

## From the Minister



### Thus Do We Covenant

We start our services at Hope Unitarian Church with our commitment to each other. It is glue holding us together. We have a covenant not a creed. A covenant is different from a contract. A covenant can be repaired and reestablished if broken. This is the key point of a covenant.

Imagine if our civic ceremonies included reciting a covenant—a promise of how each intends to treat the other. We can still sing the national anthem and say the pledge of allegiance.

Following those binding rituals, together we'd state how we will behave toward each other. How would this change political and civil processes? Would it change city council meetings? State or national legislatures? How about banking? Schools? A family can write a simple one to recite at dinner time or regular family meetings.

Increasingly various Hope Church committees have written, adopted and say a covenant before each meeting. These new ones do not supersede what we say each Sunday, but refine and clarify. As the committee members say the words together, it helps focus and center the meeting to a core purpose.

For example, the **Finance Committee** chaired by **Claudia Vandiver** recites each month:

*"We, the members of the Finance Committee pledge to one another our willingness, To participate: To be on time; To be prepared; To contribute thoughtfully and responsibly To be respectful; To other committee members; To privacy and confidences To be open; To new ideas, This do we covenant with each other."*

Other committees such as the **Committee on Ministry** have one that also covers confidentiality, respect, and open-mindedness. The whole church and I made a covenant to each other when you called me last spring. Those texts are framed on the bookshelf outside my office. The church also has a Covenant of Healthy Relations to guide resolving conflict.

I belong to a minister's study group that meets via a video conference call monthly. We speak aloud this covenant: *"I covenant to: Be there; Listen deeply; Share deeply; Speak my truth; Read the reading; Engage differences with love; Respect myself, each other, and our group."*

Do you have a committee, or family, or other group that might benefit from starting by lighting a chalice, having a simple reading then stating a covenant? Here is a link to help write one <http://www.uua.org/safe/handbook/leadership/165735.shtml>.

Feel free to borrow any of these.  
Joyfully,

Cathey

Rev. Cathey Edwards  
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## March's Monthly Theme: Respect

### March Services

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

**Sunday Adult Religious  
Education  
10 am - Sanctuary**

**Sunday Worship  
11am - Sanctuary**

**Sunday, March 5  
"Is Respect Outdated?"**

**The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

Using this season of Lent, we consider respect as a doorway to engage in a discipline of deep intention and appreciation of our world and our place in it.

**Sunday, March 12  
"Everday Feminism"**

**The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

International Women's Day propels us to look at today's issues affecting all genders.

**Sunday, March 19  
"Disrespect in a Word"**

**The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

Wordsmith and humorist Mark Twain noted, "the difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug." words can divide or unite us. How do we discern what words to use and where?

**Sunday, March 26  
"Respecting Pupil  
and Teacher"**

**The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

On this Social Justice Sunday we turn our attention to local issues of education.



With so much of society and news becoming increasingly strident and shrill, is the notion of respect an old-fashioned, quaint one? When people are afraid and desperate is the virtue of respect a way to tame rather than empower?

Respect includes admiration, reverence, awe, deference, and recognition. These shadings of meaning begin to unveil the issues of power, humility, and effectiveness embedded in respect. When I grant a person or thing respect, I honor their value. Being a caregiver for a friend or family member is an abiding respect and love.

We will discuss all the ways respect appears and does not in our church, families, and country. Join us for the first Sunday in March and beyond to explore respect together. The children and youth will spend the month looking at this theme as well.

### About Our Monthly Themes

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.

Hope Church is a questioning community. It is a safe place to bring doubt and new ideas. This month we are exploring mystery together. Join us!

### Brown Bag Lunch—First Thursdays with Rev. Cathey

Every first Thursday in the month Rev. Cathey Edwards leads the group on the topic of Legacy Letters, also called Ethical Wills. This ancient tradition passes along personal values, beliefs, blessings & advice.

For **March 2, 11:30pm** Brown Bag we will look at things: heirlooms, treasures, and junque. Please bring **one object** or a **picture of that object** with a **story of why it is important to you and your life story**.

The inspiration for this topic of "Spring Cleaning as Story" comes from all who have to downsize or sort through belongings of a loved one. Our relationship to our things and their stories may differ from those of a younger generation. Or perhaps not. See if this article "Sorry, Nobody Wants Your Parents' Stuff: Advice for Boomers Desperate to Unload Family Heirlooms" resonates for you. <http://www.nextavenue.org/nobody-wants-parents-stuff/>



## Children and Youth Programs

Susan Spooner, Director, [susan@hopeuu.org](mailto:susan@hopeuu.org)

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

*Childcare is available during all church events, committee meetings and Board meetings. If you need childcare during a church activity, please email [child-care@hopeuu.org](mailto:child-care@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.

### *Our children learn respect when we respect them*

This list is adapted from a familiar parenting book: *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber & Elaine Mazlish. These strategies help parents respect the child and it also goes a long way in fostering their autonomy and capability. Instead of jumping in to do things for our kids or answer for them – let them answer, struggle, and think for themselves. You'll be amazed at how their sense of personal significance will grow. And, by the way...they're also great strategies for avoiding power struggles. Each example provides a way to *empower* your child rather than igniting power struggles between you.

Try these ways to show respect, develop their capability and avoid power struggles:

Give choices.

Don't ask too many questions.

Instead of "How was school today?" "Was the science test hard?" "What did you have for lunch?"

Try: "Welcome home. I'm SO glad to see you!"

Don't rush to answer questions.

Try: "That's an interesting question. What do you think?"

Let your child own his/her own body. Refrain from brushing her hair out of her eyes, tucking in his shirt, etc.

Kids view this as fussing over them and an invasion of their physical privacy.

Let your child answer for herself/himself!

Try: "Jack can tell you. He's the one who knows." Or, for an older child, just be silent and don't answer. The awkward silence will encourage your child to speak up.

Show respect for your child's eventual "readiness."

Try: "I'm not concerned. When you're ready, you'll ...." or "When you decide to, you'll get into the water."



Kids are accustomed to parents communicating with a lot of ordering, correcting and directing. These strategies will show your kids that you respect them, and will lead to greater capability and autonomy with fewer power struggles.

Children and youth will also be learning, along with you, about respect, through chapel, art, personal interaction and yoga.

**Hope's parents' group "It Takes a Village"** meets third Sunday of the month, March 19, after church, in the Log Cabin. This month we will continue talking about boundaries with kids, fashioned after the book, "Boundaries with Kids" by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. Childcare and lunch is provided. Please join us.

See you in church!

**Susan Spooner**

## Music Notes



I am thankful that we have such a wonderful group of singers who love to make music every week for Hope. They have been working hard, and having fun doing it. What a gift to all of us!

The March monthly theme is “Respect,” and we will begin with the stirring anthem, “Love Has Broken Down the Wall,” by Mark A. Miller. Everywhere in our society and nations today there are literal and metaphorical walls being constructed, which obscure and obstruct our understanding and compassion for one another. We will break them down with this song in love and respect.

Another anthem the choir plans to sing is “Give Us Hope,” by Jim Papoulis. The lyrics reflect our children’s point of view, who are looking to us with hopeful hearts to be good stewards of our world and pass it down to them. This is a matter of respect for future generations, especially for our dear ones, who will take our place after us.

Also during the month of March, musician Josh Masad will be our special guest musician. Josh is an outstanding musician who began his professional career playing Middle Eastern percussion for dance, and then branched into Indian, Middle Eastern, West African, Flamenco, and other ethnic music.

And on Sunday, March 5, we will host Maureen O’Boyle, violinist, and Ann Raphael, pianist, for the annual David Sahler Memorial Concert. Elsewhere in the Focus you will see more information on the concert. You won’t want to miss this annual event!

**Joseph Rivers**, Director of Music,  
[joseph.rivers@hopeuu.org](mailto:joseph.rivers@hopeuu.org)



## Adult Forum

### Sundays, 10:00 am, in the Sanctuary

#### March 5

##### Generosity Sunday

Our generosity plate recipient for March is **Meals on Wheels of Tulsa**. Their President and CEO, **Calvin Moore**, will speak about the work they do to help improve the lives of our senior citizens, as well as their other programs and their plans for the future.

#### March 12

**Joseph Rivers**, Hope’s Director of Music will give a presentation on film music.

#### March 19

**Nathan Harvill** and **Courtney Spohn** will present on the Abode Initiative, helping people find housing.

#### March 26

Hope member, **Victoria Sherrill**, will be doing a presentation on animal husbandry.

**Please contact Chris Anrig**, Adult Religious Education Chair at [cmanrig@hotmail.com](mailto:cmanrig@hotmail.com) for additional information.

## Sunday Slideshow Help Needed

Do you enjoy the Sunday slideshows?  
Like having the words to hymns up on the screen?  
Appreciate the pictures?  
Inspired by the Visual Hymn?

Want to help?

We have a cadre of people who create these slideshows each week, but we need a few more people to share the responsibility. If you have PowerPoint skills and wouldn’t mind taking some time once a month or so to put a presentation together, we’d love to have you as part of our team! There are some parts of the slideshow that are set, along with some opportunities to get creative.

Please contact Rebecca Jones [ebtax@cox.net](mailto:ebtax@cox.net) if you are interested.



# 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 February we raised:  
\$2,075 For MacArthur Elementary School**  
Here are the totals raised in previous months:  
Thank you for your generosity.

Month	Organization	\$ Amount
January	Habitat for Humanity	\$1,218.25
December	Therapeutics Service Dogs of OK	\$904.45
December 24	Youth Services of Tulsa	\$410.00
November	Global Gardens	\$1,135.65

### March Generosity Recipient

### Meals on Wheels, Tulsa

Meals on Wheels of Metro Tulsa started in 1970, and is a nonprofit community service organization operated by more than 1,400 volunteers funded by charitable contributions and supported by many congregations, civic groups and local businesses.

At the core of the Meals on Wheels service is a nutritious meal, companionship and a watchful eye on the health and safety of our seniors. The mission of Meals on Wheels of Metro Tulsa is to provide nutritious meals and friendly, caring contact to elderly and disabled home bound individuals in Tulsa and surrounding areas.

Supporting home bound individuals improves their health while maintaining their independence, dignity and well-being. The main goal is to help elderly and disabled home bound individuals to remain in their homes for as long as possible.

## 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 **February**:

- Shopper: **Keith Hamilton**
- Friday cooking: **Mary Newman**
- Meal prep and cooking: With team leader, **Mary Newman: Eddie Humphreys, Anne Steiner, Helen Bordelon, Rich Jackson.**
- Serving at the Day Center with **Anita Ward: Debby Baker, Mary & Matt Baird, Ursula Monroe, Janet Nobles, Stan Moore.**

We served 109 plates.

### Next Feed the Homeless date is:

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

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, March 12**



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 News

### Gap Pack Project

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Gap Pack Project over the last four weeks. We quickly surpassed our goal of \$500.00 and will be purchasing the items to supply 250 Gap Packs for the Tulsa County Jail in March.

All donations above those needed for the March Gap Packs will be used for our ongoing support of this program. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

(A Gap Pack is intended to help newly released individuals from the Tulsa County jail by providing basic essentials for their first 24 hours after release if they have no resources or access to resources.)

### Shoe Collection Drive for Tulsa County Jail

The Outreach Committee is joining All Souls Criminal Justice Outreach in collecting shoes for inmates just released from the jail who have no shoes. This Jail Ministry is in addition to the Gap Pack Project. There is a donation box in the Fellowship Hall for shoe donations. Please donate only **new or gently used** shoes.



### Fair Trade

There is a new order of fair trade coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange on our Fair Trade Cart. Try out the mini dark chocolate bars for 25 cents, a taste of delicious chocolate for a small price!

When you buy our fair trade goods you are supporting small farmers around the world, promoting human rights and making a commitment to social justice and the environment. Fair trade ensures that farmers are paid a fair price for their goods. With the added income from fair trade, farmers invest in education and social services for their community.

For every pound of fair trade goods purchased through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's Fair Trade Project, 20 cents is donated to the UUSC Small Farmer Fund. In 2015, \$12,597.48 was donated to the UUSC Small Farmer Fund.

### Feed the Homeless Program Annual Luncheon

**Sunday, March 26**

Please join us after church for our annual Feed the Homeless Luncheon. We will be serving the same delicious meal we take every month to the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless.

Donations are appreciated as this is a fundraiser for our monthly meal.

## News from the Board

### General Assembly Attendance Scholarship

Hope Foundation and a Hope Church member have made funds available which are earmarked for training scholarships, including youth and young adults. Anyone wishing to attend the Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly and in need of financial assistance, is requested to complete a General Assembly Reimbursement Request form. Applicants will be asked to present at our Adult Forum to share their experience.

You can find the forms on the church administrator's desk or ask Anita Ward for one. Complete the form and submit by April 1 to Anita Ward or leave in the President's mailbox at church. A group made up of members not asking for assistance will be deciding who gets the funds and how much will be granted.

### Congregational Meeting for Hope Members Sunday, March 26

A brief congregational meeting is being called for immediately after church on Sunday, March 26. The purpose of the meeting is to get congregational approval of an addition to the by-laws. It has been approved by the board and now needs congregational approval. The addition to the by-laws is to affirm what has been our practice of inclusion. It will assist with meeting the Unitarian Universalist status for our church of being a welcoming community. (A list of voting members will be posted on the Bulletin Board.)

Proposed addition to the By-laws under Section 1 under MEMBERSHIP (Article III):

"The congregation affirms and promotes the full participation of persons in all our activities and endeavors including membership, programming, hiring practices, and the calling of religious professionals, without regard to race, color, gender, physical or mental challenge, affectional or sexual orientation, class or national origin".

Immediately after the meeting we will have our Feed the Homeless Luncheon where everyone can partake of the same meal we serve each month at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless.

Anita Ward  
President

## Love WordPress?

**Hope's staff needs support refining and reviewing Hope's WordPress website.**

**Please contact Susan Spooner [susan@hopeuu.org](mailto:susan@hopeuu.org) if you can help.**

## Poverty Simulation March 4, 10 – 12:30 pm

### Brief Description



The poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month. **It is a simulation, not a game.** The object is to sensitize participants to the realities faced by low-income people.

In the simulation, up to 80 participants assume the roles of up to 26 different families facing poverty. Some families are newly unemployed, some are recently deserted by the “breadwinner,” some are homeless, and others are recipients of TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, formerly AFDC), either with or without additional earned income. Still others are senior citizens receiving Disability or Retirement or grandparents raising their grandchildren. The task of the “families” is to provide for basic necessities and shelter during the course of four 15-minute “weeks.”

The simulation is conducted in a large room with the “families” seated in groups in the center of the room. Around the perimeter are tables representing community resources and services for the families. These services include a bank, supercenter, Community Action Agency, employer, utility company, pawnbroker, grocery, social service agency, faith-based agency, payday and title loan facility, mortgage company, school, community health center, and child care center.

The experience lasts from two and a half to three hours. It includes an introduction and briefing, the actual simulation exercise, and a debriefing period in which participants share their feelings and experiences and talk about what they have learned about the lives of people in poverty. This is also a time for participants to explore any changes they can make in the ways that they interact with those living in poverty, from rethinking personal ideologies to policy advocacy at the state and national levels.

### Simulation Schedule

- Orientation and pre-test 10-20 minutes
- Simulation Exercise: 60-70 minutes
- Debrief and Call to Action 70-80 minutes
- Post-test 10-15 minutes

Hope Unitarian Church is the first church to organize and participate in this Poverty Simulation, conducted under the auspices of the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, The University of Oklahoma. This is both an opportunity and a privilege for us.

We expect an enrollment of 40-60 participants, and the program will be held on March 4, at Hope Unitarian Church from 10:00am – 12:30 pm. Contact **Anne Steiner** to enroll.

Child care will be provided, and there is a suggested \$15.00 donation per person, which will include a light lunch.

**Anne Steiner**, VP Programs  
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## Hope Events

*Childcare is available by rsvp at least two business days before most events. Please email [childcare@hopeuu.org](mailto:childcare@hopeuu.org) to make a reservation.*

### Brown Bag Lunch

**Meets every Thursday at 11:00 am in the RE Wing**  
Bring your lunch and join us for lively discussions on current topics. See [Page 3](#) for more information.  
**Claudia Vandiver** [cvgardnr@sbcglobal.com](mailto: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.

**Carrie Muzika** [proenviomom@cox.net](mailto:proenviomom@cox.net)      **Deborah Whittaker** [debsharmony@yahoo.com](mailto:debsharmony@yahoo.com)

### Women of Hope

**Thursday, March 2**

**Social time 6:00 pm Potluck 6:30 pm Program 7:00 pm**

Men and women are invited to join us to welcome guest speakers, **The Rev. Ron Robinson** and his wife, **Dr. Bonnie Ashing**, as they talk about “The Welcome Table”, a covenanted community of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the non-profit organization it created called A Third Place Community Foundation.

It is located in the north side zip codes with the lowest life expectancy of the Tulsa area (11 to 14 years lower than those on the south side). Their mission through justice, food, art and parties is turning blight to beauty and growing connections to help narrow that gap.

Plan to bring a food item of your choice to share.

**Jane Brumley**—Women of Hope Program Chair  
[murphyb3@cox.net](mailto:murphyb3@cox.net)

### Breakfast on the Hill

**Sunday, March 5, 9:00 am**

Join us for breakfast before the service on the first Sunday of the month. Our chefs are **Paula Haight and Anne Steiner** and they will be making breakfast pizzas. A donation of \$5.00 per adult is requested. Children eat free.

Next breakfast is **April 1** when our chefs will be **Meredith Miller** and **Eddie Humphreys**.

### Hope Book Club

**And every 1st Monday in the Log Cabin**

**No Meeting in March**

**Next meeting, April 3**

**Chris Anrig** [cmanrig@hotmail.com](mailto:cmanrig@hotmail.com)

### Movie Night

**Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm**

Our March movie is *Woman in Gold* (2015). The film is based on the true story of Maria Altmann, an elderly Jewish refugee living in Cheviot Hills, Los Angeles, who, together with her young lawyer, Randy Schoenberg, fought the government of Austria for almost a decade to reclaim Gustav Klimt's iconic painting of her aunt, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I, which was stolen from her relatives by the Nazis in Vienna just prior to World War II. Altmann took her legal battle all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States, which ruled on the case Republic of Austria v. Altmann (2004).

The movie stars Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds. Please join us for free soft drinks, popcorn, and discussions before and after the movie.



Come and join us for popcorn, soft drinks, and good discussions before and after the movie.

### Hope Lunch Bunch

**Wednesday, March 15, at 11:30 am**

We'll meet at Los Cabos located at 300 Riverwalk Terrace, #100, Jenks.



**LET IT BE A DANCE**

## **HOPE UNITARIAN PLEDGE DRIVE**

**February 12, 2017  
through  
March 12, 2017**

Our annual pledge drive continues through March 12. **THANK YOU** to those of you who have already turned in your pledge cards, with two-thirds of you increasing your pledge as of this writing. In recent years, our highest individual pledge has been \$6,000. This year, several of you have already substantially exceeded that amount. Your support of our goal of \$250,000 and our beloved community at Hope is exciting.

We hope that you attended our Adult Forum on Sunday, February 26, to learn more about how your money is now and will be used. If not, or if you have additional questions, several small group meetings are planned. Members of the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee will be available to listen, to answer your questions and to provide needed information. Dates and times are:

- **Tuesday, February 28, at 5:30 pm**
- **Friday, March 3, at 1:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm**

Registration for these meetings is appreciated. You may call or email the church at 918-481-0999 or [hopeuu@hopeuu.org](mailto:hopeuu@hopeuu.org).

Join us as we celebrate our community and thank all of you at our annual **Fellowship Dinner on March 11**.

Additional information on the dinner is on [Page 12](#).

Elizabeth Obal  
*Pledge Drive Chair*



# SIXTH ANNUAL DAVID SAHLER MEMORIAL CONCERT

March 5, 2017- 3:30 pm



**Maureen O'Boyle, violin**



**Ann Raphael, piano**

Free Admission but donations welcomed.  
Reservations not required. Reception to follow.

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# Reminder for the Fellowship Dinner Pot Luck



**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

**6:00pm Social time 6:30pm Dinner**

If you have not already done so, please confirm your attendance with Maggie Scott at 918-481-0999 or [hopeuu@hopeuu.org](mailto:hopeuu@hopeuu.org) and request childcare if needed, **no later than Sunday, March 5.**

Bring a favorite main dish, vegetable, salad or dessert along with your serve ware. Hope will provide the bread and drinks.

You will not want to miss this annual evening of fun and camaraderie! We look forward to seeing all of you!

Deborah Whittaker [www.debsharmony@yahoo.com](http://www.debsharmony@yahoo.com)



# ACTION

## Allied Communities of Tulsa Inspiring Our Neighborhoods

## Education Awareness Weekend

No other investment yields as great a return as the investment in education. An educated workforce is the foundation of every community and the future of every economy. - former OK Governor Brad Henry

NOW is the time to invest in our state. Our legislators are ready to act this session to improve teacher pay - it's up to US to make sure they follow through!

Join with Hope's Core Team and ACTION Tulsa by having your congregation, institution, PTA, non-profit organization, work place, and community learn more about how the teacher pay crisis is affecting our state during **Education Awareness Weekend**, March 24-26, 2017.

Activities will be scheduled statewide to get people talking about public education and how it is vital to our state and its citizens -

What will you do to bring the conversation to YOUR institution?

Some ideas for participating in Education Awareness Weekend - choose one or several! The important thing is to get people in your institution talking about public education and what they can do to support it!

- Identify teachers and parents connected with public schools in your institution and have a house meeting to hear their personal experiences
- Share teacher, parent, and student stories in your services or in member communications leading up to the weekend
- Speak to the importance of investing in public education in your sermon that Sunday or in a community meeting
- Invite a state representative of the district where your church is located to attend your service and pledge his or her support
- Gather a discussion group to respond to the fact sheet
- Provide information about teacher pay bills in the legislature, help people identify their representatives, and provide a script or postcard to encourage them to contact their elected officials
- Schedule a neighborhood forum to discuss education in a house meeting format
- Write notes to teachers at your nearest public school to let them know what you are doing to support them or offer teachers a blessing at your services

Contact Hope's Core Team Leaders, **Lynn Rivers** and **Ken Jones** if you want to help investigate this local and vital issue.



# BROADWAY REPEATS ITSELF!

**On Saturday, April 1, 2017**

**Hope will transform itself into a Broadway destination once again.**

**Featured on our marquee will be the renowned actor and singer, Larry Sharp, the dynamic singer and arranger, Joseph Rivers, and the magic fingers of Chris Powell.**

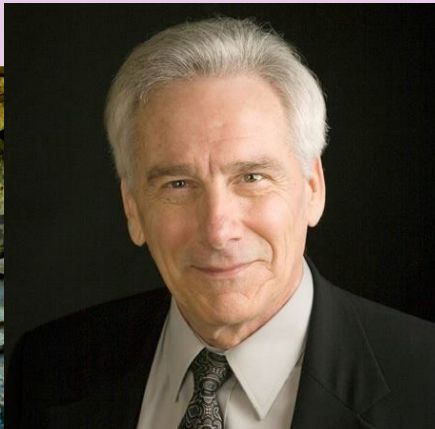
**Enjoy an evening of great music and an elegant dinner complete with a variety of appetizers, a hearty main dish, and a divinely decadent chocolate dessert.**

**This was originally an auction item that sold for \$300 a ticket. If you wish to join us, there is space available at this price.**

Contact Maggie Scott at [hopeuu@hopeuu.org](mailto:hopeuu@hopeuu.org) to reserve your seat.



**Joseph Rivers**



**Larry Sharp**



**Chris Powell**

## Welcome New Members



Larry and Patty Scheer

## Members' Birthdays in March

Warren Cox	1st
Gil Saurer	2nd
Stan Young	3rd
Ren Pasco	4th
Diane Dudley	9th
Lottie Wilds	11th
Alton Schultz	12th
Lavon Boeck	18th
Ross Guthrie	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

### Feb 27—March 5

Jay Stewart  
918-407-0924

### March 6-12

Eric Reiman  
918-407-0924

### March 13-19

Jim Sleezer  
918-760-9711

### March 20-26

Sherrill Womeldorff  
918-638-7610

### 27 March—April 2

Sherrill Womeldorff  
918-638-7610

### *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 the event.

For Hope's March Calendar  
see Hope's website  
[www.hopeuu.org](http://www.hopeuu.org)

## Focus Deadline

Submissions for Focus should be sent to [hopeuu@hopeuu.org](mailto:hopeuu@hopeuu.org) with "Focus" in the subject line and are normally due **9 am the 4th Wednesday in the month**. Submissions are subject to editing for length and content.

**The next Focus will be published March 29, 2017 . Next Deadline: 9 am, Wednesday, March 22, 2017**



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**Hope Unitarian Church is an inclusive, affirming congregation**

**Hope's Vision**

Seeking Truth, Sharing Love  
Within - Among - Beyond

**Hope's Mission**

Supporting the free and responsible search for truth and meaning;  
Teaching the history and traditions of Unitarianism;  
Promoting and defending freedom of thought;  
Celebrating life's passages;  
Serving the larger community with justice and compassion.



**Hope's Values**

Reason - Integrity - Tolerance

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