <p>Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p>Choir Practice: 3:30-5pm - CS - Subject to change. ④</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ①</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Hill Country Crisis Council ③</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Sheri Phillabaum. See page 4.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: 0.8em;">Last day to submit articles for July's newsletter: <a href="mailto:communication@uuchc.org">communication@uuchc.org</a></p> <p>🍷 Pot Luck Dinner after Service- PA</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>1st day of Summer</p> </div>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Justice &amp; Outreach Committee Meeting: 3:30pm - PA</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Choir Practice: 3:30-5pm - CS - Subject to change. ④</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Saturday Night at the Movies See page 4.</p> </div>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>CAM Sunday ②</p> <p>Service: Rev. Ja Rickard. Sermon: TBA</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Choir Practice: 3:30-5pm - CS - Subject to change. ④</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p>	

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

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 619.248-0669/ [susan@lipphealth.com](mailto: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](mailto:brightredmimi@gmail.com)

④ Contact: Meredith Hensley 830.522-0802/ [pmeredith@yahoo.com](mailto:pmeredith@yahoo.com)



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

**4 - Judy Ashcraft  
11 - Julie Davis  
25 - Karen & Mike Burkett**

*Thanks for the Yummies  
for our tummies!*



**"Saturday Night at the Movies"  
Saturday, June 24 - 6:30pm - Palmer Annex  
"As Good As It Gets" (1997 - PG13 - 2hr 18m)**

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.

June Movie Description: *Chronic grouch and acerbic author Melvin Udall (Jack Nicholson) lives in an obsessive-compulsive fog, rigidly following his daily routine until he's reluctantly drawn into the lives of stressed-out single mom Carol Connelly (Helen Hunt), gay neighbor Simon Bishop (Greg Kinnear) and his dog.*

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

**18 Speaker, Dr. Sheri Phillabaum** is a master-level credentialed religious educator serving First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio as Director of Lifespan Religious Education since 2008. She has worked as a religious educator since 2001. She holds a bachelor's degree in religious studies and a Ph.D. in Renaissance drama. Subject: TBA



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**Outreach/Social Justice Committee Chair:  
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Transportation Planning Council, Texas IMPACT

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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](mailto:maofteacup@gmail.com)