

OUR CHURCH LIFE

CHURCH CALENDAR

JANUARY 2015

Jan. 2 Friday 11:30a.m.: Men's Fellowship Lunch in the Annex. News, views and thought-provoking discussion.

Jan. 4 Sunday Forum 9a.m.-9:45a.m.: What We Choose-Living Our Faith led by Karen Burkett
Service 10a.m.: Please join us on the first Sunday of the New Year for our traditional service in which we welcome the new year by symbolically leaving some of the problems of the old one behind. Led by June Hartley, this service is a bright spot in a sometimes somber time of the year for her, and we hope for you.

Jan. 9 Friday 2p.m.: Needles, a crafting group in Annex. Open to all.

Jan. 11 Sunday Forum 9a.m.—9:45a.m.: Call to Selma. Personal reflections by Marie Brown on the journal of this name written by Richard Lenard.
Service 10a.m. Rev. Scottie Johnson *Unitarian Universalism, Martin Luther King and Us.* In the month when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy are remembered, Unitarian Universalists often justifiably celebrate our contributions to the 1960's Civil Rights Movement when UU clergy and lay-people alike marched in solidarity with Dr. King in Selma. But, as recent events have tragically revealed, the work of building a racially fair and equitable society in our nation is far from finished. What can those of us who wish to be white allies in the fight for racial justice do, now, to help bring Dr. King's famous dream to fruition?

Jan. 12 Monday 11 a.m.: Meeting of the Congregational Care Committee in the Annex.

Jan. 13 6:30 p.m. : Wed. Board Meeting Annex

Jan 16 Friday 11:30a.m.: Men's Fellowship Lunch in the Annex. News, views and thought-provoking discussion.

Jan 18 Sunday Service 10a.m. During this service we will celebrate three aspects of our faith. A member of our UU Texas Freedom Network committee will speak. Marie Brown will remind us of the battle Martin Luther King fought in the 1960s and his messages relevance to today. Linda Smith will present the work of our UU Service Committee and the way we can be involved by contributing to their Guest At Your Table world wide program.

POTLUCK SUNDAY

Newsletter Deadline....

Jan. 21 SOCIAL COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting of the Social Committee on January 21 at 11am in the Annex.

Jan. 23 Friday 2p.m.: Needles, a crafting group in Annex. Open to all.

Jan. 25 Sunday Forum 9a.m.—9:45a.m.: UU Magazine discussion of the article, on page 22, titled The Offenders Among Us written by Kimberly French. Copies will be available for Friends and visitors earlier on the table at the back of the church or online.

Service 10a.m. Le Cordon Bleu—Beyond Food. Don Burda. President of UU Fellowship of Kerrville. Of all the culinary schools throughout the world, Le Cordon Bleu has for over a century been the benchmark of excellence. But the lessons learned there went beyond method and technique; they were lessons in life as well. For those of you who heard Don's talk this summer on his experiences in India, this is the "prequel", as they say in the film industry. So join us for an inside look at this world famous institution and why its reputation is so well-deserved. Don Burda is the recipient of Le Cordon Bleu's highest award, the *Grand Diplôme*, a three year course of study in savory cuisine and pastry arts. He has cooked professionally and taught in France, Italy and Germany. He also both taught and studied culinary arts in Beijing, China as part of a six month cultural exchange program.

Jan. 28 Wed. 3p.m.: UUCHC Justice Ministry chapter will meet in the Church.

JOIN US!!

Every member is an important part of the larger congregation; each of us, contributing, creates a vibrant, powerful whole.

Men's Fellowship Lunch
Congregational Care
UUCHC Justice Ministry

Needles
Social Committee
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Traveling would be quite perfect, if only one could go home at night.

Clover Adams (Marian Hooper Adams) (Unitarian, society hostess, photographer) to her father, quoted by Natalie Dykstra, Clover Adams p.63

Every man is a volume if you know how to read him.
William Ellery Channing (Unitarian, clergy)

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

Jan. 4 White Family
Jan. 11 Baxter Family
Jan. 18 Best/Ashcraft Family
Jan. 25 Brown Family

OUTREACH NOTES

CAM needs blankets, men's clothing, and – always – canned veggies. Second Sunday is CAM Sunday, but we'll take your offerings any Sunday.



Congregational Care is up and running. If you have a need, call us! Kay White at 830-896-2852 or Jan Lentner at 719-371-6825.

RECYCLING ALERT



Our local recycling center has announced that they will no longer accept glass. This means that our Members and Friends who live in the county do not have a way to put their commitment to recycling into action. Until this is changed it was the sense of the Members at the congregational meeting that the church should fill the void. So in the future we will have two blue boxes that will be available for you to put your glass in. These will be put out weekly with the trash on Wednesday morning early. The boxes will be behind the gate on the Tivy side of the Annex. Those living in Kerrville will be served as usual.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Child care for children, provided every Sunday **with advance notice**, 9:45am-11:15am. Please call or email Joyce Randle 257-2346 rjpa47@stx.rr.com, the **Saturday before**.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE DOGS

The Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas rescues dogs with the right characteristics to train into service dogs for our disabled veterans. There is great need among our veterans for these special dogs, but their availability is limited by the cost of training each dog. The cost to train one dog is \$10,000. Our church hopes to raise as much money as possible to assist this program, maybe even enough to train one dog. By supporting this wonderful program, we're giving two lives another chance: a rescue dog and a veteran. If you would like to contribute, please write a check and be sure to put "VA Dogs" on the memo line. Whatever we've collected between now and the end of January will be given to the Veterans Assistance Dogs of Texas. Questions? Call Diane at 896-3195.

TREASURE'S NOTE

As we move into the new year with new leadership, I want to reflect a little on our last year together.

I want to begin by thanking other members of the Finance Committee, Andy Pesez and John Schlosser, for their hard work throughout the year. Theirs is a difficult role; they are advisers on the one hand, and on the other are an additional window into the financial operations of the church. Both the outgoing and incoming Board appreciates their hard work in the budget preparation process.

One of the goals of the Finance Committee has been to keep the miscellaneous fundraising down to a minimum. That is why we have had no outside fundraising activities. However, that plan relies on higher pledges in order to meet the budget. Please keep this in mind as we head into a new year. It is never too late to send in your pledge.

Our last year has had many challenges, but we have worked through them together. Our Sunday services, potlucks, meetings, parties, and lunch fellowships serve a larger purpose than just getting together; they strengthen our sense of community and values, and enhance our bond with the church and each other. That community, values and bond are why I choose to be involved and agreed to another term as Treasurer when no candidates emerged. It is comforting to know our church community is there for us, and will continue to be there with our support and commitment.

A new year brings a new President, committee structure, and improved tools like Facebook and the website. I look forward to the new year, and hope all in our community will be a part of it with their participation and support.

JUDY ASHCRAFT, Treasurer

CHRISTMAS PAST



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“The Power of Myth: 25th Anniversary Collection”

Begins February 4, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the Palmer Annex.

About 27 years ago, PBS released 6 hours of interviews that had taken place over several years between Bill Moyers and Joseph Campbell. The series is one of the most popular PBS has aired. It continues to be as pertinent today as it was then. Joseph Campbell, renowned writer, lecturer, and mythologist, is most remembered for his work in comparative mythology and comparative religion. George Lucas (Star Wars) and Gerry Garcia (Grateful Dead) are just two contemporaries who acknowledge Campbell’s influence on their work. If you are of “a certain age”, you may remember Joe’s directive “Follow your bliss.” Join us as we listen to Campbell and Moyers discuss the correlation between myth and the human experience.

Episodes of the series will be shown every Wednesday in February, from 2-4pm in the Palmer Annex. Come to one, two, three or all four Wednesdays, as your schedule permits. There will be ample opportunity for lively discussion and fellowship after each viewing. Additional sessions will be scheduled, if needed. Contact Mary Jones for more information. 896-9182

**Strengthen me by sympathizing with my strength,
not my weakness.**

*Amos Bronson Alcott (Unitarian, Transcendentalist,
educator, utopian, reformer) Table-Talk*

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