

From the Minister

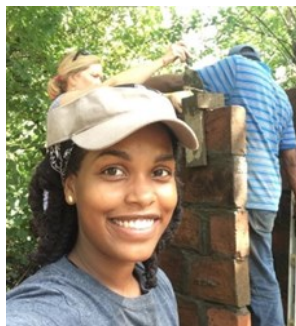
Giving Back



Hope Unitarian Church has two opportunities to give back to our Unitarian Universalist movement. Because we are a healthy and vibrant community, **Yadene Hailu**, a current Phillips Theological Seminary student and All Souls Church member, asks if we would become a teaching church. She would like to serve as our ministerial intern. She would be here half-time for two years starting in the fall of 2017.

Her request is both an honor and a responsibility. She would be here as a minister-in-training. She will change us and we her.

If we choose to take on this work we would provide an internship committee for support and feedback. We will pay her the Unitarian Universalist Association's established rate for interns (approximately \$8,000 a year). Hope provides office space and supplies. I will meet with her regularly and facilitate her learning plan.



In turn, Yadene will learn the ins and outs of a healthy, small Unitarian Universalist church. She will provide ministerial services as she grows into those skills, including being in our pulpit. She will bring the most current theological and seminary teachings and special perspective as a young adult of color.

If you wish to know more about the process, here are [links](#) to the internship process.

The board and I will create a simple process for exploring this possibility and telling her yes or no by mid-May.

Second, **Gary McAlpin**, a Tahlequah Unitarian Universalist minister, asks Hope to consider ordaining him. He has completed the lengthy process and received the highest recommendation from the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. He wishes to be a community minister in Tahlequah. Gary is a Child Welfare Specialist III at Oklahoma Department of Human Services currently on leave after the recent heart-breaking death of his two-year old from leukemia. Native American traditions and practices, specifically Cherokee, inform his religious beliefs as well as past work as a credentialed Protestant minister.



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May Services

**Sunday Worship
11am - Sanctuary**

**Sunday, May 7
“A Unitarian Universalist Lament”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

A lament is a formalized way of expressing grief, sorrow and regret. In sacred texts it is a highly structured, poetic, deep expression of pain. It embodies hopelessness and hope, desolation and consolation. Together we will create our own laments for the pain and suffering around us and in us. More specifically we will name and better understand unseen racial systems.

**Sunday, May 14
“Beauty in Creation: Mother's Day
Flower Communion”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

With the celebration of our diversity through Flower Communion, Mother's Day is a call for celebration and for peace. Together we examine the mothers who produced us or raised us. We look to mothers as a window into the theological notion of we are co-creators with the diverse forces of the universe.

**Sunday, May 21
“Oh We Give Thanks”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

In thanks for all the volunteers and staff who create such a beautiful, welcoming, justice-minded place we call Hope Church. We look back at the accomplishments of this past church year setting the stage for summer. We will welcome this year's newest members in a simple ceremony.

**Sunday, May 28
“We Are Ever Bound in Community”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

A Memorial Day Service dedicated to the mighty cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. We will also pay tribute to our veterans and make room for some of their stories.

From the ministercontinued

Only a congregation ordains when they see the minister in the person. It falls to us and Gary to create a simple process to get to know each other. When ready, the congregation would schedule a vote. Trying to do this by our up-coming May 21 Annual Meeting would be rushing the process. As for expenses, Gary does not want a fancy ordination. As we get to know him what is appropriate will unfold, something under \$500 dollars. Any out-of-state-guests would need to arrange their own transportation. Here are [links](#) to UUA information on ordaining.

Please contact me or our Board President, **Anita Ward**, if you want to know more, have input into these opportunities, or want to serve on the committees overseeing these projects. You will learn more deeply what you believe and what it means to be Unitarian Universalist in the process. I look forward to what we absorb by simply examining if these two opportunities fit our congregation.

Joyfully,



Rev. Cathey Edwards
Cathey@hopeuu.org

Mother's Day Flower Communion

Sunday, May 14



On May 14 please join Hope Unitarian Church in celebrating Flower Communion in our service.

The Flower Communion Service, originated by the Rev. Norbert F. Capek in his native Czechoslovakia in 1923, is perhaps the most widely-celebrated ritual in Unitarian Universalist congregations today.

Please bring a flower. The flowers will be placed in vases and you will take home a different flower

May's Monthly Theme: Desolation/Consolation



Last month we looked at Balance as April's theme. May's theme is a variation. Desolation/Consolation names two opposing emotional and spiritual poles we encounter when life is out of balance. Although, being caught in despair and hopelessness is unavoidable and perfectly normal. Consolation is one of many antidotes for coping with suffering.

In *Inner Compass: An Invitation to Ignatian Spirituality* author Margaret Silf offers a thoughtful description of these two states. She writes, "Here are some of the main symptoms of desolation and the most commonly experienced blessings of consolation."

Desolation

- turns us in on ourselves
- drives us down the spiral ever deeper into our own negative feelings
- cuts us off from community
- makes us want to give up on things that used to be important to us
- takes over our whole consciousness and crowds out our distant vision
- covers up all our landmarks
- drains us of energy

Consolation

- directs our focus outside and beyond ourselves
- lifts our hearts so that we can see the joys and sorrows of other people
- bonds us more closely to our human community
- generates new inspiration and ideas
- restores balance and refreshes our inner vision...
- releases new energy in us."

We will discuss all the ways these polar opposites appear or do not in our church, families, and country. Join us in May and beyond to explore Desolation/Consolation together. The children and youth will spend the month looking at the 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 **Desolation and Consolation** together. Join us!



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, 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 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.

May's Theme—Desolation and Consolation

Sadness beyond belief. When you experience it, there seems to be no way out and if it has been that way a long time, there is no relief. There is no retreat from the circumstances that brought you to this place. A place previously unimaginable is now your existence. There is no “knowing” what to do, how to escape, how to begin to breathe again. Few understand the emptiness and pain that fills your soul and yet they sit and cry with you.

Normal is lost, gone with what once was. Inanity prevails. What is the point of going on? What does going on mean? This is overwhelming and there seems to be no choice but to wallow in what is, what might have been and what misery today brings.

Hunger. Practicality enters center stage. It has been weeks since the last trip to the grocery store in weeks because this simple task brings you to your knees. Pizza is the only food in the house that does not require preparation. Warm? Cold? Distracted by a pile of mail, you wander in the empty house with your empty soul. Practicality is lost.

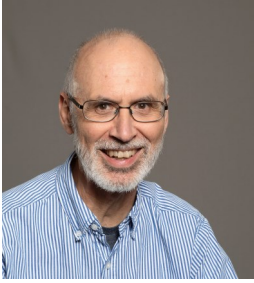
Escape? For a long time, there is no way out. Then a plan begins to bubble up in your mind. Execution is impossible. Physical energy is required and you are spent.

Thought begins to return. What is possible? To be or to live fully? Life is different now, but what is missing surrounds and has held you all along. Faith begins to flicker. You begin to smile at life's “little” pleasures; a child singing, a long walk with an old friend, a bird's song welcoming spring. Living is a choice. Life can go on and be good again. Hope. There is good you can do. Love. Love those who carried you through that “dark night of the soul” and others in ways that were not possible before. Generosity, you have what few can give. The realization that “knowing” is a fallacy creeps into your mind and eventually your soul. Prepare yourself for a journey, one not chosen and cannot be planned. It presents itself in ways that you do not understand, but you know it is yours. The Phoenix arises.



Susan Spooner

Music Notes



The monthly theme for May is “Consolation/Desolation,” which seems rather heavy, but the Hope Singers will sing songs that focus on consolation as an antidote for desolation.

We will begin the month by singing “Swimming to the Other Side,” by Pat Humphries of Emma’s Revolution (music arranged by UU musician Nick Page).

On Mother’s Day we will sing Bobby McFerrin’s endearing feminine version of “The 23rd Psalm,” dedicated to his own mother. Our music will evoke the spirit of Emily Dickinson’s words, “Hope Is the Thing With Feathers.” As the springtime has heralded the songbirds, we will invite hope to sing and spread its feathers among as well.

The Hope Singers will take a break during June and July until about the middle of August. We look forward to welcoming guest musicians to the Hill during that break period.

I would especially like to commend the choir members for their outstanding service in the last year. We are all grateful to be able to support and serve Hope’s community through music and singing.

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

Women of Hope Seeking New Leadership

We are currently looking for replacements for our two Co-Chairs. After our summer salad/dessert get-togethers in private homes for June, July and August, we will need these new individuals to kick off the fall season in September.

Women of Hope meets the first Thursday of the month, beginning at 6:00 pm, followed by a 6:30 potluck and a program/speaker at 7:00 pm.

It is a most enjoyable event that provides an opportunity to meet new people, and also offers new and valuable information on a variety of topics.

Find out how you can assist in maintaining this important Hope activity by contacting current co-chairs:

Barbara Witt sbottowitt@cox.net or
Jane Brumley murphyb3@cox.net

Adult Forum

Sundays, 10:00 am, in the Sanctuary

May 7—Generosity Sunday

Kristen King will speak about ACTION and what participating in the organization holds for us as UU’s. Before your very eyes, she will attempt to present the main practices of ACTION in terms of the principles associated with Unitarian Universalism.

Kristen King has been an organizer affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) for seventeen years. She started in West Texas, then moved to COPS and the Metro Alliance in San Antonio, then back to West Texas as the lead organizer. From there, she founded VOICE in Oklahoma City, and supervises the work of building an organization in both Tulsa and Little Rock currently. She’s married and has two kids -- both of whom are in Tulsa, one at the OU Community Medicine program, and the other at TU. Because she was a UU before she converted to Catholicism, she says she’s a Catholic with a sense of humor. Her hobbies include writing, fishing with her husband, and helping to plan her daughter’s upcoming wedding.

May 14

Poverty Simulation Follow up

May 21

The Point

Stories from the Congregation

May 28

Sunset Limited—Conclusion

We will watch the final part of *The Sunset Limited* (a movie based on the play by Cormac McCarthy) followed by discussion. For a synopsis go to: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Sunset_Limited

Please contact Chris Anrig, Adult Religious Education Chair, at cmnrig@hotmail.com for additional information.

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 April we raised:
\$1,518.50 For The Keystone Ancient Forest**
Here are the totals raised in previous months:
Thank you for your generosity.

| Month | Organization | \$ Amount |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------|
| March | Meals on Wheels | \$1,425.45 |
| February | MacArthur Elementary School | \$2,075.00 |
| January | Habitat for Humanity | \$1,303.25 |

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, **Linda Tracy: Eddie Humphreys, Lana Larkin, Helen Bordelon, Lavon Boeck and Rich Jackson.**
- Serving at the Day Center: **Ryan & Evelyn Saylor, Mary & Matt Baird, Guy & Judy Sims, Lana Larkin, Eddie Humphreys.**

**Next Feed the Homeless date is:
Saturday, May 20, 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.

May Generosity Recipient

ACTION

(Allied Communities of Tulsa Inspiring Our Neighborhoods)

ACTION, is a growing group of twenty, local churches and nonprofit institutions acting as an advocacy group for social justice in Tulsa. Through their member institutions they teach the practical skills of public engagement. ACTION aims to sustain a vibrant democratic culture in Tulsa, which builds the power necessary to effect change around issues that matter most to our families.

ACTION is a partner organization with VOICE (Voices Organized in Civic Engagement) in Oklahoma City as well as affiliated nationally with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), which is the oldest and largest organizing network in the United States.

Cereal Sunday Sunday, May 14



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).

President's Notes from the Board

- ◆ **Rev. Cathey** introduced to us **Gary McAlpin** who asks our congregation to consider ordaining him. The board agreed that we would appoint a Task Force to look into how our congregation could get to know him to determine if this would be possible.
- ◆ One of the main discussions of the evening was the budget for next year. We are hopeful we will be presenting a budget at the Annual meeting which is accepted by the congregation.
- ◆ Rev. Cathey discussed with the board information about **Yadene Hailu**, who hopefully we could sponsor as a ministerial intern, this next year with congregational approval.
- ◆ The Nominating Committee shared they do not have a slate yet; therefore, the slate will be sent out to the board members for a vote prior to the annual meeting.
- ◆ The status of the stewardship consultant who has been hired for the Next Steps Weekend was shared. The weekend will occur July 14-16. More details will be given at the annual meeting.
- ◆ The Eagle Scout project for building a retaining wall on the pad where the old HVAC system was, to create an outdoor chapel and classroom, was discussed and the design was approved.
- ◆ The Scholarship Task Force guidelines were approved by the board.
- ◆ The deadline for funds to go to The Point was delayed until June 15. The deadline for General Assembly has passed.
- ◆ The board was informed that Rev. Cathey's evaluation is underway along with goal setting for her for next year. In addition, Cathey's Letter of Agreement was discussed.
- ◆ The board voted to approve a motion to get congregational approval at the Annual meeting for becoming a Welcoming Congregation.
- ◆ The board also approved a change to be made to our by-laws changing our association to be the Southern Region instead of what they currently say of Southwest Region. This also will go before the congregation for approval

Anita Ward

President of the Board

Notes from Children & Youth Program

Childcare Help Wanted

Our children need loving adults and teens (14 and older) to care for them on Sunday mornings and during church events. Paid staff and volunteer positions are available. Please contact **Susan Spooner**, susan@hopeuu.org if you or someone you know is interested in filling this vital need.

Playground Help Wanted

The playground is undergoing a much needed renovation. The task force leading this effort are in need of professional landscape architecture advice. If you or you know of someone who is willing to help us, please contact **Laura or Eric Reiman**, pratherlaura77@gmail.com

A Next Steps Visit by the UUA is Coming in July



We have contracted a *Next Steps Visit* through the UUA and the Southern Region and are pleased to announce that *Stewardship for Us Team* Consultant, **Bill Clontz**, will be with us during the period **July 14-16** (Friday – Sunday).

The purpose of the visit is to provide our congregation and our leaders with an objective eye in gathering information and identifying strengths, opportunities, and areas needing improvement. This visit will examine all areas of the congregation; Bill will meet with the staff, lay leaders, and volunteers throughout the visit.

We have been in correspondence with Bill for a while now and are providing him a great deal of background information on our congregation and our operations. Following the visit, Bill will develop recommended priorities and actions, and will provide guides, examples, and links to help us on our way. These will be designed to help us attain our long-term goals and to address our near-term requirements and opportunities, including our thinking about stewardship and what it means to be a member of our congregation. We also expect to review our mission and vision statements, and have some initial discussions about a prospective capital campaign in the future.

Summary observations and recommendations will be shared at the end of his visit, to be followed by a detailed written report within two weeks.

There will be a full day of meetings on Saturday, July 15. The agenda is being prepared now and will be available before the visit for all to review. While meetings focus on particular areas and those who are most engaged in them, any member is welcome to observe any meeting.

You will note there is also an open session at the end of the day on Saturday, during which Bill is available to talk with anyone about any issue that may be of interest.

On Sunday, July 16, we expect Bill will speak briefly to the congregation during the service and he will remain afterwards to meet and talk with members of the congregation. We hope you will take this opportunity to meet our consultant and to share your views and hopes about our future.

Questions? Please contact me or any member of the Board. Thank you for helping our congregation get the most out of this visit; it's a great opportunity for us to see where we are and where we are going, and to learn what is working for others that may be relevant to us.

Anita Ward
President, Hope Unitarian Church



Garden and Grounds



There was another beautiful iris bloom on Hope Hill made extra special along the road this year because much of the smothering honeysuckle had been cleaned off (thanks **Warren Cox**). Iris plants survive in a wide variety of locations, but to maximize bloom in your garden here are some hints from the experts:

They like well-drained soil and at least six hours of sun a day. Light fertilizer, early spring and just after bloom. Don't bury deeply. They need good air circulation. Never mulch - causes rhizomes to rot. Cut off seed pods, wastes energy better used to grow new rhizomes.

Divide every three or four years late summer. Only new rhizomes bloom. The rhizome that just bloomed will not bloom again, leaving clumps of leaves with not so many flowers as we now see all over the hill. But they have lots of room to spread so we still get many blooms.

I gardened one summer for a lady who had been head of the Tulsa Iris Society – learned way more than I ever wanted to know about iris. Spent hours cutting off the spent bloom stalks precisely just above the rhizome. And moving around gingerly so as to not bump the hand pollinated ones with seeds forming in pods in little cloth bags, carefully covered to prevent any errant pollen from contaminating the nursery. Easy to grow from rhizome, not so easy from seed, but such dedication has given us the fantastic varieties of petal and color now available.

Winter time pansies have lasted longer than some years but are now almost done. The three miniature roses in the patio pots are blooming and sharing their scent for the third year. The milkweed is planted as are pentas, fennel, begonia, zinnia, bacopa, coleus and more. With no effort from us, the perennials have resurrected themselves and are once again offering their temporary palate of springtime color and nectar for the early insects which in turn feed the baby birds. More will follow all summer – the benefits of a carefully planned perennial garden.



The Eagle Scout project on the old AC slab will begin soon. Design has been approved and soon a new retaining/sitting wall will be constructed with careful engineering behind it to handle the rainfall drainage through the area. The old fence will come down, a new one will be built around part of the area, the shrubs will be pruned back and the space will become an outdoor chapel/classroom for the kids. Eventually there will be benches, tables and a garden area on the slope and a connecting path down from the existing patio for use at outside functions of all sorts and maybe a painted labyrinth. Really neat, stay tuned.

Recent rainfall has filled the north pond to the highest level since last spring. I always think of Mary Oliver's poem "*Blackwater Pond*" because that is what ours is. Not a beautiful pond of flashing fish and wading herons and cattails, but one of blackwater and decaying logs and leaves and widely fluctuating water level. But life is there also in its season.

Hope that is not too gloomy sounding, but the older I get, the more I love Oliver's nature metaphors and the pond trail is one of my favorite walks at any time in any season.

Janet Williamson
Chair, Garden and Grounds

Hope's Regular Events

Childcare is available by rsvp at least two business days before most events. Please email 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.

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 our time together on Thursday, **May 4, 11:30 am** we will look at our work lives.

1. Why did you choose your profession/career? How many careers did you have?
2. If you did not actively work in a profession, why did you stay home?
3. Were you ever fired? Did you quit a job?
4. Would you choose a different career if you could start over? How did society or circumstances shape your work choices?

Claudia Vandiver cvgardnr@sbcglobal.com

Women of the Thread

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

We will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of May, and then take a break for the summer. We'll gather again in the Fall.

Carrie Muzika

proenviomom@cox.net

Deborah Whittaker

debsharmony@yahoo.com

Hope Book Club

And every 1st Monday in the Log Cabin

Next meeting, June 5. at 6:30 pm

We will read *Hidden Figures* by Shetterly.

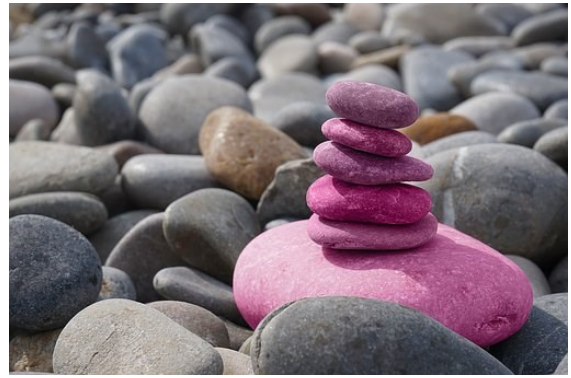
Contact: **Chris Anrig** cmnrig@hotmail.com

Breakfast on the Hill

Sunday, May 7, 9:00 am

Join us for breakfast before the service on the first Sunday of the month. Our cooks for May are **Jacci Hamilton** and **Gale Luria**. A donation of \$5.00 per adult is requested. Children eat free.

Women of Hope



Thursday, May 4

6:00 pm—Social Time

6:30 pm Potluck Dinner

7:00 pm Program

We're pleased to announce that **Tommi Cox Phipps**, a certified Feng Shui consultant, will be our guest. She will provide us with tips for decluttering in order to heal our environment, and heal our life. Come join us for this most interesting and informative program. Bring a dish to share. You are always welcome to bring friends and guests to this event. Wine is available with a \$2.00 donation.

Jane Brumley, W.O.H. Program Co-Chair

murphyb3@cox.net

Movie Night

Tuesday, May 9, 7:00 pm

Our movie this month is *Being There*, a story about a simple minded man who finds himself exposed to a world he has never known. Chance, the gardener, has led a secluded life, and when his employer dies he is cast out into the real world. All he knows of the world comes from his time spent watching TV. In this drama-comedy, Chance is mistaken for a political genius.

Given today's political atmosphere, it is a very timely movie. Peter Sellers received a nomination for best actor while Melvyn Douglas won an Academy Award for best supporting actor. The movie also stars Shirley MacLaine.

Free soft drinks and pop corn are provided.

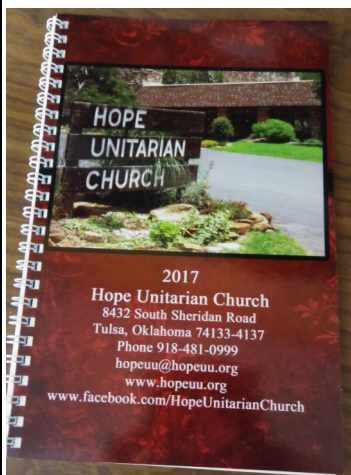
Hope Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, May 17 at 11:30 am

Our culinary destination for Hope Lunch Bunch in May is, Kirin, a new Asian cuisine restaurant, located at 8041 S Mingo. Please join us for a fun time of conversation and friendship.

Contact **Lynn Walters** before Tuesday, May 16, by calling 918-893-2655 or emailing Lfwalters@aol.com

New membership directories



Our new picture directories are now here! You will find them in the Fellowship Hall. Members & Friends please take one. Kindly take just one per family as supplies are limited. If you need an extra copy you may obtain one from the church office for \$4.00.

We as a congregation owe a big thank you to **Barbara Witt** and **Maggie Scott**. They both put in bunches of time to get us the new beautiful picture directory. I hope you each will take a moment to give them a thank you when you see them next. We are so lucky to have a member such as Barbara. And no doubt about it that we have the best administrator possible! Thank you to you both.

Anita Ward

President of the Board

All Souls Unitarian Church Annual Golf Tournament

**Saturday, May 20
at Stone Creek, Page Belcher, Golf Course.**

Hope members are invited to play in this tournament.

All Souls will share 50% of the net benefit for each Hope player and/or sponsor with Hope church.

For more details and to register, go to:

<http://allsoulschurch.org/give/fundraisers/annual-golf-tournament>

Welcome to our newest members!



**Tara and Ryan Saylor
with Evelyn & William**



Christy Chesnut Levine



Joe Monroe



What is The Point?

The Point is a customizable Unitarian Universalist retreat for all ages.

Imagine five days of UU covenant and community in a resort setting on the shores of Fort Gibson Lake in Oklahoma. The Point offers personal growth, faith renewal, learning opportunities, spiritual practices, community worship, music, excellent cuisine, sustainable practices, social gatherings (concerts, movie night, bingo, talent show), outdoor activities, programming for all ages and interests, and an engaging theme speaker. Each day begins with worship and ends with a fun activity, but how you spend your day is completely up to you!

Our theme speaker this year will be Rev. Deanna Vandiver. Rev. Carlton Elliott Smith will offer our Sunset Talks. Small groups and a more relaxing schedule are coming to The Point this year!

Rev. Cathey Edwards will be leading one of the workshops!

Join us July 23-28!

For more information go to <http://w.thepointuu.org/>

Register now at <http://fd8.formdesk.com/UUASR/ThePoint2017>





Supper Club Members

Saturday, May 20, 2017 (Third Saturday)

We will meet during the daytime for a potluck picnic. Children will be welcome. You will receive an email regarding time and location and directions.

Email me now if you know you will **not** be available.

Coe McGinley

CoeMcGinley@yahoo.com

Members' Birthdays in May

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|-------------------|------|
| Diana Hale | 1st |
| Holly Baker | 7th |
| Lynn Walters | 9th |
| Janet Williamson | 12th |
| Gerald Carter | 13th |
| Ken Blenkarn | 17th |
| Maureen Gilliland | 24th |
| Clint Haight | 24th |



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

May 1-7

Sherrill Womeldorff
918-638-7610

May 8-14

Jim Sleezer
918-853-5114

May 15-21

Sherrill Womeldorff
918-638-7610

May 22-28

Jim Sleezer
918-853-5114

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 May Calendar
see Hope's website
www.hopeuu.org**

Focus Deadline

Submissions for Focus should be sent to 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 May 31, 2017 . Next Deadline: 9 am, Wednesday, May 24, 2017



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TO:

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

Our Staff

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