

From the Minister

It's Time



The last time Hope Church members sat down together to ask, “Who are we?” “What are we doing together?” was thirteen years ago in 2004. More than 180 people have signed Hope’s membership book since then. Apple had not introduced the iPhone yet. The world, our city and our beloved Hope Unitarian Church have undergone significant changes.

Revisiting values and goals are actions the board and congregation should do together on a regular basis—every five to seven years because of the constancy of change. Like the tides, the sea will always meet the shore but the waves change it over and over again.

The process of being together to voice to our deepest priorities is energizing. It affirms firmly held values while releasing the transitory. It reminds both newcomers and long-attenders what we stand for. It provides a clearer boundary for saying “Yes! This is important and we will put our resources behind it.” or “No! While that is a great idea, we cannot do everything.”

With a skilled outside facilitator (so everyone who wishes to can fully participate) the process of revisiting our mission and vision brings us closer together. If done with joy and integrity, it provides a clearer view of our future together.

We may find our current mission still fits us and our times perfectly.

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.

Or we may discover crafting a new one pulls us toward new possibilities and leaves behind atrophied ideas. I ran across this mission statement from the [Richmond Unitarian Universalist Church](#). Its simplicity or values may inspire us to revisit our own.

We GROW in search of wisdom,
CARE in support of community
and ACT in service of justice.

The final words matter but the process working through them together matters most. I look forward to the work together.

With joy,



Rev. Cathy Edwards
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September Monthly Theme

Beauty



October Sunday Services

Sunday Worship
11am - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 8
“Beauty from Ashes”
Gary McAlpin

Sunday, October 15
“The Beauty of our Children”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, October 22
“The Beauty of our Elders”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, October 29
“Beauty in Endings:
Día de los muertos”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, November 5
“Welcoming Loss”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Surrounded by the beauty of Hope Hill and my office, it is easy to express the way beauty elevates my thoughts and feelings. Religious institutions have always been creators and keepers of beauty - from soaring, inspiring architecture to deeply touching music and art.

We have a vital gardens and grounds committee who keep our building and landscape always beautiful. Thanks to soon-to-be Eagle Scout **Matthew Grove**, his parents and scouts of Troop 990, a formerly ugly spot on our hill is renovated and made beautiful and safe. He constructed an outdoor children’s chapel with a labyrinth. We’ll dedicate the site later in October. It is on the old HVAC cement pad. Take a visit. Soak in the beauty. Walk the labyrinth. Imagine our children enjoying nature.

Beauty is a theological concern because it pulls us toward visions of a more perfect world and more perfect self. But pinning down what is beautiful and what is not, is ripe for discussion and exploration. All ages here will spend the month of October thinking, singing, and talking about beauty as well as non-beauty.

Rev. Cathey Edwards

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 Beauty. Join us!



Children and Youth Programs

Susan Spooner, Director, susan@hopeuu.org

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

Changes are happening in CYRE!

October is the beginning of our transition to new spaces and learning.

The space will be reconfigured for a smaller space for 0 – 3 years (due to smaller numbers in that age group) and 4 – 6 year olds will have their own class with the developmentally appropriate UU curriculum, *Chalice Children*.

Drew Maher and **Amy Jones** will teach the 4 – 6 year olds. The elementary age children will also start a new curriculum in the *Tapestry of Faith* collection as well, with **Susan Spooner** and a volunteer assisting.

Youth will be using the *Coming of Age* curriculum under the guidance of youth advisors **Kerri Vandiver**, **Lynn Rivers**, **Ryan Saylor**, **Janet Nobles** and **Gary McAlpin** and will move back to the Cabin on Sunday mornings. We will begin these classes at 10:15 am.

Chapel will be under the direction of **Susan Spooner** with support from **Yadane Hailu** and **Reverend Cathey**. Typically, chapel will be at 11:15 am, unless the children and youth attend an intergenerational service. The youth will be choosing one sermon a month to attend, so they may be in the sanctuary more than once a month.

Spiritual practices will include **yoga** once a month, taught by **Dana Morris**. **Susan Michael** will be providing art to all age groups on a rotating basis. **Meditation** will be taught by **Susan Spooner** or another willing soul. **Ecstatic Dancing** will also be added to our spiritual practices. Expression of gratitude will be woven into chapel and classes with the simple question, “What three great things happened to you this week?!”

October 29 – Remember to wear your costume for the **Great Pumpkin Parade!**

Thanks to the congregation for supporting the youth in their fundraising efforts for the **Boston pilgrimage!**

Parent meetings are scheduled for October and are identified in the following “Upcoming Events”.

Susan Spooner

Director of Children & Youth Programs

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Children & Youth Program—Upcoming Events

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| <p>Sunday, October 8 12:00 pm</p> | <p>YRUU (Young Religious UU's) Youth and advisors will head out to find something Halloweenie!</p> |
| <p>Sunday, October 15 10:00 am The Cabin 12:00 pm</p> | <p>Calling ALL Parents For parents of children and youth, this meeting is to disseminate information about this year's religious education program. Please join us!</p> <p>ShalomFest We will meet at church and go to Temple Israel (2004 East 22nd Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114 located just south of Utica Square). Bring money for lunch! Enjoy a temple tour and Jewish hospitality. For more information go to http://www.templetulsa.com/shalomfest/</p> <p>Parents & Youth Advisors – Please let me know if you can provide transportation for the youth. If yes, please send me a copy of your driver's license & insurance verification.</p> |
| <p>Sunday, October 22 Time TBA</p> | <p>Outdoor Chapel Dedication An all-church celebration of our newest outdoor space for all ages.</p> |
| <p>Sunday, October 29 11:00</p> | <p>The Great Pumpkin Parade The young and young at heart will dress in costume and parade with their jack-o-lanterns.</p> |
| <p>Sunday, November 12 12:15</p> | <p>YRUU Ethiopian Coffee Celebration Youth will host a meet and greet with this special cultural ritual of hospitality for the families and children to meet our intern minister, Yadane Hailu. Board members are invited to join us.</p> |



From the Intern Minister



Hello beloveds,

I appreciate the space to share monthly with you a little token of love and light to aid in the finding of meaning we all are tasked with in life. The theme of this section is mystery, wonder, mindfulness, creativity, and general musings you may relate to. This month I want to share a recent spiritual/creative practice I have enlisted. The classic Japanese poetic form, the haiku.

Haiku - A poem structure based on syllable count and limited to three lines. The first and last lines are five syllables and the middle is seven syllables. There is no rhyming scheme.

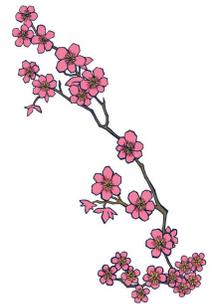
I have found haikus in the past to be stiff or too abstract. But in recent days I have seen that when welcomed with open hearts and minds, haikus are like a middle ground to music and word. Somewhere in the rationing of syllables and spontaneity of word choice, one taps into a subconscious space of humor, wisdom, and insight. Below are two haikus on the spectrum of lighthearted to contemplative. Consider making your own haikus this month.

Variations: Take 5-10 minutes alone or as a family, while in the car, during commercial breaks, or sharing a meal to make and share haikus. The haikus could be random, an answer to a question, or based on a person or theme (like our theme of the month, *Beauty*). Y'all have imaginations, run with them!

- Well it's round like Earth
And it feels so right to love
Is cake holy too!?
- I must sit outside
It's scary to claim I'm whole
The breeze disagrees

Yadenee

Yadenee Hailu
Intern Minister



All About InReach: A New Program Coming in November

InReach is what the Small Group Ministry committee has decided to call Small Group Ministry at Hope.

What is small group ministry? Also called covenant groups or chalice circles, it is NOT a discussion group. It is an opportunity to think, explore and listen deeply within a structured format lead by a trained peer facilitator. There are readings and questions to ponder on a specific theme within a set time period. Each group will set its own covenant which would address confidentiality and rules for being together. Groups are encouraged to perform a service project

Why small group ministry? Unlike a discussion group, small group ministry is a chance to listen deeply to others and to be heard deeply. For some, it is an empowering experience to be heard knowing they are being intentionally listened to. For others, listening to listen instead of listening to respond is a challenging exercise. People who participate in small group ministry report lasting and deep connections to the members of their group and a feeling of belonging to a community. For some this is how they live their UU faith and how they "get church".

How do groups meet? Groups will meet at a specific time and day. Individuals commit to their group and do not move between groups. It is important to choose a time/day which works best for you. Each group will have a trained facilitator who will lead the group through the readings and questions. As a member, regular attendance is what makes the group work.

Try before you buy. If you are interested and want to give it a try, the committee will hold a "try before you buy" event in November. Groups will do a session with facilitators. If you have training as a small group ministry facilitator and are interested in facilitating, please contact **Annie Simpson**, anniejsimpson@gmail.com

Music Notes



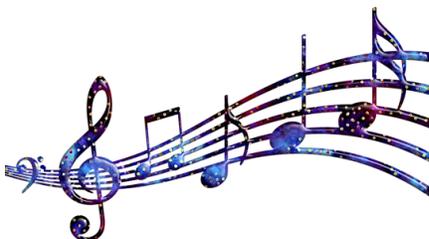
“Beauty” is our theme for October, and as we have entered the fall season, we become acutely aware of the beauty in the turning of the seasons. Nature is only one aspect of beauty, but it is a potent one that is rich in metaphor. The choir will sing anthems celebrating the beauty all around us, and the beauty found within us.

“Sunrise,” by Jay Althouse is a stirring anthem that not only celebrates the beauty and goodness revealed in the sunrise, but also symbolizes our yearning for a new day, which we can embrace with each new dawn that awakens us.

We have sung Beverly McLarry’s beautiful anthem, “Morning, So Fair to See,” before; however, it is fitting that we also sing it during this season, for it not only stirs us to acknowledge the beauty all around us, but also to live out our lives with courage and joy.

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 10. 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 11** up until “Sing Noel!” on December 10. 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
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Adult Forum

Sundays, 10:00 am, in the Sanctuary

October 1 Generosity

Many thanks to **Diane Powell**, The Donor Relations Manager and **Lashondia Horn**, the Early Stage Coordinator from **Alzheimer's Association**, who spoke last Sunday. Alzheimer's Association is our generosity recipient for October.

October 8

Our speaker will be **Mike Eckert, Police Captain and Special Operations Team Commander for the City of Tulsa Police Department**. Captain Eckert will speak on a variety of topics, including the duties of a Special Ops team member, hostage situations, details and preparations involved for visiting dignitaries.

October 15

Andrea Jackson - Will be discussing her book *Who Am I and Where Is Home?*, letters her mom collected when she was in Palestine in the 30's.

October 22

Follow up on **Joe Monroe's** healthcare discussion.

October 29

TBA

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

All staff meeting

Sunday, October 15, 12.30—2:00 pm
In the log cabin

Hope Foundation Meeting

October 17, 7:00 pm
At Hope

An invitation
Halloween, Día de los Muertos and All Souls Day
at Hope Unitarian Church
Sunday, October 29, 2017

This time of year, as days grown shorter and night longer, all around the world are rituals and holidays to honor the dead. Halloween (October 31), *Día de los Muertos* [Day of the Dead] (November 1-2), All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2) are the most common.

At Hope, we will hold a simple ceremony of remembrance, taking time to feel our connection with those no longer with us and whose lives helped shape ours. We will set up an *ofrenda* (offering), a traditional altar in our sanctuary. We invite all ages to bring pictures or objects from your family in memory of those who have died. Consider family as inclusively as you wish— from relatives, dear friends and even beloved pets. If you want to bring traditional items too for decorating bring *pan de muerto* (Bread of the Dead), *calaca* (images of skeletons), and orange marigolds.



The altar includes four main elements of nature — earth, wind, water, and fire.

Traditional Elements

- Glass of Water
- Candles (Representing Fire)
- Fruits and vegetables (Representing the Earth) Use fresh, dried, plastic, papier-maché, or whatever...
- *Papel Picado* Banners (Representing the Wind) Dish of salt
- *Copal* resin in incense sticks
- Marigolds (fresh, dried, paper, or silk)

Pan de Muerto (Bread of the Dead)



Personal Items

- Framed photograph of the persons being honored
 - Small, personal item/s that belonged to the deceased: a watch, piece of jewelry, hat, belt, handkerchief, etc.
- Favorite foods or beverages: a plate of food, candy bar, bottles of beer or wine.

Highlights from the Board

From the meeting on September 26, 2017

- Several members of the Board gathered at 6:30 to spend time to get to know **Yadene Hailu**, our new Intern Minister.
- The Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of **Barbara Witt**. They also approved the reassignment of Board duties, **James Donovan** to VP Programs and **Paula Haight** to Trustee.
- Yadene suggested several areas in the Board Handbook where language could be made more gender neutral.
- Financial reports along with some changes to the Balance Sheet were reviewed.
- Bids are being reviewed for replacing the RE fence.
- Safe congregation policy was tabled to allow for further discussion.
- The possibility of calling a congregational meeting to vote on ordaining **Gary McAlpin**.
- **Ryan Saylor** has put together a group to conduct a technology audit of the church.
- Many members of the Board and some staff are taking a leadership course offered by the UUA.
- The Board will meet again on October 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Ken Jones, President, Board of Trustees

Green Sanctuary Team



A monthly series of “next step” brainstorm sessions was initiated on August 2, and there’s an invitation below we’d like anyone concerned about the future of our planet to consider.

With accreditation as a Unitarian Universalist Green Sanctuary congregation behind us, Hope Church can now focus on developing our congregation’s environmental action priorities. Great place to be, so let’s make the most of it!

Three examples of actions discussed/taken as a result of those two initial meetings:

- ◆ Re-identifying the Green Sanctuary Committee as the **Green Sanctuary Team** and developing a new charter for Board approval;
- ◆ Adding the name “**Hope Green Sanctuary Team**” as one of the sponsors on a “Ready for 100” Tulsa Earth Coalition petition to the Tulsa City Council and Mayor;
- ◆ Sending a well-received legislative proposal to an Oklahoma House team doing a study on “Economic Benefits of Solar Energy to Oklahoma”.

Invitations to the initial meetings were sent to persons we knew from three years of accreditation activities are troubled about the damage being done to the Earth’s environment. We know there are sure to be many more of you in the congregation.

This message is an invitation to anyone who shares that concern, to attend one or both of the final two next-step idea-gathering meetings at the church at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday evening of the next two months: **October 12 & November 9**. Minutes of the first two meetings will be emailed upon request.

Janet Williamson & Rich Jackson, Interim GST Co-Chairs

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 out in our community.

**In September we raised:
\$905.00 for Street Cats
Thank you for your generosity.**

Below are the totals raised in previous months:

| Month | Organization | \$ Amount |
|--------|--|------------|
| August | A New Leaf | \$1,036.87 |
| July | 2-1-1 Helpline | \$1261.10 |
| June | Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) | \$959.67 |

Generosity—October

Our Generosity recipient for October is **The Alzheimer's Association**. Their mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

MacArthur Elementary School

Supply Drive

Thank you for your generous response to the donation drive for Kleenex, baby wipes and other supplies for our partner in education, MacArthur Elementary School. They were extremely appreciative when the supplies were delivered.

Cereal Sunday

Sunday, October 15



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.

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: **Mary Newman**
- Friday cooking: **Jean Coffey & Joan Scheulen**
- Meal prep and cooking with Team Leader **Maggie Scott: Eddie Humphreys, Rich Jackson, Coe McGinley, Medina Vandiver**
- Serving at the Day Center with team leader **Debby Baker: Mary Baird, Matt Baird, Kerry Vandiver, Medina Vandiver (doing double duty!) & Ruby Vandiver**

We served 130 plates.

**Next Feed the Homeless date is:
Saturday, October 21, 2017**

Volunteers Needed!

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

Hurricane Relief

It continues to be heartbreaking to watch the news and see the incredible amount of loss, pain and suffering, as a result of the devastating hurricanes. Recovery from these disasters will take months and years. The Outreach Committee is designating the Generosity Offering in November for hurricane victims. (Generosity recipients are already in place and speakers are booked for September and October).

If you want to donate immediately the Unitarian Universalist Association has established the **UUA Disaster Relief Fund** <https://giving.org/disaster-aid> This is a joint recovery fund for Harvey, Irma and Maria hurricane victims which will allow the UUA to respond flexibly as new situations arise. The fund will assist congregations including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands in repairing any damage and respond to the needs of their member's and the communities' efforts to get back on their feet. UUA staff is working closely with leaders in the Association's Southern Region, to ascertain where the need is greatest and distribute fund efficiently.

The UUA reports that Puerto Rico's situation is particularly severe and mentions that there are many organizations on the ground outside of the UU sphere doing important work. One such organization is **United for Puerto Rico** unidosporpuertorico.com a collaboration between the government of Puerto Rico and the private sector.

Mary Newman, Outreach Chair

Garden and Grounds



Blooms of sunflower, goldenrod and zinnia against the tall grass plumes, faint early emerging leaf color and a cool daytime north breeze tell that summer has ended and Fall is really here. No more blast of heat when you walk out the door, no more gardens to plant. There will be leaves to rake but not just yet. Piles and patches of orange appear all around town as urban pumpkin patches sprout overnight. For now it feels like an invitation to just enjoy the resting time between seasons. Take a hike or just sit outside under a tree; it is my favorite time of the year.

The Monarchs are coming through, sipping the nectar from any late blooming flowers they can find. Black swallowtails mingle with them.

The last few ruby throated humming birds fuss at the feeder, storing up all the energy they can for their flight across (or around) the Gulf of Mexico to winter in southern Mexico or northern Panama in paths that evolved following the retreat of the ice sheets from North America during the last ice age. They fly individually, some going nonstop 18-22 hours, 500 miles or more. "Fattened up" to weigh 6 oz. they arrive weighing 2.5 or less, hopefully to a place with flowers blooming. Insects provide the fat, so I keep my feeders full and late flowers blooming (and never sprayed so the bugs like them too.) (See <https://www.hummingbirds.net>).

The Eagle Scout project (hardscape construction phase) has been completed and the labyrinth painted. Come walk it. It is small and simple to fit the space, but the spiritual centering is as big as you want it to be. Future work will be to reshape the shrubs, mulch under them, add benches and (maybe?) beautify the area with plantings and an inviting path down from the patio. And (maybe?) a kids art project to paint the transformer box.

Continued thanks to the watering crews who have kept everything beautiful. And to **Warren Cox** who has been working continuously on the edges of the road and parking lots; the sort of work that people mostly notice when it is not done - you can see his efforts if you look. There is a young coyote on our hill, the first one I have seen in over a year J.

Janet Williamson

Garden & Grounds Chair

Walking Meditation through the Seasons

October 29, 9:00 am—9:30 am

And last Sunday of each month.

Meet on the deck of Hope Log Cabin

Wear shoes and clothing to match the weather.

For all ages.

Grounding ourselves in our bodies and woods.





50 Years of Hope



Well you folks have out done yourselves! Thank you for your thoughtful submissions for our logo. Many of you have seen them in the Fellowship Hall. Please select your choice with the ballots provided and place in the ballot box by Saturday, October 7. We'll announce the winner on Sunday, October 8. We'll have a graphics designer work with your choice to prepare it for printing on the memorabilia.

The Task Force is looking into all the suggestions you made for celebrations throughout the year. As we proceed, we'll be requesting your assistance for the variety of projects.

We ask that you provide any photos you may have of Church events over the years. We are considering producing a slide show grouped by decades. We have many in our Church photo albums, but would like your offerings as well. Please identify your photo and place it in the basket in Fellowship Hall.

Lots more to come.....

Your Task Force

Anita Ward--Chair, Paula Haight, Ken Jones, Carmen Kinsey, Bruce Luria, Coe McGinley, Meredith Miller, Janet Nobles, Marcia Schaefer, Susan Spooner, Alice VanWormer, Deborah Whittaker

Welcome new members

Norma Eagleton

David Lynn

Mindy & Rick Paschal (pictured below)

Judy & Guy Sims



Knit a cap & help save a baby!

CLICK for Babies™ is a campaign that recruits knitters and crocheters to make purple caps for infants.

The caps are given to newborns in local hospitals to increase awareness and educate families about the **Period of Purple Crying®** to prevent shaken and abusive head trauma of infants.

For those who do not knit or crochet, they can participate by donating yarn or hosting a community knit-a-thon.

Help Oklahoma babies be healthy and safe by knitting or crocheting purple caps; donating soft washable purple yarn to local knitters; or hosting community knit-a-thons!

Caps are due by October 1st, 2017!

CLICK for Babies
Period of **PURPLE** Crying Caps

Preparing for a **Lifetime**

For more information, please visit: clickcampaign.health.ok.gov

Women of the Thread

Women of the Thread meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the Log Cabin. **See Page 9.** They have made over 20 baby caps to contribute to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Click for Babies campaign. The caps are given to newborns in local hospitals to increase awareness and educate families about the Period of Purple Crying to prevent shaken and abusive head trauma of infants.

Caps will be collected for this campaign until October 1st.

If you would like to help or know more about Women of the Thread, contact:

Carrie Muzika or **Deborah Whittaker**
proenviromom@cox.net debsharmony@yahoo.com



Hope 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. See Page 11 for more news

Claudia Vandiver cvgardnr@sbcglobal.com

Women of the Thread

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

We are working on may want to knit or crochet some infant hats for the Purple Baby Caps project. See page 12. Bring your personal projects you've been working on as well. We'll begin at 11:30, so bring a sack lunch and we'll stay till about 1:30. You're welcome to just drop in anytime.

Carrie Muzika

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Deborah Whittaker

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Hope Book Club

1st Monday in the month

Next meeting is **October 2**. We will read *The Confidence Man* by Herman Melville. For questions contact **Chris Anrig** cmanrig@hotmail.com

Breakfast on the Hill

First Sunday in the month

Thanks to the **Youth** who prepared & served breakfast on October 1. Our breakfast chefs on **November 6** will be **Janet Nobles, Anita Ward and Deborah Whittaker**.

Women of Hope

Thursday, October 5

Social time 6:00 pm • Potluck 6:30 pm • Bingo 7:00 pm

Women of Hope meets at Hope on the first Thursday of the month. It's a wonderful way to get to know people better, enjoy good food and learn about a variety of topics. Please join us in playing Bingo! this month. Bring a dish to share (and a \$2 donation if you would like wine). We are also collecting feminine hygiene products to donate to the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. All are welcome.

Christy Levine, chrstlvn@gmail.com

Movie Night

Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm

Our movie for October is *Network* (1976) an American satirical film written by Paddy Chayefsky and directed by Sidney Lumet, about a fictional television network, UBS, and its struggle with poor ratings. The film stars Faye Dunaway, William Holden, Peter Finch, and Robert Duvall. The film won four Academy Awards, in the categories of Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, and Best Original Screenplay.

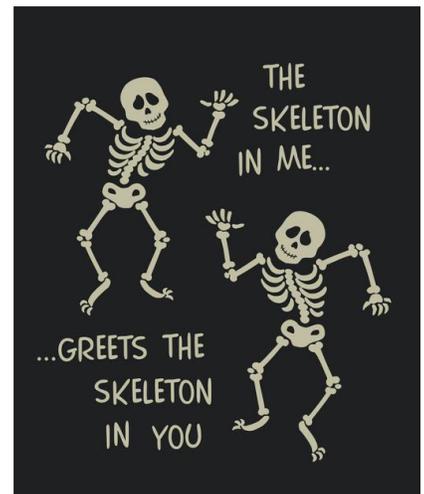
As you watch it you may see some truths in what passes as news casts today. Please join us, and as always there will be free soft drinks, pop corn, and discussion.

Death Café

Friday, October 13

from 7-9pm

Hope Log Cabin.



Please join Hope's Care Team for Death Cafe, an international movement to bring curious folks together to discuss our mortality.

There is no agenda, except to enjoy tea and cake and to be open about our end of life thoughts.

RSVP to Tara (918-933-8198, telltara@gmail.com).

Curious to learn more? Visit deathcafe.com

Hope Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, October 18 at 11:30.

Our luncheon location for October is **Ti Amo Ristorante Italiano**, one of our favorites, located at 6024 S Sheridan Road.

Join us for a fun casual lunch and meet some new people. If you can come, please call Lynn Walters at 918-863-4508 or email at Lfwalters@aol.com

HOPE'S ANNUAL AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017



DINNERS!

VACATIONS!

ARTWORK!

PERSONAL SERVICES!

THEME BASKETS!

GOURMET FOOD!

JEWELRY!

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

STAY TUNED!

Brown Bag Lunch News

Rev. Cathey leads the group on the second Thursday, **October 12, at 11:00 am**. In November this format returns to the first Thursday of the month.

We'll watch brief Ted Talks while eating our Brown Bag lunches then discuss them together.



Members' Birthdays October

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| Brad Adams | 1st |
| Elva Knoles | 3rd |
| Lynn Rivers | 12th |
| Larry Sharp | 15th |
| Paula Haight | 16th |
| Jim Sleezer | 16th |
| Jean Coffey | 17th |
| Ada Galli | 17th |
| Mindy Paschal | 17th |
| Joan Scheulen | 17th |
| Melanie Ochoa | 19th |
| 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 2-8

Jim Sleezer
918-853-5114

October 9-15

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October 16-22

Sherrill Womeldorff
918-638-7610

October 23-29

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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 November Calendar
see Hope's website
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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

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