

# OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter  
August 2017



## UUCHC and Freedom's Path Movie Night on Wednesday, June 21 Deemed a Success

The Outreach/Social Justice Committee's first Outreach event in conjunction with Freedom's Path VA apartments (on the grounds of the Kerrville VA Hospital) was deemed a success so plans are underway to continue this program.

Collaboration between VA social worker Kathy Turner and Reverend Ja Rickard led to planning with Freedom's Path management for this casual, fun evening. UUCHC Activities & Events Chair, Judy Ashcraft, worked alongside the on-site apartment manager to organize snacks, drinks and an appearance by John Wayne (in "Rio Bravo"). They deftly navigated a slight technical problem while nine residents and ten church members became acquainted.

The event was worth the delay to be able to watch some of the connections among the attendees. Linda and Chuck worried when their adopted Vet, Willie, arrived late. Thereafter, they were relieved to hear that a relative had taken him to dinner. Church members, having heard about Willie from Linda and Chuck, were eager to meet him.

The thrill and wonder in Vaughn's (Navy) face was evident as Rev. Ja shared her memorable story of meeting and providing water to Rev. King and his companions as they marched down the street on the way to Marquette Park in Chicago, Illinois in 1966.

Just five minutes later a thrown brick hit Rev. King in the head. This Chicago incident led King to tell reporters afterward, "I've been in many demonstrations all across the South, but I can say that I have never seen – even in Mississippi and Alabama – mobs as hostile and as hate-filled as I've seen here in Chicago."

Reverend Ja and Vaughn then shared memories and stories about that time period in our history. He was clearly honored and heartily shook her hand.

Rev. Ja also spent some quite time with a woman who shared the experiences that led to her PTSD diagnosis.



*Dr. King addresses the crowd at Marquette Park in Chicago, Illinois in 1966.*

For more information about Freedom's Path, please see [www.freedomspathkerrville.com](http://www.freedomspathkerrville.com)



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## FROM YOUR MINISTER...

The finances of our congregation are a very important matter. By now all church contributors should have received a thank you letter for the pledges made to our congregation. This letter also included an update as to where you are in completing this year's pledge.

We (the Board and I) want to thank you for all you contribute both monetarily and through your service for the good of our congregation. At our last Congregational Meeting, Susan Lipp suggested that if our members knew where their pledges were going it might be helpful. The Board talked about this and I am bringing you this information. I agree that it is difficult to understand how much it takes to keep our doors open until you see the actual numbers. The basic bills to keep our buildings open for the last six months are:

Insurance	\$1,700.00
Telephone/Internet	\$764.00
Web Page	\$150.00
Utilities	\$3,580.00
Accountant	\$775.00
Cleaning	\$720.00
Bank Fees	\$44.95
Church Supplies	\$37.84
Printing	\$187.10
Custodial Supplies/Bldg. maintenance	\$515.00
	\$8,473.89

In addition to these basic bills, minister and speaker fees were \$12,570.00 and Outreach and Activities were \$380.74; therefore, the total of the first six months of 2017 is \$21,424.63. This amount is very close to the figure that Andy provided at the January Congregational Meeting when he presented the budget for this year.

We have a few assets. This may seem like a lot of money to some but it is about enough to get us through a full year if we have no catastrophic events.

Checking	\$8,000.00
Savings	\$19,300.00
Investments	\$46,370.00
	\$73,670.00

Again, I want to thank you for all you do for the good of our congregation,

*Reverend Ja*



### August Chalice Table Décor

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

- 6 - Mary Jones
- 13 - Pat & Dave Kobe
- 20 - Carolyn Dreyer
- 27 - Vicki Luther

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

### Activities & Events Committee Urges All to "Beat the Heat" at Ice Cream Social Saturday, August 5 10 - 4pm







Three Hills RV & Trailer Park Meeting Room  
1432 Junction Hwy, Kerrville

All are urged to bring their happy faces and join in for games, friendly conversation, ice cream, and more. Free homemade ice creams, fruit sorbets, and cookies will be provided.



## August 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
<p><b>All listed meetings are open and all are welcome to attend.</b></p> <p><b>Church friends may serve on committees.</b></p> <p>CS: Church Sanctuary      PA: Palmer Annex</p>		1	2 Committee Chair Council meeting: 5:30pm - PA	3 Activities & Events Committee Meeting (open): 5:30pm - PA	4	5  Ice Cream Social: 2-4pm. See page 2.
6 Speaker: Joyce Randle. Subject: "Why you should not be a Unitarian Universalist" reading of a sermon by Rev Tony Larsen	7	8	9 Last day to sign up to participate in Circle Suppers Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA - All welcomed.	10	11 Adult Religious Education Meeting: 2pm - PA  ← Circle Suppers →	12
13 CAM Sunday ☺ Service: Rev Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Spiritual Transformation; How do we evolve as UU's?"	14 PFLAG Meeting: 7pm-8:30pm - The Unity Church, (corner Tivy & Jefferson Streets). For more information about PFLAG, contact Curtis Overstreet 210.262-8859/	15	16	17	18 Last day to submit articles for August's newsletter: <a href="mailto:communication@uuchc.org">communication@uuchc.org</a>	19
20 Hill Country Crisis Council ☺ Speakers: Mike Burkett & Meredith Hensley. Subject: "Sound" (a musical program)  🍲 Pot Luck Dinner after	21	22	23 Justice & Outreach Committee Meeting: 3:30pm - PA	24 September Newsletter emailed	25	26  Saturday Night at the Movies See page 4.
27 CAM Sunday ☺ Reverend Ja Rickard. Sermon: "Risk or Safety - Do we risk putting ourselves out there or would that make us too vulnerable?" 	28	29	30	31 		

**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](mailto: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. Contact Carolyn Dreyer 830.496-3094/ [brightredmimi@gmail.com](mailto:brightredmimi@gmail.com)



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

**6 - Julie Davis  
13 - Susan Lipp  
27 - Judy Ashcraft**

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

### UUA elects New President

The Unitarian Universalist Association elected the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray as its ninth president on June 24. Frederick-Gray is the first woman elected to lead the UUA, which includes approximately 1,000 congregations with 200,000 adults and children in the United States.

But as she spoke to the UUA's General Assembly after being named winner in the three-way race, Frederick-Gray said, "I want to be clear, right up front. I am not the first female president of the UUA." As UUs cheered, she turned to applaud and then embrace the Rev. Sofia Betancourt, one of the three co-presidents appointed by the Board of Trustees to complete the term of President Peter Morales, who resigned April 1. "But I am honored to follow her!"



### "Saturday Night at the Movies"

**Saturday, August 26 - 6:30pm - Palmer Annex  
"Love & Friendship" (2016 - PG - 1hr 32m)**

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.

August Movie Description: "Love & Friendship"- In this adaptation of a Jane Austen novella, scheming widow Lady Susan Vernon retreats to her in-laws' rural estate while waiting for scandalous rumors about her to subside. Soon, she's on the hunt for a husband and one for her teenage daughter. Cast: Kate Beckinsale, Chloë Sevigny, Xavier Samuel, more.



### Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Board Members for 2017

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#### Spiritual Development Committee Chair: Mike Burkett

Lifespan Development, Free Speech Café,  
Wayside Pulpit, Coffee Set-Up, Music/Choir, Greeters,  
Order of Service, Chalice Table,  
Service Schedule/Associates

#### Membership Committee Chair: Open

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  
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#### Activities/Events Chair: Judy Ashcraft

Special Social Events, Recurring Events, Building Usage

#### Communications Chair: Joyce Randle

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Judy Ashcraft

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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)