



Unity Church of the Hill Country

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Dear Friends,

Christmas is the perfect time to stop for a little while and reflect on the amazing life that is all around us. When we get together with family and friends to celebrate the birth of the Christ are we just observing Christmas or are we keeping Christmas in our hearts?

Are we taking time to remember the little and big things others have done for us?

Are we looking beyond the masks and titles people carry and listening to the message of their hearts when they speak and act? Are we listening with our heart, to ourselves and others? Are we acknowledging and feeling our oneness with all of life? Are we looking at how tired and frazzled we are or are we looking at how we can balance our lives and give from our hearts the gift that Jesus brought to us so long ago...love?

When we are feeling the love of the Christ in our actions, in our experiences, in our giving and receiving, then we are truly keeping Christmas in our hearts.

My Christmas wish for you is that you look at life through the eyes of a child. Listen to the sounds of Christmas with ears to hear the cry of all ages, races, social and religious cultures. Take time to nurture yourselves in prayer, meditation, praise, laughter and balance. Christmas is the birth of God's love in your hearts. It is the birth of peace, the birth of all that is good and holy in each one of us and in all of the earth. Let us keep Christmas by opening our heaped up hearts wide and receiving the kingdom of God's peace into every part of our lives. In this, we can be assured that there is Peace on Earth right now and in this coming year.



Happy Thanksgiving,
Christmas
New Year

Merry
and Happy
to all

of our blessed Unity Family

In God's love and Light,

Patty

Special Holiday Services & Events

Decorating Party

Saturday – December 5th – 9:00 A.M.

Join us in decorating our wonderful Church home for Christmas.



Donuts, fruit and juice will be provided!

Christmas

Communion Service

Tuesday – December 22nd – 6:30 P.M.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service



Thursday – December 24th – 7:00 P.M.

Bring your family to this beautiful, sacred experience of candle light and meditation. Bring your family and friends!



New Year's Eve Burning Bowl Service

Thursday – December 31st – 6:30 P.M.

Release the old and affirm new possibilities for the coming year! Join us and bring your family and friends! Nursery Care will be provided.

Our Mission is to create an atmosphere that inspires people to experience and express oneness with Spirit!

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CHURCH STAFF

Minister: Patty Edwards
 Part-time Secretaries:
 Mimi Schrupf
 Music Director: Lynne Key
 Nursery Caregiver:
 Patricia Porras-Brunet

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Youth Ed: Danny Donovan
 Gerry Lanctot
 Phoebe Yeager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Fred Hutchinson
 Vice-President: Dotti Brundrett
 Secretary: Mandy Russell
 Treasurer: Mike Alkek
 Trustee: Donna Snow-
 Robinson
 Trustee: Barbara Kana
 Trustee: Forrest Landry
 Alternate: Alice Delery-
 Walton

Special Services

available at our church are:

Weddings/Christenings
 Memorial Services
 Spiritual Counseling
*Call 830-896-7575
 for appointments*

**Sunday Church Service
 & Youth & Family Ministry:**

11:00 A.M.
 Join us and bring your friends
 to celebrate God's Love!

Church Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

A Note from the President:

Greetings, Love and Light to all members of our Unity family.

Thank goodness the weather has started to cool down and we have actually gotten some badly needed rain. I think Fall has finally arrived.

The blessed rain we have been getting is really helping our grass grow. Hopefully this will continue through the winter and into next spring.

Our Jefferson Street property continues to do well also. Grass is growing again so our friend David Locke will be mowing the property more often.

We had a good turnout of volunteers for our Unity Yard Cleanup Day. Much work was accomplished and we are grateful for your participation in the effort.

A successful yard sale was held as a fund raiser at Unity on October 17th. This was a great success again with \$1,529.00 being earned for the church. Thanks to all our volunteers who worked so hard on this project.

Our Unity Building Team has interviewed four general contractors and has recommended to our Unity Board of Trustees that we select JM LOWE & COMPANY, General Contractors, to work with Randy Stehling, our architect, to complete the conceptual design of our new church facility.

Love and Light,
 Fred Hutchinson, your Board President



Money Matters

	<u>Projected Income</u>	<u>Projected Expenses</u>	<u>Projected Profit/Loss</u>	
2009	79,020.00	\$ 78,324.00	\$ 696.00	
	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Profit/Loss</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
Monthly Budget	\$ 6,585.00	\$ 6,522.00	\$ 63.00	
August	6,994.00	5,297.12	1,696.88	5,605.89
September	6,192.62	5,755.18	437.44	\$6,043.33

Current Building Fund

Building Money Market Fund	\$ 22,944.47
Building Fund CDs	159,000.00
Building Fund Checking A/C	3,435.25
Total Building Fund	\$185,380.72
Estimated Equity in Lois St. Property	\$150,000.00
Est. Building Fund Assets:	\$335,380.72



*As you direct some of your generous gifts to our Building Fund,
 please remember our general operating expenses continue.*

Our Affirmation for the next two Months is:
 "I am a wise, whole, and prosperous child of God!"



Our Volunteer Spotlight is on:

Nancy Lee Kennedy



“I really liked driving the tractor,” Nancy Lee boasts. “There’s just something so...smug...about a woman running a big piece of machinery.” There’s a key to finding out about this amazing woman. Nancy Lee has taken on some tasks in her life that most of us would shy away from. Instead, she’s leapt right in. She came to Kerrville in the early 70s when she and Rod bought the land they named Quiet Valley Ranch, and began the Folk Festivals. She’s been involved with that ever since.

Now she sleeps late (“Don’t call before 10:30!”) and is an admitted news junkie. “And I’m a cheese addict,” she said with a laugh. “I’m trying to defrag my house’s clutter, but it’s winning.” A slow-healing arm keeps her going to physical therapy. “I love growing plants – mostly flowers, but some foliage – in pots. I don’t dig in this rocky soil. Besides, ferns don’t do well here.” As to her goals, she admits, “I’m still looking for my lifetime spiritual assignment. I haven’t found it yet – but I’ll know it when I see it!”

Nancy Lee chose Unity one Sunday because she’d known a minister in Austin. “I was amazed at Joan McKee – she drew me in. She got me to running sessions called Forum, studying metaphysical things.” Unity was a good fit for her, she didn’t have to change a lot of her beliefs. She’s served on the Board for two terms, until Burn Out hit. She’s content to attend and enjoy the lesson these days. “Only Kit and Mac McClure, and Clara, have been here longer than I have,” she says.

She’s ambivalent about growth for the church. “Wait and see – let it unfold on its own. I like the feel of this small congregation. We’re very fluid.” Asked what she wants for Unity in five years, she says, “I want more teachable children. That’s important...I want this close feeling to continue. This should be a place where people can come for spiritual renewal.”



Medina School Christmas Angel Project

Become a Christmas Angel for a Medina Children’s Home Single Mother

Select an angel from the Christmas Wreath in our Worship Center and look at the wish list they have provided. Write your name and who you selected on our information sheet.

Purchase the gift, wrap it, label it with the labels provided and bring your gift back to place under the tree by no later than December 8th, so we can deliver them by the 11th. Please keep your purchase to no more than \$30. Many have shared the purchase with others in the congregation.



Christmas Caroling

To be held at one or more of our care communities

Date and time to be announced

All are welcome to join us.

Our Vision Statement:

“I lift up my faith and see a vision of my church as a growing, prosperous, spiritually vital and inspiring center of light in this community! Praise God!”

Monthly Activities at Unity



Abundance Sunday Potluck

November 15th and December 20th
Bring a friend and your favorite potluck dish. Enjoy great food and fellowship.

Wonderful Women of Unity

Second Saturdays – 11:30 A.M.
November 14th, no WWOU

This is the day of our Fish Fry



December 12th

A Beautiful Christmas Lunch
at the Peace Tree Café
in Boerne, Texas

Shopping to follow if you want to stay!

Sign up so we can have a count for reservations.
All women are invited to join us! Bring a friend! If
you would like to car pool from the church
be here at 11:00 A.M.



Youth and Family Ministry

We are looking for one or two more individuals, who love children and would be willing to serve in our Youth Ministry one Sunday a month. This is a powerful way to take your Unity teachings to a deeper level. When we are called to give in this self-less way and make these life-changing principles into simple form, so that children can understand them, we find that we personally are blessed in so many ways. Grandparents...are you living far from your grandchildren? Give the gift that other grandparents are giving to your grandchildren in church. Become a Sunday school Teacher. Contact Patty Edwards, when you are ready to step into another dimension of your spiritual journey.

Book Store Notes

New Books!

“Finding Yourself in Transition”

by Robert Brumet

Explore Unity’s powerful tools for finding peace, well-being and happiness in the midst of change.



“Discover the Power Within You”

by Eric Butterworth

Have you checked out these:

Unity Magazine and Laws of Love?

Weekly Meditation & Classes

Sundays

- Sunday Book Study – 9:30-10:30 A.M.
- Youth Education Ministry - 11:00 A.M.
(MBSE) Exceptions: Third Sunday (Family Sunday)
- Nursery Care – 11:00 A.M.

Wednesdays

- Adult Education Ministry Team Meeting - First Wednesday, Monthly, at 10:30 A.M.
- Compassionate Communication Practice Sessions – 1:15 P.M.
(Dates to be announced)
Facilitator: Leahanna Young
- Healing Meditation Circle – 6:00 P.M.
- Board of Trustees Meeting
Third Wednesday, each month – 6:30 P.M.
- Course in Miracles – 6:30 P.M. (MBSE)
Facilitator: Leahanna Young

Thursdays

- Zen Meditation Practice – 6:30 P.M.
(MBSE)
Facilitator: Glenn Noblin

Fridays

- Spiritual Drumming – 7:00 P.M. (MBSE)
Second and Fourth Fridays
Facilitator: Will Lummis

Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)

A cooperative effort among Kerr County churches to help people in need. Donations of non-perishable food or money if deeply appreciated, especially during the Christmas Season.



We accept love offerings for all of our classes!

All classes and activities are open to the public!

BUC-Basic Unity Classes IUC – Intermediate Unity Classes ATC - Advanced Training Classes MBSE – Mind/Body/Spirit Electives

Special Events



Fish Fry

Saturday, November 14th
11:00 A.M. – 2:00 A.M.

Menu:

Catfish, Red Beans, Coleslaw, & Rolls
Desserts sold separately

\$6.00 tickets available NOW

Sign up to sell tickets, volunteer to cook,
 serve, set-up, and/or clean-up
 All proceeds go to our ministry



Christmas Party

Sunday, December 13th
5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Bring your favorite Potluck dish and join us as we celebrate this beautiful time of year, the birth of the Christ in all of us and our Unity Family together at our Minister's home. We will be car-pooling from the church, since parking is limited.



Unity Basics

Sunday Book Study

Sundays – 9:30 – 10:30 A.M.

Discover the Power Within You

By Eric Butterworth

Butterworth shows us what Jesus really taught about such vital subjects as: how to succeed, how to pray, how to overcome personal problems, and how to find healing.

Facilitator: Reverend Patty Edwards

New Class Begins!

Trusting the Process of Change

Tuesdays – 10:30 A.M. – 12:00 noon
Begins November 3rd

Deepen your spiritual willingness to walk through change and transition with Unity's powerful tools for peace, well-being and happiness.

Based on Robert Brumet's Book

"Finding Yourself in Transition"

Books are available in the bookstore.

Mind/Body/Spirit Electives

A Course in Miracles

Wednesdays – 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

"Above all else I want to see things differently."

Facilitator: Leahanna Young

Compassionate

Communication Practice

Wednesdays – 1:15 P.M.

(Dates to be announced)

Facilitator: Leahanna Young

Zen Meditation Practice

Thursdays - 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. at Unity

To begin or deepen your practice of Zen, join the group which meets at the church

Facilitator: Glenn Noblin



Spiritual Drumming

Second and Fourth Fridays
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Experience the power of being here now and a higher consciousness of oneness with all life. Bring a friend, your drum and your joy. If you have no drum, just bring your enthusiasm. We have all kinds of percussion instruments to share.

Facilitator: Will Lummis

Nicotine Anonymous

Tuesdays - 6:00 P.M. at Unity

Call 896-4409 if you would like to know more.

Community Events of Note

Interfaith Peace Dialogue

November 19th – 11:30 A.M.

Dialogue at Oak Hollow

Estates Community Center

664 Oak Hollow Drive off Bandera Highway

Bring a potluck dish to share.

We will dialogue about the possibilities for the future and celebrate delivering 310 Peace Pillows

No Dialogue in December

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Ecumenical Holiday Services in our Community

Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 22rd – 7:00 P.M.

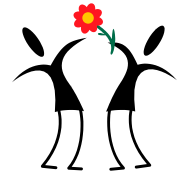
Christmas Walk

Sunday, December 3 – 6:00 P.M.

Location of each of these events will be announced. Join the Ministerial Alliance and our community in worship together. All proceeds go to CAM and Salvation Army!

A Heartfelt Thank You to:

- Marilyn Hopson for her organizational skills in lining up volunteers for our Yard Sale and all the work to coordinate everything.



- All our wonderful volunteers for our Yard Sale particularly our men for taking care of so much of the heavy stuff: Robert Adair, Mike Johnson, Jack, Forrest Landry, Stuart Pippin and everyone who helped pricing ahead of time and on the day of the sale advertising, posting signs, cooking our lunch, sales table set-up, cashiering, clean-up, cooking and all the many other things it takes to make our Yard Sale such a success.

- Gerry Lanctot and Fred Hutchinson for repairing and painting the screen on our Activity Center and Gerry for painting our Kitchen in the Worship Center

Afghan Raffle Auction

Highest Bidder will be decided at our November Potluck

Place your bid in a basket and the highest bidder will pay for and receive a lovely afghan made by Linda Daniel
Proceeds will go to our Building Fund!



Unity Prayer Chain: Call anyone on our Unity Prayer Chain, whenever you feel challenged by an event - or just life. Someone will pray with you any time, night or day. Prayer Requests are handled with deep respect and confidentiality, by the team volunteers, the minister and Silent Unity. To start the Prayer Chain, call one of the following volunteers: Mandy Russell – 895 -7330; Lynne Key – 792-6101; Marilyn Hopson – 792-5364; Sylvia Longnecker – 1-830-238-3162; Anita Poe – 257-2304; Fred Hutchinson – (c) 377-7018;

David Crockett – (h) 830-522-6419; Angela O’Laughlin (c) 214-986-6807