



# OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter

April 2018

## Church Rummage Sale Friday, April 20 & Saturday, April 21 8:30am to 2:30pm daily

The Church Rummage Sale will be held in the yard between the church sanctuary and Wilma Palmer Annex, with some items inside the Annex. On Sunday, April 8 and 15, collections of donated items will continue in the Annex after the service. Collections will NOT occur on Easter Sunday.

Please make sure items are clean and in good working condition. Submit sized clothing on hangers or neatly folded. Furniture should be in usable condition and arrangements may be made to pick up large items.

Volunteers are needed for receiving items on Monday - Wednesday, April 16 - 18. Help is also needed with pricing and set-up on Thursday, April 19 and sales assistance on Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be needed for those who are working the sale. Contact Judy Ashcraft to volunteer (830) 896-8319.

From Judy → *This is a FUNDRAISER for the church. It will enable us to complete several improvements to our grounds. Anything not sold will be sent to charity. If you want it back - you buy it back. (We can provide a donation slip for your taxes.)*



From left to right are Gary Payne, Carolyn Dreyer, UUs Betsy and Ann Mason (Ann attends Emerson UU Congregation in Marietta, GA), Jill Wiggins, Chloe Whitworth and Karen Burkett.

## Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country represented at "March for Our Lives" Rally in Kerrville Saturday, March 24

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country members and friends numbered among the 100+ people at the Kerr County courthouse who chose to stand in solidarity with the "March for Our Lives" rally led by the students who survived the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida. The "Kerrville Daily Times" reporter was correct that Kerrville's rally was unique in that there were almost no young people present. He obviously did not see "our" Chloe Whitworth (above). ☺



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## FROM YOUR MINISTER...

Last month I spoke about growth, change and our history both as a congregation and as a denomination. We are looking for new and exciting ways to bring our congregation closer together. In the next few months we are hoping to start a small group ministry where we gather a very small group of people together to have discussion centered on questions that have been preselected to create conversation. There will be limited space for the first group and if we have more people interested we can always add more groups. If you are interested please contact Karen or Frances.

We are also having a rummage sale and it would be great if we could get as many members of the congregation involved as possible. If that is something that interests you please contact Judy.

Adult Religious Education had a wonderful program last month that was very thought provoking and they are working on several more programs, so please contact Karen for more information.

The bigger thing is trying to figure out what it is that would interest you, yes, you. If there is something that you feel might be of interest to the congregation and is something that you feel many members might also be interested in, don't be shy, tell a committee chair or a board member. Also, don't feel that if you suggest it you have to lead it. If you would like to lead it that would be great but if you would just like to suggest it, we have some extremely capable people who can either lead or help.

I know some people will be leaving for the summer to escape the heat but I believe we will have enough people here in Kerrville this summer to get some programs started and to keep them going until the heat birds return.

Please talk to any committee chair or board member if there is something that you would like to see the congregation do to enrich our community. Some things might require a bit of change, a closer look at our history to determine how we did things prior to today and what we can do to improve and all of these things will lead to growth.

**With Gratitude,**

**Reverend Ja**



### April Chalice Table Décor

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

1 - Donna Schloss

8 - Linda Smith

15 - Kay White

22 - Jill Wiggins & Gary Payne

29 - Baxter & Don Pyle

For more information about Chalice Table décor, please contact Pat Kobe 830.367-3142/[kobepat313@gmail.com](mailto:kobepat313@gmail.com).

**Adult Religious Education:  
"Bill Moyers on Faith & Reason"  
Monday, April 9 - 1-3pm  
Wilma Palmer Annex**

This month's program will feature interviews with author Mary Gordon and British philosopher Colin McGinn. Both Gordon and McGinn have been called "children of the Enlightenment". Their skepticism has led each to different religious views: Mary Gordon finds her commitment to faith deepened while Colin McGinn has rejected religious belief. Join us to watch Bill Moyers interview two fascinating "thinkers". For more information, please contact Mary Jones 830.896-9182.



### "Saturday Night at 964 Barnett"

**Saturday, April 28 - 6:30pm - Palmer Annex  
Movie Night featuring "To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar" (1995 - PAGE-13 - 1hr 49m)**

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. Free popcorn is provided.

*In this wacky comedy, three New York drag queens (Wesley Snipes, Patrick Swayze and John Leguizamo) on their way to Hollywood for a beauty pageant get stranded in a small Midwestern town for the entire weekend when their car breaks down. While waiting for parts for their Cadillac convertible, the flamboyant trio shows the local homophobic redneck that appearing different doesn't mean they don't have humanity in common.*

## April 2018 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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Easter</b></p> <p>Service: Rev Art Severance - Sermon: "Easter, April Fools &amp; Other Metaphors of Time</p> 		<p style="text-align: center;">Activities &amp; Events Committee meeting: 2:30pm</p> <p>Cover Floors <small>(1204</small> <small>Sidney Baker South- Kerrville) Contact- Judy Ashcraft 210.326-0084/ whodit@hotmail.com</small></p>	<p>Last day to enroll to participate in Circle Supper. Contact Marie Brown 830.895- 5138.</p> <p>Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA</p>	<p>Choir Practice on most Thursdays at 3:30pm<sup>④</sup></p>	<p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA<sup>①</sup></p>	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>CAM Sunday <sup>②</sup></p> <p>Service: Rev Ja Rickard - Sermon: "Covenant Groups &amp; Small Group Ministry" - What is this, how does it work &amp; will it work for you?</p>	<p>PFLAG meeting: 7pm- 8:30pm - Dietert Center (451 Guadalupe Street). Contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/ deadeye1961@gmail.com</p> <p>Adult Religious Education program: "Bill Moyers on Faith &amp; Reason" 1-3pm - PA. See page 2.</p>		<p>Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.</p>			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>Hill Country Crisis Center <sup>③</sup></p> <p>Service: Pamela J Haylock, PhD, RN, FAAN - Talk: TBA</p> <p> Pot Luck Dinner after Service - PA</p>			<p>Last day to submit articles for next month's newsletter - <a href="mailto:communication@uuchc.org">communication@uuchc.org</a></p>	<p>Habitat for Humanity lunch - 11:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rummage Sale Fundraiser</b> 8:30am-2:30pm. See pg 1.</p> <p>Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA<sup>①</sup></p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<p>CAM Sunday <sup>②</sup></p> <p>Service: Rev Ja Rickard - Sermon: "Perseverance" - Do we hang on or just let go?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Earth Day</b></p> 			<p>Justice &amp; Outreach Committee Meeting: 2:30pm - PA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Arbor Day</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>"Saturday Night at 964 Barnett" - Movie Night. See page 2.</p>	
29	30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>All Sunday church services are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CS: Church Sanctuary</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PA: Wilma Palmer Annex</b></p> 				
<p>"Donate the Plate"-see pg 4</p> <p>Speaker: Mark Schultz, adherent of the Baha'i' faith to speak about the faith and provide readings.</p>						

① There will be news, views, and thought provoking discussion. Guys bring your sandwich or gourmet repast as you wish. Contact: Steve Galland 830.634-7668/sgalland143@gmail.com

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

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

④ Contact: Meredith Hensley 830.522-0802/ pmeredithc@yahoo.com





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

- 1 - Julie Davis**
- 8 - Judy Ashcraft**
- 22 - Susan Lipp**
- 29 - Marie Brown**

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



## 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. To register for the following events go to [www.ubaru.org](http://www.ubaru.org) under the "events" tab:

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| ⊕ April 6 - 8       | Men's' Retreat  |
| ⊕ April 13 - 15     | Women's Retreat |
| ⊕ May 25 - 28       | Family Camp     |
| ⊕ June 17 - July 14 | Summer Camps    |



### "Donate the Plate" 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

On the fifth Sunday of every month with a fifth Sunday (such as April), all moneys in the collection plate not designated for the church are donated to a worthy non-profit organization. **CAM (Christian Assistance Ministry)**, a group the church has supported for many years will be the recipient on Sunday, April 29. Please note that Susan Lipp is the church liaison for Christian Assistance Ministry.

**NOTE** →If you wish to make a donation by check, please make your check out to UUCHC, then write "Donate the Plate" or "CAM" in the check's notation line.



### Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Board Members for 2018

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#### Spiritual Development Committee Chair:

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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, TXUJUM, PFLAG,  
Hill Country Crisis Center, Habitat for Humanity,  
Transportation Planning Council, Texas IMPACT

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