

Hope **Highlights from the Hill**

UNITARIAN CHURCH

As we enter the winter season we need to be aware that snow and ice may prevent travelling to church on Sundays. In the event of inclement weather, we will notify everyone by phone and email if church services are cancelled. Check the Hope website, Facebook page, and check local TV stations.

Saturday, December 2, 2017

Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, December 2, at 10:00 am

Join us for our annual family Hanging of the Greens festivities. Pizza will be served when we are done



Sunday, December 3, 2017

9:00—Breakfast on the Hill

Enjoy a home/church cooked breakfast. Our chefs will be **Claudia Vandiver** and the **Finance Committee**. \$5 per person. Children eat free.

10:00 am—Adult Forum

Our guest speaker will be **Marc Bloomingdale**, Meals on Wheels Executive VP and Chief Operating Officer, speaking about the **Veterans Home Repair Project**, our generosity recipient for December. See **page 3** for more information.

10:00—12:00 am—Children and Youth Religious Education

It's YOGA Sunday!

	4 – 6 year olds	Elementary	Youth
10:00	Chalice Children	Art	Coming of Age for Parents & Youth in the Cabin
10:50	Yoga & Mindfulness with Dana	Multi-Generational Service in the Sanctuary	Multi-Generational Service in the Sanctuary
11:30	Snack & Play Time	Yoga & Mindfulness with Dana	

Most Sundays include outdoor activity. Please make sure your child is wearing sturdy shoes and clothing so they enjoy being with nature. Parents are always welcome to join in our fun and learning!

Coming of Age Meeting—This Sunday!

Over the next seven months, youth gather for fun workshops, retreats, and justice projects. With mentors and guides, participants explore what they believe, what they find meaningful, and how to build a spiritual “toolkit” to help them as they face the joys, sorrows, wonders, and challenges of being human. Coming of Age culminates with a rite of passage where youth shares a Credo, a statement of their beliefs and values. Our program will also include a UU pilgrimage to Boston to learn about the origins of our faith as well as a visit to learn more about Unitarian Universalism today. Due to the present size of our youth group, we plan to provide this program every four years, so that every youth will have at least one opportunity to participate during their high school years.

If you are an interested youth, parent, guardian or support a youth, in this endeavor, please come to learn about the curriculum, requirements and cost at 10:00 on Sunday, December 3, in the Cabin. Contact or send questions to susan@hopeuu.org.

11:00 am—Sunday Service

“Waiting on Faith” sermon by The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Advent is a time to pay attention to waiting. We will explore what it means to wait and how it is important spiritual work.

Sunday, December 10, 2017

10:00 am—Adult Forum

We will relocate to the Log Cabin while rehearsals for Sing Noel are underway in the Sanctuary. Our scheduled program which is guest speaker Tammy Westcott –from the Tulsa Courts Programs, offering rehabilitative alternatives to incarceration, is subject to change.

10:00—12:00 am—Children and Youth Religious Education

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Children over 6 years old and Youth will be attending the Sing Noel service.

11:00 am—Sunday Service

Sing Noel!

Our annual lay-led service filled with music and special readings. It is a time our choir and musicians shine. This year's theme is "Light in the Midst of Darkness"

It's Cereal Sunday

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.

Upcoming Hope Events, Classes, News, and Reminders

Childcare is available by rsvp at least two business days before events. Please email childcare@hopeuu.org to make a reservation.

The Hope Choir (The Hope Singers)

Every Wednesday

6:30 pm for Choir rehearsal 7:00pm for Sing Noel rehearsal until Dec 10

Brown Bag Lunch

Every Thursday at 11:30 am

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

December 7 we will meet with Rev. Cathey in the Sanctuary to view and discuss the TEDx talk, "Can Art Amend History?" with Titus Kaphar.

Threads of Hope

11:30 am—1:30 pm in the Log Cabin 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Join us for our crochet and knitting projects or your own personal projects. Bring a sack lunch. You're welcome to just drop in anytime. Take a break in your day and come relax in our peaceful retreat on the hill. **Deborah Whittaker** debsharmony@yahoo.com **Carrie Muzika**, proenviromom@cox.net

Poinsettias

If you ordered poinsettias, they will be at the church on **Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3**. You may pick them up on Saturday while we are Hanging the Greens in the morning or after Sunday service in Fellowship Hall.



Church Office

Please note **Maggie Scott**, Church Administrator will be out of the office **December 4-11**. The church office will be open from 9 am—12 pm with volunteers standing in.

Hope Book Club

6:30 pm 1st Mondays in the Log Cabin

Next meeting is **December 4**. Discussing "*Suddenly Last Summer*" by Tennessee Williams.

For questions contact **Chris Anrig** cmanrig@hotmail.com

Women of Hope

Thursday, December 7

Social time 6:00 • Potluck 6:30 • Program 7:00

Women of Hope meets at Hope on the first Thursday of the month. This month's activity will be a party! Please bring an unwrapped children's gift for donation and a dish to share for the potluck (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. Let's help our sisters out!

Movie Night

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm

The December movie is, *A Christmas Story*, following the wintry exploits of youngster Ralphie Parker (Peter Billingsley), who spends most of his time dodging a bully (Zack Ward) and dreaming of his ideal Christmas gift, a "Red Ryder air rifle." Please join us for laughs, popcorn, soft drinks and a good time.

Hope Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, December 20, at 11:30. am

For a festive holiday atmosphere, we have chosen **LaVie Restaurant at the Philbrook Art Museum**. This month I am making reservations ahead of time for 8 people. So be sure to let me know if you would like to join us since we only have room for the first 8 who respond. Call **Lynn Walters** at 918-893-2655 or email to Lfwalters@aol.com.

Sunday, December 24, at 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service



Our magical, annual evening is a service filled with carols, candles, readings.

Please note there will be no morning church service on December 24

Outreach News

Star Tree

Hope's Star Tree is up in the Fellowship Hall, full of gift items requested by the families from Lindsey House. Lindsey House, a nonprofit agency that provides long term shelter and supportive services to single women caring for children. There are 13 women and 17 children currently residing at Lindsey House, who we are helping this year. In addition, in coordination with the Care Team, Outreach has added another family of 4, not residing at Lindsey House, to the Star Tree.

Please take a star or stars from the tree and purchase the gift. Return it by Sunday, December 10th with the star securely attached to the gift and place in our gift box. If you wish you may wrap the gift.

If you prefer to make a cash donation, we can shop for any stars left on the tree after the deadline. There is a basket in the Fellowship Hall where you can leave cash donations.

The deadline for bringing in the gifts is Sunday, December 10'

Calling all Hope Bakers

In December when we prepare our monthly meal for the Day Center for the homeless we will provide a bag of assorted, homemade cookies to each client we serve that day.

Please help us with this tradition by baking cookies for us. You can bake them ahead of time and put them in the freezer (be sure to mark them FTH so they are not confused with the Sunday cookies) or bring them fresh on Saturday, **December 15 at 2:30 p.m.** We will be bagging the cookies at the same time the meal for the Day Center is prepared.



Feed the Homeless

Correction in thank you for November FTH in Focus: **Jean Coffey** and **Joan Scheulen** did the Friday precooking for the November monthly meal served at the Day Center. Thank you Jean and Joan.

December Generosity Recipient

Veterans Home Repair Project (Meals on Wheels)

Per a national contract, Tulsa Meals on Wheels partners with the Home Depot Foundation to transform the homes of homebound veterans who are also Meals on Wheels recipients.

In order to help as many clients as possible, Tulsa Meals on Wheels has focused on low-cost safety and security improvements. Safety examples might include installing railings, ramps, or safety bars.

While providing these improvements, Meals on Wheels advises the recipients of a PSO program for families with annual income under \$45,000. PSO will do a review of the home's energy efficiency, and install attic insulation, caulking of windows and doors, and other energy-saving improvements, all at no charge.

To add further significant comfort and cost savings improvements to homes of client veterans, Hope and All Souls Churches have agreed to jointly donate earmarked Generosity funding to enlarge energy-saving scope of this program.

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