

OUR CHURCH LIFE

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Newsletter

June 2022



Rev Phillip Schulman (above), Carolyn Dreyer (right - top), Pat Kobe (right - left), and Baxter Pyle (far right) of UUCHC were among the dozens of men, women, kids and dogs who rallied at the Kerrville Courthouse on Saturday, May 14 to join the nationwide march for women's rights. Participants were encouraged by the largely positive community response.

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PASTORAL REFLECTIONS...

Treasure Quest

UU doesn't conform to many people's idea of religion. We don't have a creed. We don't assert one book, or practice as the right way to live.

Religion offers a way to connect with something larger. Many traditions say that we are in relationship to a deity or creator. Traditions such as Buddhism speak of permanence and/or nirvana. UU congregations celebrate the diversity of ways to understand, express, approach or experience the sacred. We affirm the possibility of a direct experience of transcendent mystery, the reality of communion in nature. No belief in supernatural is required.

As a liberal religious tradition, we hold that rituals, beliefs, stories, sacred texts and spiritual practices are a means rather than an end. Religion provides maps. Words from scripture can offer a bridge to sacred ground. Ultimately, to find treasure, we must enter the territory and explore for ourselves.

Our tradition sends us on a treasure quest. It says that the treasure we seek might be too great for words, too big to be captured by our senses. Some call the treasure salvation, enlightenment, liberation... Some describe it as a peace that passes understanding. We recognize that these treasures have been spoken in every religious tradition.

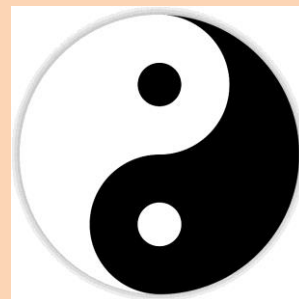
In some sense each person must walk her own walk. We recommend bringing, finding, acquiring or building your own compass! If you don't have one, we gladly offer guidance and companionship for the journey. In time you'll discover your own.

And yet in a very real sense we journey together! We keep finding ways forward together. The journey continues, and we find treasure all along the way. Did I mention that we find treasure in each other? ... We are very glad for your company, and we give thanks for our journey together!

Alive in the Ministry of this faith,
Reverend Phillip Schulman
 UU Church of the Hill Country

"Our Church Life" - More Material on Sunday Services in Chronological Date Order...

- 5 **Speaker: Brian Cutean** (Reverend Phillip Schulman, Service Associate; Kevin Hartley, Chalice Table) - **Topic: "Beloved Community, Kerrville Folk Festival & Oregon Country Fair"**. Brian Cutean, Oregon song poet and traveling minstrel is an agent of merriment music and magic. For decades, he has been part of Kerrville Folk Festivals and Oregon Country Fairs. With his songs, linguistic play and loving spirit, he offers a taste of the beauty that lives at these two counter cultural mecca events.
- 12 **UUCHC Reverend Phillip Schulman** (Mike Burkett, Service Associate; Judy Ashcraft, Chalice Table) - **Sermon: "The Yin of Emotion"** - Rev. Schulman will apply religious and spiritual language, the terms "Yin" and "Rebirth" to describe a natural flow of the life force in the human experience of emotion. In Part 1 of this 2 part series, he will discuss the act of allowing and receiving the energy and force of emotion.













- 19 **Speakers: Church Members Stephanie and David Gross** (David Sherwood, Chalice Table) - **Topic: "Summer Solstice Poetry"**. David Gross grew up in Maine where he attended first a Methodist and then a community church with a Congregational minister and service. He remained unchurched for his many years as a professor at the University of Oklahoma, and then at the University of Maine. He and his wife Stephanie moved to Kerrville in the fall of 2019 and almost immediately joined the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country. They have one grandson and four adult children scattered over the western U.S. and Japan. He reads, bicycles, gardens, cooks and dotes on Stephanie and their four cats.

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June 2022 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 most Thursdays.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 CS: Church Sanctuary PA: Wilma Palmer Annex			1	2	3 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am -	4
5 Speaker: Brian Cutean - Talk: "Beloved Community, Kerrville Folk Festival & Oregon Country Fair" - see page 2 Happy June Birthday Sunday!	6	7	8 Board Meeting: 6:30pm - PA	9	10	
12 Rev. Phillip Schulman (Mike Burkett, Service Associate) - Sermon: "The Yin of Emotion" - see page 2		13 Full Moon 14 Flag Day 	15	16	17 Men's Fellowship Lunch: 11:30am - PA ①	18
19 Speakers: Stephanie & David Gross, Church Members - Talk: "Summer Solstice Poetry" - see page 2 & 4  Pot Luck after Service- PA	20 Last day to submit articles for July's newsletter: communicatio n@uuchc.org	21  1st Day of Summer - Solstice	22	23	24	25 
26 Rev. Phillip Schulman (Sarah Johanson, Service Associate) - Sermon: "The Yang of Emotion" - see page 4 ★ Congregational Meeting directly after the service.		27 New Moon 28	29	30 	① There will be news, views, and thought provoking discussion. Guys bring your sandwich or gourmet repast as you wish. Contact: Bryan Bristol 214.392- 4823/bryan.bristol@yahoo.com	

All Sunday church services are held at 10am in the Church Sanctuary unless otherwise noted. All listed meetings are open and all are welcomed. Church Friends may serve on committees.

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- 19 **Stephanie Gross** (Member) has been a UU for only a year, but has been visiting UU churches in OKC and Dallas for years. She was born in Texas, grew up in OK and NM, and lived in Alaska where her oldest was born. With three kids under six, she divorced and went to grad school and began teaching English while finishing an MA and PhD in American literature. After marrying David and completing her degrees, she took a professorship in Maine. After serving as chair and then Associate Dean of Science and Humanities and teaching for fifteen years (a total of 30 years), she retired in May, 2019 to Kerrville where she and David (and four cats) are closer to family and old friends. They plan to spend summers at their camp at Hancock Pond in Maine.
- 26 **UUHC Reverend Phillip Schulman** (Sarah Johanson, Service Associate; Jan Pickett, Chalice Table) - **Sermon: "The Yang of Emotion"** - In Part 2 of this 2 part series, Rev. Schulman will apply religious and spiritual language, the terms “Yang” and “Discernment” to describe the aspect of choice and choosing in the human experience of emotion.



The Exodus theme is shared in this Chalice Table décor created by Jill Wiggins on April 24. Jill asks us to visualize the giraffes as camels.



The Board has reinstated the meetings calendar to keep from having overlapping meetings/activities.

All meetings/activities, in the Annex and the Sanctuary, need to be reported to Judy Ashcraft to ensure the space is available and so she can note it in the calendar which will be available on the website soon.



Please Note!
Christmas in July

Saturday, July 23
4pm
El Jimador Restaurant
1550 Junction Highway
Kerrville, TX

Please order from the Restaurant Menu.
Each Attendee is responsible for payment of their meal.

Bring a wrapped gift for the Gift Exchange Game (\$10 maximum cost) Re-gift or New (Do not put your name on it.) Other games will be played as time allows.

RSVP by July 17 - Enrollment sheet on table at back of church or to Judy Ashcraft 210-326-0084 [The restaurant will make special accommodations for vegetarians and vegans.]





Thanks to the following people for participating in these important duties for the church. Interested? Please reach out to the contact leaders listed under the table below. You'll be glad you did!

In the past the list of Service Associates and Chalice Table Participants for Sunday Services are listed below. You may now find them listed next to the specific Sunday they are handling under "More Material on Sunday Services" listed on pages 2 and 4 as applicable.

Service Associates are handled by the Sunday Services Chair, Janet Belden and Chalice Table Decoration is handled by Pat Kobe 830.955-1139/
kobepat313@gmail.com.

A special **THANK YOU** goes to Jim McMahon who is providing Sunday coffee to the congregation once again!



Above is Judy Ashcraft's Mother's Day chalice table presented on Sunday, May 8

Coming Soon!

Would you like to give and receive quality emotional support? Are you the kind to send a card, or maybe make a call? And where do you reach out for support when you want it?

Look for information about two UUCHC developments; "Deeply Listening League," and "Pastoral Care Teams." If you can't or don't want to wait, contact Rev. Phillip for details.



Unitarian Universalist Church of the Hill Country Board Members for 2022

President ~ Vicki Luther
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Secretary - Sarah Johanson
Treasurer ~ Judy Bunch
Member at Large - Don Pyle

Sunday Services Chair: Janet Belden
Wayside Pulpit, Coffee Set-Up, Music/Choir, Greeters,
Order of Service, Chalice Table, Service Schedule/Associates

Ex Officio Board Member (Past President):
Jerry Best

Committee on Ministry (CoM) Chair: Linda Smith

Spiritual Development Chair: Janet Belden
Life Span Development (Adult and Children's Religious
Education), Free Speech Café, Forums

Membership Co-Chairs:
Bryan Bristol & Gary Payne
Congregational Care, Visitor Follow-Up, Exit Interviews,
New Member Orientation, Members/Friends List

Outreach/Social Justice Committee Co-Chairs:
Carolyn Dreyer & David Gross
TXUUJM, Donate the Plate

Finance Committee Chair: Mike Burkett
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Facilities Chair: Zeke
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Activities/Events Chair: Judy Ashcraft
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