

From the Minister



Church is the Curriculum

Our attitudes determine what attention we bring to our time and what we get out of it. What we call work we view as a necessary chore. What we call play is a rare treat. We often compartmentalize our lives.

The same goes for church life. You may see Sunday morning worship as where you get your social and spiritual cup filled. Other church activities you see more like work, volunteer tasks you do to help the church thrive or support our missions out in the community.

Instead, consider each moment as the one in which to be fully present. And now this one. And this one. Each meeting, event, dish, email and phone call is an opportunity to grow when you are whole-hearted about your time and effort.

At a time when our Children and Youth religious education program is experiencing an exciting renaissance, you have an opportunity to grow as a UU and as a Hope member. The last few months there have been over thirty in our religious education program on Sunday. Consider being whole-hearted for **one hour** of your time on a Sunday morning.

I encourage every single Hope member and friend to consider volunteering. The experience will enlarge your sense of our joint spiritual project forming compassionate, articulate, inquisitive children. It will enlarge your sense of yourself. You can give something you may have missed as a child—the support and encouragement to ask questions; the freedom to enjoy nature; the delight in play; the trust in honest answers?

You will grow in your own identity as a Unitarian Universalist by modeling it, by sharing your talents, and by witnessing the magic of our program. You will find yourself the student with wise children as your teacher. Church is the curriculum.

Joyfully,



Rev. Cathey Edwards
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Sunday Mornings

October 2016

Sunday Religious Education
for Children and Youth
10 am - RE Wing

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10 am - Sanctuary

Sunday Worship
11am - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 9

Sendak, Songs
and Stories

The Rev. Doug Inhofe

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October Theme

Inherent Dignity and Worth



The phrase “inherent worth and dignity” is enshrined in our [Unitarian Universalist principles](#). As a member congregation of the Unitarian Association, “we covenant to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person,” our First Principle.

We mean that every human being is born with a value to them, that each life matters and that no one is born with more potential to inspire, heal or harm the world than any other.

To embrace the UU first principle is a way of being in relationship with the world. It is not a “celebration of individualism” or “a defensive arrogance about our particular point of view.” It is more like the notion of poet Mary Oliver in [“When Death Comes.”](#) She looks upon everything as a sisterhood and a brotherhood, and “each life as a flower, and each name a comfortable music in the mouth, and each body a lion of courage, and something precious to the earth.”

What does this commitment to respect every person look like in our church community, families, work places, and city? As restated in the [children’s version of our Principles](#), “We believe that each and every person is important.” How does it work in groups, tribes and institutions? How does an understanding of each person’s intrinsic value direct our responses to race in our city? Policing? Education? Poverty? Mental Health? Hunger? Families? Children? November’s presidential elections? We will explore together the heart of this First Principle all the month of October.

About Our Monthly Themes

Hope Church is a questioning community. It is a safe place to bring doubt and new ideas.

Our monthly themes express Hope Church’s openness to theological exploration. They are not an endorsement of any particular creed or belief. Instead, they provide a monthly opportunity to examine in common a religious doctrine or idea.

If you are not receiving **Touchstones**, the electronic newsletter on the monthly theme, please let our administrator, Maggie Scott, know at hopeuu@hopeuu.org.

Forthcoming Services at Hope

Ask Away

Sunday, October 16

Ask the minister! Now is the time to ask any question you have on your mind. On October 16 the Rev. Cathey will answer questions that you have. From theology to personal, you can ask anything that's on your mind about Hope Church and our ministry together. She wishes she could but cannot predict what candidate will win in November or who will win (or even play) in the World Series.

Please submit questions to the church before Thursday, October 12 either by email hopeuu@hopeuu.org or on forms in Fellowship Hall. If time allows, you can ask a question during the sermon.



Día de los muertos & All Souls Day

Sunday, October 30

Many cultures and religions have days set aside to remember the dead and ancestors. This year, Hope Church will be including *Día de los muertos* (Nov. 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2) into our Halloween traditions on the last Sunday in October. With respect for this ancient Mesoamerica celebration and Catholic interpretations, we aim to support remembrance, grief, cycle of life and death, honoring those who have gone before us.



As always, we'll have the beloved Pumpkin Parade by our children and youth. We will also have an altar, an *ofrenda*. We will be honoring the dead with sugar skulls, marigolds, and the favorite foods and beverages of the departed. This picture is an *ofrenda* from a Unitarian church in Texas. All ages will be invited to bring photographs of departed loved ones.

All Creatures Great and Small

Animal Blessing

Sunday, November 6

St. Francis of Assisi, known for his vow of poverty and his special connection to animals, is a spark for holding a communal Blessing of the Animals. We are bringing back to Hope Church this tradition of blessing animals, particularly pets near the St. Francis Feast Day. You may bring your pet to church; others may prefer photographs of your pets; others have their pets blessed by naming them. This will be a joyful, family friendly event. More worship and logistic details to come.





Children and Youth Programs

Susan Spooner, Director, susan@hopeuu.org

CYP Committee Members: Laura Reiman(Chair), Paula Haight, Kerri Vandiver, Ann Lee, Susan Farma Hai

Childcare is available during all church events, committee meetings and Board meetings. If you need childcare during a church activity, please email childcare@hopeuu.org at least 2 business days before the event.

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Sundays 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Religious education is focused on the theme of the month as well as curriculum designed to help Hope's young ones discover answers to life's big questions. The curriculum includes chapel, religious education about Unitarian Universalism and other faiths, art, nature and outdoor experiences. Parents are always welcome to join their children in our religious exploration.

Susan Spooner

Upcoming CRE Events

Sunday, October 9, at 9:00—9:45 am, in the Log Cabin

It Takes a Village

Sunday, October 16 - immediately after Church

Parents of children and youth, please join the Children's Religious Education Committee in the Log Cabin. The committee wants your feedback about supporting our children's religious education, registration and planning for the playground revitalization. Lunch and childcare is provided. Please rsvp by emailing childcare@hopeuu.org.

Sunday, October 30

The Great Pumpkin Parade

Everyone is invited to wear their Halloween costumes and bring a pumpkin to church. The children and youth will decorate pumpkins and "parade" for the congregation during the 11:00 service.



Interested in more about parenting support and loving a child?
Send a friend request to Hope Unitarian Church: It Takes a Village.

Children and Youth Religious Education Programs

As Unitarian Universalists our chosen faith compels us to help change the world for the better. You can be the change by volunteering to work with Hope's beloved children and youth. We need adults who are interested in Unitarian Universalist history and what it means to be "UU", anti-racism, ethics, environmental justice, interfaith activities teaching what other faiths believe and how they practice their faith, art, personal spiritual growth and a plethora of other issues. When you work with the children and youth, you are enhancing your own faith development of everyone involved; teachers learn and learners teach.

These are the ways you can help Hope's children and youth grow as Unitarian Universalists.

| What | When / Frequency |
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| *Youth Advisors – Adults should be at least 25 years old and interested in mentoring youth ages 12 through 18. Materials and lesson resources are provided. | Sunday Mornings Events, some overnight |
| *Guides / substitute guides – Adults who assist children ages 4 years old through 6 th grade "process" the lesson for the week. Materials and lesson resources are provided. Age groups are 4 to 6 years of age and 7 years through 6 th grade. | Sunday Mornings with a one-hour time commitment per week. |
| Library – Organize and reshelv books and media, clean / dust books and shelves, create and maintain a library catalogue | Ongoing and could be done during church business hours. |
| Snacks – Count the number of children, put snack and juice in cups and deliver snack to designated location. Label sippy cups for preschool children and fill. | Sunday Mornings |
| Chaperone Youth Activities – See Youth Advisors above. We need adults who are willing and able to work shifts to stay awake and supervise youth during overnight events. | Scheduled youth events Scheduled Sunday mornings |
| Provide Transportation for Youth Activities – Licensed adult drivers (the larger capacity the vehicle the better) for youth activities. Drivers must be willing to provide and allow photocopying of their valid Oklahoma driver's license and automobile insurance verification. | Scheduled youth events Scheduled Sunday Mornings |
| Prepare for parties and special events – As determined by the CRE Committee, plan, organize and coordinate parties and special events for children, youth and their parents. | Scheduled events. |
| Help with Music – Teach children the songs of our faith and expose them to the music of other faiths. This includes teaching songs for church events such as Sing Noel, etc. | Sunday mornings |
| General Clean-up – Clean up general clutter, dust, place furniture (We teach "clean up after yourself", but let's face it, adult intervention is necessary.) | Ongoing and could be done after church, during church business hours or other times the building is open. |
| Share your vocation / avocation – Engage and expose children and youth to your passions. | As applicable to the theme, interfaith holidays, etc. |
| Share personal experiences – Do you have a background in other faiths, a personal story that is pertinent to the 7 Principles or the theme? | As applicable to the theme, interfaith holidays, etc. |

- ◆ Ideally, there are enough guides / advisers for each person to have at least one Sunday a month.
- ◆ As the Director of Children and Youth Programs, my job is to match your offer of time and talent with training and resources you need to feel comfortable and be a successful volunteer. I am looking forward to finding a good match for you so you can get to know our children and youth. Please contact me with your offering. I look forward to working with you! **Susan Spooner, Director of Children and Youth Programs, susan@hopeuu.org**

Music Notes



“Inherent Worth and Dignity” is behind everything we do at Hope, and is also behind all our singing and music making. This month we have the opportunity to focus on this theme, and the Hope Singers will sing several beautiful anthems. “Children of the World,” by Ruth Morris Gray, celebrates the fact that we are all children of this world and a human family together—men and women, young and old, no matter who we are and whatever our human origins, with no exceptions. This will be followed by “Draw the Circle Wide,” by Gordon Light and Mark A. Miller, which invites us to embrace others within our circle so that no one has to stand alone. “Beautiful City,” by Stephen Schwartz, in the version we will sing,

is a metaphor for our great work to “build a beautiful city,” not necessarily a city for angels, and not just for men, but for all.

We would like to invite interested singers to rehearse and sing with us for our annual “Sing Noel!” service, which will take place on **Sunday, December 11**. We accept ages 14 to 114, but will extend the age either way depending on one’s ability, commitment, and desire. Even if you cannot commit to singing in the choir for the entire year, you can rehearse with us **starting with our rehearsal on Wednesday, October 12** up until “Sing Noel!” on December 11. We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9pm, as well as the Saturday just before “Sing Noel!” Let us know if you are in need for childcare so that we may arrange this for you.

Joseph Rivers, Director of Music
joseph.rivers@hopeuu.org



Saturday, October 22

10:00am-1:00pm

“Boot Camp”

(All in a morning. Bring brown bag lunch)

OR

Thursdays,

November 3, 10, 17

5:30-7:00 pm

Class size limited to 10. Register now!

An informal, adult religious education class that introduces the ideas, people and history of Unitarian Universalism and Hope Unitarian Church. It’s a step further into this community dedicated to religious freedom and seeking. Classes take place in the Minister’s Study.

Sign up now, in the folder on the Administrator’s desk, email hopeuu@hopeuu.org or call the church office (918) 481-0999.

Notes from the Board



Hope's Board of Trustees

L-R standing—Janet Nobles, Anita Ward, Annie Simpson, Cate Potter, Anita Wood, Larry Sharp
Seated—Claudia Vandiver, Elke Johnson, Anne Steiner, Ken Jones, Marcia Schaefer

- The board approved a Congregational Sponsorship for **Ren Pasco** to seek candidacy for UU fellowship.
- The board approved the production of a new pictorial membership directory.
- **Jim Sleezer** presented the Personnel recommendations on vacation and sick leave policy for employees. The recommendations were accepted.
- **Larry Sharp** provided us with information on possible candidates for giving a presentation on church security to the board, ushers, staff, and greeters. **Larry Johnson**, Security expert, was chosen from three candidates.
- The status of the board's goals were reviewed. In the next few weeks, this information will be forwarded to the congregation.
- The new Hope website is up and running. It is still being reviewed and updated.
- The next step in resolving the Vision of Hope Church will be holding meetings with the entire church for their input/approval.

Anita Ward

President, Board of Trustees

Adult Forum

Sundays, 10:00 am, Sanctuary

October 9

Our speaker is **Patrice Pratt** from **Housing First**, a practice concerning the homeless initiatives.

October 16

"What is Myth." Our presenter is **Charlie Dugan** who has previously done presentations for us on the history of Halloween, the history of Christmas, Eastern Religions, and Islam. This presentation will cover some of the earliest myths known to humankind, and will stretch from the Middle East to North America. Charlie will talk about why some myths were created, and the sameness in some myths throughout the world.

October 23

We will group by Oklahoma House and Senate districts to share information with each other about the candidates. As the past year's events have proven, state politicians and the decisions they make, affect us directly in the quality of our schools, infrastructure, social safety net, criminal justice system, and in many more ways. Research those running in your district and share what you know about your incumbent and/or his/her challenger. Or come with your questions.

Prior to October 23, please stop by the house and senate district maps in the Fellowship Hall and place a pin to mark your house and senate districts. You can find this information on your voter ID card. And throughout this process, keep in mind the biggest pressures that affect ourselves and our families that were brought out in the House Meetings in February.

October 30

Members and Friends of Hope who volunteer in different organizations will speak about what they do, why they do it and share their stories.

Chris Anrig, Adult RE Chair

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Garden and Grounds

Once upon a time there was an Oklahoman man who lived and worked in New York City for nearly 40 years and was a witness to 911. In the fall of 2012 he visited the memorial that had been opened on the tenth anniversary of that event. Near a plaque dedicated to his former local fire department he saw some acorns that had fallen to the ground from a tree planted in remembrance of that day and picked one up. Back home, several months later he noticed the acorn in a coffee table drawer and decided to give it to the Hope Garden committee. It was carefully planted in the memorial garden in a pot and covered to protect it from any wayward squirrels. No idea if it would grow, but it did - putting out tiny pink crinkled leaves and a small white root that first spring. Carefully replanted to open ground (2013) and given space to grow it now thrives down from the patio and the big rain garden.

History of our tree. It is the offspring of one of about 400 Swamp White Oaks nurtured in a nursery since 2007 and chosen to be the memorial species at the 911 site. From the 911 Website: "The Memorial grove will symbolize hope and renewal and create a vital new green space in the heart of Lower Manhattan. Swamp white oaks were picked because of their durability and leaf color which in the fall ranges from amber to a golden brown – and sometimes pink. The trees will never be identical, growing at different heights and changing leaves at different times, a physical reminder that they are living individuals."

A lovely metaphor for many Unitarian ideas. Right now only a lizard can "sit in the shade of" it but there are many reasons to grow and nurture things. We never plant trees just for ourselves and especially not from an acorn. So the next time you are on Hope Hill, walk down and say "hi" to Larry's tree and remember . . . "We are ever bound in community".



Janet Williamson, Garden and Grounds Chair

Church Finances



Are you curious about how the church spends your money or what restrictions we have in doing so? If so, here is a brief explanation that I hope will be helpful.

First of all, you will remember that the congregation approved the budget for our 2016-2017 fiscal year at our Annual Meeting this past May. Much work goes into the preparation of the proposed budget by both the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees. If you were a committee chair last year, you were asked what you expected your committee to need for this year. Your full request may be in this year's budget, but it is quite possible that the budget is for a lesser amount. That is reality as we try to balance our expected income and expenses.

Our by-laws allow us to move money from one budget line to another as needed during the year, but prohibit us from spending more than the total operating budget without coming back to you, the congregation.

You can find the Profit and Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet for the most recent period on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Financial statements are placed on the bulletin board monthly following approval by the Board. Older financial statements are filed in the Board Book on the Administrator's desk. You are welcome to view these financial statements and make a copy if you wish, but please do not take them as others may want to see them. My monthly report can be found in the same Board Book following the monthly Board meeting.

Hope's Finance Committee meets regularly on the third Tuesday of the month at noon. You are welcome to join us anytime. With advance notice to me, we will have copies of any handouts available for you. Questions are always welcome.

Claudia Vandiver

Vice President,

Finance and Planning

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Hope Outreach

Generosity Offering

Each Sunday, we give away ALL of the undesignated funds from our Offering. The Outreach Committee chooses organizations that support the mission of Hope Unitarian Church.

**In September we raised:
\$1,550.77 for Harmony Project, Tulsa**
Here are the totals raised in previous months:
Thank you for your generosity.

| Month | Organization | \$ Amount |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| August | Assistance League of Tulsa | \$992.000 |
| | Louisiana Flood Relief | \$532.00 |
| July | Lindsay House | \$1020.75 |
| June | Mental Health Association of Oklahoma | \$899.20 |
| June | Equality Florida | \$648.00 |

Generosity Recipient October



South Tulsa
Community
House

This social service agency works with residents of the 61st & Peoria area to provide assistance with their basic food and transportation needs, GED classes, a computer room for job search and resume preparation, and on-site support from organizations that include a St. John Family Medical Clinic, Emergency Infant Services, Restore Hope rent payment assistance, CAP's McClure Early Childhood Education and McClure and Marshal Elementary schools.

Feed the Homeless Program



Volunteers from Hope prepare and serve a meal for clients at the **Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless** the third Saturday of every month. Thanks to the following people who helped in September

- Shopper: **Keith Hamilton**
- Friday cooking: **Mary Newman**
- Meal prep and cooking: With team leader, **Mary Newman: Eddie Humphreys, Helen Bordelon, Susan Farma Hai, Lana Larkin and Rich Jackson.**
- Serving at the Day Center with team leader **Anita Ward: Janet Nobles, Stan Moore, Lana Larkin, Susan Farma Hai, Marti and Brandon Fox** with their children, **Emily Gregory, and Mia Fox**

Next Feed the Homeless date is:

Saturday, October 15

2:30 pm at Hope to help cook and prepare food.

5:00 pm at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless to help serve the meal.

You can sign up for the months ahead. Sign up sheet is in the folder on Administrator's desk.

Cereal Sunday

Sunday, October 9

Please bring cereal for the homeless. This cereal, along with several gallons of milk, is taken to the **Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless** every month when we prepare their meal. The collection basket is in Fellowship Hall. They are also in need of fresh fruit and snack items (soft granola bars and crackers)

Outreach Committee News

Healthy Snacks Donation Drive for MacArthur Elementary School (Our Partner in Education)



During the month of **October**, please bring healthy snacks (not requiring refrigeration) for the school's new afterschool homework club and to supplement

the school's weekend **Back Pack Program**. Recommendations include:

- Individual, dry cereal boxes
- soy nuts
- granola bars
- juice boxes
- beanie weenies
- packaged fruit

No peanut products please

There will be a donation box in Fellowship Hall. Or you can write a check or donate cash. Check should be made out to Hope with "MacArthur healthy snacks" in the memo line.

MacArthur is also looking for a volunteer to help distribute the backpack food on Fridays from about 8:30 am to 10:00 am. If school is closed on Friday the food is distributed the day before. If you are interested in helping with this or in other volunteer opportunities at MacArthur please contact **Mary Newman** at 918-810-0953 or try4peace@gmail.com. There are volunteer forms that need to be completed for anyone volunteering in the school.

The school is having a **Partner in Education ceremony on October 14th at 7:30 am** during their Rise and Shine assembly for anyone interested in attending.

Care Team Update

This past month, the focus in the pulpit has been kindness. **Reverend Cathey** said in one of her sermons that when you orient your life to kindness, it changes you. You may deeply and practically explore this statement by working with the Care Team! We always need volunteers to make meals for those who have had an illness or a baby, or help with transportation to doctor's appointments for those who are experiencing a medical problem. We also need volunteers to visit our Hope members who are in the hospital.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting **Jan Mattinson** when she was in the hospital, before her recent death. Her family graciously thanked the Care Team for our visits, but I feel that I was the beneficiary for visiting Jan. She told me all about starting Hope Church, and even shared stories of drinking wine in our building while it was under construction with a dirt floor! These are stories I had never heard about our church, and they warmed my heart. When she passed, I attended her funeral and felt like a better person for having known her, even for a short time. You may have these profound experiences along with our Care Team. Simply contact me, **Tara Saylor**, at 918-933-8198 or telltara@gmail.com, or Co-Chair **Deborah Whittaker** at 918-639-1559 or debsharmony@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Tulsa Food Security Council

Organizer of Oklahoma Food Security Summit Workshop—Friday, October 14 from 9-4 at TCC, 3727 E Apache St, Tulsa OK 74115

Bringing together National, State, tribal, local food policy experts and community members to assess current conditions leading to food insecurity, create solutions and take action.

This year's topics include State Q 777 Right to Farm, Tribal Food Sovereignty, Upstream Healthcare, Plants as Medicine, Food Access, Food Recovery, AG as a Classroom, Healthy Living Program, Food Forests, Foraging, Future of Horticulture, Poster Project Gallery and Local Chef Tasting

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oklahoma-food-security-summit-tickets-27237120962?aff=efbneb>

Hope Events

Brown Bag Lunch

1st & 3rd Mondays at 11:30 am in RE Wing

Bring your lunch and join us for lively discussions on current topics.

Claudia Vandiver cvgardnr@sbcglobal.com

Women of the Thread

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 11:30 am in the log cabin

You are invited to join this informal creative group working on our Threads of Hope. We work together to supply lap blankets, shawls, and baby blankets for our church community or you are welcome to bring a personal project. Please join us.

Carrie Muzika

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Deborah Whittaker

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Hope Book Club

October 3, 6:30 pm in the Log Cabin

(And every 1st Monday)

Reading the play *Equus* by Peter Shaffer. For more information, contact **Chris Anrig**

manrig@hotmail.com

Women of Hope

Thursday, October 6

Socialization 6:00 • Potluck 6:30 • Program 7:00

Come join us and let your voices be heard. This will be an opportunity to express opinions, ideas and make suggestions for our future planning. We are looking for speakers/presentations beginning in February, and monthly through May. Wine available with a \$2.00 donation. Bring a favorite food item to share.

Jane Brumley, W.O.H. Program Chair

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Movie Night

Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 pm

Featuring *The Candidate*, (1972) an American, satirical, comedy-drama starring Robert Redford and Peter Boyle, directed by Michael Ritchie. Free popcorn, and soft drinks. Discussions before and after. Childcare provided. Please make reservations to childcare@hopeuu.org at least 2 business days before the event.

Larry Vandiver geolarry@sbcglobal.com

Hope Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, October 19 at 11:30 am

The Hope Lunch Bunch will meet at The Wild Fork in Utica Square on 21st Street. Everyone is welcome and it is a good way to get to know one another better. If you can join us, call or email **Lynn Walters** 918-893-2655 or lfwalters@aol.com.

Family Movie Night

Friday, October 21, 6:30 pm

Showing *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, Tim Burton's classic holiday musical. Popcorn provided. Please bring your own drinks. Only spill-proof cups allowed in the sanctuary for movie night.

Laura Reiman - pratherlaura77@gmail.com

HALLOWEEN FAMILY GAME NIGHT



Friday, October 28, 2016 at 6:30pm

Wear a **spooky** costume. Walk the **Haunted Trails** and hunt for **Spider Eyes**. Bring a **scary** dish to share like, **Mummy dogs, Eye balls, Kitty Litter** or your family favorites. Apple cider and hot chocolate will be provided.

We have lots of games. See the list below. You're welcome to bring your own.

Scrabble (2), Goblet X, Dominoes (3), Chicken Feet, Candyland, Monopoly, Pictionary, Bingo, Checkers, Trouble, Rummikub, Cat in the Hat, Cootie, Clue, Life Stories, Sm & LG Genga, Mancola, Connect Four (2), Harry Potter

Sign-up on sheet in folder on Administrator's desk or call email the church office.



**We welcome
Roy Zimmerman
back to Hope.**

**He puts on a
great show.
Don't miss it!**

**\$20.00 at the
door (or pay
what you can)**

"Without a doubt, Roy Zimmerman is among the most important political commentators of the last few decades. With music this good and humor this insightful, there is good reason to be optimistic."
-- *NO Depression Magazine*

"He simultaneously inspires me and makes me laugh my ass off."
-- Paul Krassner

"Roy's lyrics move beyond poetry and achieve perfection."
-- Joni Mitchell

**roy
Zimmerman**

Sunday, October 23 at 7:00 pm at Hope

"This Machine" is ninety minutes of Roy Zimmerman's hilarious, rhyme-intensive original songs. The title is a reference to Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger to be sure, but also an acknowledgement that songwriting does good work in the world. "Sometimes I think satire is the most hopeful and heartfelt form of expression," says Roy, "because in calling out the world's absurdities and laughing in their face, I'm affirming the real possibility for change."

Roy's songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime. He's shared stages with Bill Maher, Robin Williams, Ellen DeGeneres, John Oliver, Kate Clinton and George Carlin. He's been profiled on NPR's "All Things Considered," and he's a featured blogger for the Huffington Post.

More YouTube links:

"Religious Freedom (To Burn Our Own Witches)" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MH7-GKiQXNE>

"Everybody Is Everybody Else" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNMRBaM9q9k>

"To Be a Liberal" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3qgiNPVpSM>

"My Vote, My Voice, My Right" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-X-uBlqeVM>

Hope Church Presents

*Woodland Wonders
on the Hill*

**2016 Annual Auction
November 12 at 6:00pm**

Donations Needed!

- **Sundays, from October 9**—Pick up Auction Donation/Dinner Reservation Forms at the Auction Table before & after service. Or email descriptions and photographs of donations to hopeuu@hopeuu.org
- **Sunday, October 23**—Begin dropping off your auction items—on Sundays or in office hours.
- **Sunday, November 6**—Deadline for handing in your reservation/donation form .
- **Saturday, November 12 by 10 am**—Deadline for dropping off auction items

Great ideas to donate include dinners, vacation homes, theme baskets, jewelry, artwork and personal services.

Please note: Payment for auction items is required on the night. Credit card payments accepted.

\$25 per Ticket Includes:

- ◆ Dinner
- ◆ Drinks
- ◆ Bid card
- ◆ Child care

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| 6.00 pm | Drinks & Fellowship |
| 6.00 pm | Silent Auction Begins |
| 6.30 pm | Dinner |
| 7.30 pm | Live Auction |
| 7.30 pm | Silent Auction Ends |

Come join us starting at 6:00 pm on November 12 for Hope's Annual Auction.

Buy raffle tickets for the 5050 and Parking Lot drawings every Sunday.



Please contact Paula Haight with any questions.

Revival



The UU Christian Fellowship, in partnership with **The Welcome Table, Turley, OK** First UU Church of San Diego, and First Church in Chestnut Hill, is pleased to announce

Revival 2016:
"The Healing Spirit in a Wounded World."

Each revival will include: a keynote presentation, daily service projects, workshops, dynamic worship services, communion, prayer, healing and baptism.

The Turley Revival will be at The Welcome Table:
5pm - 10pm on Friday, October 14
9am - 7pm on Saturday, October 15
To register and for more details
www.tinyurl.com/2016revivals



Please welcome our newest member, **Stan Moore**, who joined Hope on 9.18.16

Ronald Dirsmith 1932-August 2016

Hope's iconic building blending seamlessly into the nature on our hill was designed by **Ron Dirsmith** who died late last month. We send our condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

[http://www.chicagotribune.com/.../ct-ronald-dirsmith-
-obituary...](http://www.chicagotribune.com/.../ct-ronald-dirsmith-obituary...)



"Some of Dirsmith's other notable projects include North Shore Unitarian Church in Deerfield, Hope Unitarian Church in Tulsa, Okla., and Congregation KAM Isaiah Israel in Chicago's Kenwood neighborhood. "Most of those projects included such signature elements as free-form walls and landscaping around the structures."

Sunday Flowers



Would you like to bring flowers on a Sunday to beautify our Sanctuary? You can honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday, an anniversary, the season or anything your heart desires.

Sign up in the folder on the Administrator's desk.

October Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Brad Adams | 1st |
| Elva Knoles | 3rd |
| Tom Swatek | 3rd |
| Lynn Rivers | 12th |
| Susan Farma Hai | 15th |
| Larry Sharp | 15th |
| Paula Haight | 16th |
| Jim Sleezer | 16th |
| Jean Coffey | 17th |
| Ada Galli | 17th |
| Joan Scheulen | 17th |
| Shirley Adams | 22nd |
| Marcia Schaefer | 23rd |
| Leslie Walker | 24th |
| Bruce Brookby | 28th |
| Carol Cox | 28th |



Key People

When no one is at the church, the building is locked and the security system is on. A committee of key people have keys and security clearance to open and close the building for church events. Each takes a one-week turn

October 3-9

Sherrill Womeldorff
918-638-7610

October 10-16

Eric Reiman
918-407-0924

October 17-23

Fred Pottorf
918-407-0924

October 24-30

Jim Sleezer
918-760-9711

October 31-November 6

Barbara Witt
918-812-3450

Policy for function organizers

1. First, determine if someone - attending your function can open the building.
2. Find out if church will be open/closed for another event at the same time as yours.
3. If no one is available and you need entry, contact above - volunteer Key Person **a few days in advance of your event.**

**For Hope's October Calendar
see Hope's website
www.hopeuu.org**

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