focus... on the future





From the Minister

Hope Church and Muscogee (Creek) History Hope Unitarian Church 1968-2018

Last month, we learned something new (or more accurately, found something old) about the hill upon which we sit. With the gracious help of **Julia Harris, Marcia Schaefer** and **Fred Pottorf**, we found our church's property abstract. This thick document is a condensed history of the chain of ownership of our hill dating back before statehood, back into the 1800's.

It tells not only how our church ended up here but is a doorway into critical pieces of history about our nation, state, our city—about ourselves. It begins with a one-month old baby boy, **Willie Prince**. He was born November, 1899 to Andy and Lucy Prince in Red Bird, Indian Territory.

Simply asking deeper questions about these basic facts from the abstract's first pages serves as a springboard for telling our church's history with more depth and integrity. Here is why this particular history matters. As our nation debates immigration, race, gender equality, religious rights and economic parity, we need to know the roots of these arguments in our own history. The connections are there. We need to understand how our church profits from persons we did not know.

For example, baby Willie Smith is born in Indian Territory. Oklahoma is not yet a state. His birth here is linked to the dreadful forced migration of Muscogee (Creeks) from Alabama. In 1832, a treaty gives all Creek land in Alabama to the United States. In that same treaty Creeks are made individual landowners for the first time in their tribes. These treaties are mentioned in our abstract and serve as its basis for legality.

Not long after, twenty-four thousand Creeks are forcibly marched and shipped eight hundred miles away to Indian Territory, here in present-day Oklahoma. and from Alabama.

Our one-month old Willie Prince comes from this complicated, painful history. He is listed as a Creek Freedman. Along with the Creeks are Creek Freedmen, emancipated African-Americans who had been slaves of tribal members before 1866.

The town of Red Bird where Willie's parents Andy and Lucy Prince come from is about twenty-five miles south and east of Hope Church. Red Bird is one of two dozen "all-black" settlements that are part of the Land Run of 1889. These towns are born out of perpetuating segregation and color lines at the founding of our state.

Willie Prince dies just after turning two years old in 1901. His parents inherit his allotment then sell it to Bradley Realty Bank and Trust for \$500 merely three years later. Our abstract reveals oil and gas interests moving in a mere six years after Willie's death.

I hope all your synapses are firing with questions about this history. Why did this two-year old, likely dark-skinned, mixed-race baby not survive? What factors are behind his parents selling the land? The history of our state is the history of how quickly white businessmen get their hands on these allotments, often through despicable, violent means. Did this treachery happen here?

I invite you to join a group looking more deeply into this history of our land and how we have come to enjoy its beauty. Please contact the church if you want to be part of a small group researching this history to ultimately present a more detailed story.

With joy,

Rev. Cathey Edwards Cathey@hopeuu.org

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February Sunday Services

Sunday Worship 11am - Sanctuary

Sunday, February 5 "Just Us Justice"

The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, February 11

"Six Mantras of Love" The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, February 18

"Feelin' Groovy in 1968: 50th Anniversary Sermon Series" The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, February 25

"Nothing Is Wasted: Making Meaning in a Wasteful World" Rev. Diana Davies, Guest Minister

February Monthly Theme: Justice

Crying Out for Justice



What breaks your heart? What cries out for justice? Where do you want to repair the world?

We will explore these questions together during this month as we together try to define justice then ask what can we do about it. Today, I'd define justice as fairness and peace in human relations and exchanges. Injustice names any absence of fairness, equity, possibility, and imagination.

For inspiration, I turn to Howard Washington Thurman, the man who played a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations of the twentieth century. Thurman is one of the principal architects of the modern, nonviolent civil rights movement and a key mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. You may know his words because they annually appear around Hope Unitarian Church at Christmas time with his prayer in the form of the poem, "The Work of Christmas." It commands us to find the lost, heal the broken and feed the hungry. These are all signs of justice.

Thurman writes, "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive." What breaks your heart and what do you want to do about it?

Join us for the first Sunday in February and beyond to explore justice 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.



Children and Youth Programs

Susan Spooner, Director, susan@hopeuu.org

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

To request childcare for a church event or committee meeting, email childcare@hopeuu.org
24 hours or more before the time needed



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.

Loving childcare is available for infants through children 3 years old

4 - 6 Years Old

Chalice Children delve deep into our Unitarian Universalist faith. It strives to teach about our faith and provide experiences around the strength of community, the wonder and awe that transcend everyday understanding, and life issues we all share. Activities encourage spiritual seeking, develop their openness to sharing, and experience the benefit of a supportive community.

Elementary

Moral Tales helps children go forth into a complex world where they are often faced with difficult decisions and situations. Moral Tales provides children with spiritual and ethical tools needed to make choices and take actions reflective of UU beliefs and values. Stories and activities woven throughout Moral Tales can activate and inform children's learning about how to make moral choices.

7-12 grades

Coming of Age is designed to support youth as they transition from childhood to young adults. Workshops for youth include interfaith education, social action projects and rites of passage. Participants explore theology, spirituality and history through discussion, drama, music, writing and art.

Chapel is held at 11:00 and focuses on the theme of the month. Please dress your child so they will be comfortable playing outdoors.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 11

12:15-1:30 pm Second Sunday – Childcare available for parents involved in church committees and other

church activities. Lunch is provided

12:15-2:30 pm Young Religious Unitarian Universalists –"YRUU" Youth includes lunch and other activities.

Check Facebook & upcoming Highlights for details.

Sunday, February 18

12:15-1:30 pm In the Log Cabin "It Takes a Village" - Parents, grandparents and others who love and are involved in raising children are invited to join others involved in wonderfully maddening experience of parenting. This group laments, rejoices and supports each other. Childcare and lunch are pro-

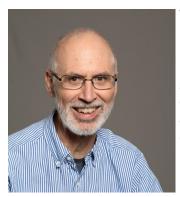
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~Send a Friend Request to Join~

Parent Page—Hope Unitarian Church: "It Takes a Village" Youth Page—The Youth of Hope Unitarian Church

Music Notes



"Those Were The Days!" February is the kick-off month for our commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Hope Unitarian Church, culminating in our special celebration in October.

During February we will have a special service de-

voted to a 1968 theme, the year when Hope held its first service. Our music will include songs from the 1960s, and the choir will also offer special performances drawing on songs popular when Hope began.

The February monthly theme is "Justice," which fits squarely with our values as Unitarian Universalists, as well as the spirit and mood of those times. Thus we have an opportunity to reflect musically on our beginnings and on our religious commitment toward freedom of conscience and justice for all, which are our ongoing work

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



Adult Forum

Sundays, 10:00 am, in the Sanctuary

February 4

Generosity Sunday

Our speaker for will be **Mr. Jim McCarthy**, Chief Executive Officer of **Community Health Connection**, our generosity recipient for February. See Page 5.

February 11

Small Group Ministry

The Small Group Ministry concept was introduced to Unitarian Universalist congregations in the late 1990's. In the decades since, these groups have connected people, expanded community and deepened personal spirituality just from sitting down together and truly listening to one another. Listening to listen, not to respond.

Here at Hope, we are going to call this InReach. On Sunday Feb 11, a group of trained facilitators will lead the Adult Forum through an abbreviated version of an InReach session.

February 18

1968 & Hope's Founding

To celebrate Hope's founding in 1968, panelists made up of Hope charter members will describe the beginnings of our church.

February 25 TBA

Please contact **Chris Anrig**, Adult Religious Education Chair, at cmanrig@hotmail.com for additional infor-

Brown Bag Lunch

Thursdays, 11:30am-1:00pm

The Brown Bag discussion group meets for lunch and discussion every Thursday at 11:30 am. First Thursdays they meet with **Rev. Cathey Edwards** (every fourth Thursday with Intern Minister, **Yadenee Hailu**.)

This year on the first Thursdasy in the month, February 1, they are watching short TEDx talks and discussing. They will meet in the sanctuary to view the Nov 2016 talk by social psychologist **Jonathan Haidt**, "Can a Divided America Heal?"

In conversation with TED Curator Chris Anderson, Haidt describes the patterns of thinking and historical causes that have led to such sharp divisions in America -- and provides a vision for how the country might move forward. https://www.ted.com/talks/jonathan haidt can a divided america heal

Hello Hope friends,



This month on the heels of January's MLK Day, the MLK Parade and 2nd Women's March, we are focusing on **Justice** at Hope. After such public events as a parade or march, I wonder, "Am I skilled, connected, and equipped to make lasting, sustainable, and effective justice a lifestyle?"

As food for thought I want to point out two events that are happening in early February.

The first is ACTION's three-day leadership training at Phillips Theological Seminary. You can register for the whole week, or only Saturday. Whatever your time ability this training instills community members with the tools to utilize their role as lead-

ers and change agents for good. It's powerful and helpful for experiences and novice activists.

Sign up online at https://actiontulsa.nationbuilder.com
The event is called 3 Day training and found under the Calendar tab.

Part of my practice of creating justice in the public square is being involved in the community. I have been part of organizing a nonpartisan, inter-generational, inter-faith, inter-cultural event titled *Celebrating the Feminine in Leadership: Heart to Hearts* on February 10. This event is <u>not</u> a Hope event, but I will be part of the panel sharing my take on compassionate leadership as an attribute of feminine leadership of self. It is accessible by looking up the title on Facebook.com or Eventbrite.com.

Both events are geared towards making the labor for justice, sustainable and dare I say even enjoyable. I hope for February you root into the (community, spiritual practices, mission) needed to fortify yourself in the grounds of change for years to come.

Love and Light, Yadenee Hailu

ACTION Tulsa



Save the date!

Pledge Drive Kick-off Dinner

"Foundation for the Next Fifty"

Saturday, March 10 at 6:00 pm

Whether you're new to Hope church or an old-timer, you won't want to miss this evening of food, fellowship, fun and lots of music! We will reflect on fifty years of success and begin laying the "Foundation for the Next Fifty."

The pledge drive is among the most important events at Hope, because the church's budget is based on the pledges of generosity made during the fund drive.

The pledges help the church make decisions about its events, staffing, and expenditures for the coming year. So every pledge – big and small alike – informs our planning.

You will not be asked to turn in a pledge card at the dinner, but you will be hearing an exciting announcement about how your pledge can go even further this year!

This evening always warms the spirit, as you spend time with friends old and new, and learn about why Hope church is so important to so many of us. We'll begin the evening with a cocktail hour, followed by dinner – and entertainment too. Childcare is provided.

RSVP by March 4 to the Hope Church office. As Hope turns fifty years young, there's never been a better time to live your values by supporting your vibrant church up on the hill.

RSVP by Thursday, March 1 to the Hope office

hopeuu@hopeuu.org 918-491-0999

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 January we raised: \$1,437.00 for Tulsa Boys' Home Thank you for your generosity.

Below are the totals raised in previous months:

Month	Organization	\$ Amount
December	Veteran's Home Repair Project (Meals on Wheels)	\$1,266
Christmas Eve	Youth Services of Tulsa	\$324.00
November	UUA Disaster Relief	\$2,094
October	Alzheimer's Association	\$1.186.78

Generosity Recipient—February

Community Health Connection

This is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) committed to meeting the lifelong health care needs of the northeast Oklahoma community. They provide the highest quality, affordable and accessible primary health care services in a culturally effective, language-appropriate and compassionate manner. Individuals are served who are uninsured by offering a sliding fee scale to those who qualify, and to those with Medicaid, Medicare, Insure Oklahoma and many with private insurance.

Community Health Connection's strategic goals for 2018-2021 are: organizational growth, strengthen financial viability, enhance outreach/public relations, build collaborations and promote excellence and expansion of services.

Our March recipient is **Take Control Initiative** http://takecontrolinitiative.org/

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 **January**

- Shopper: Mary Newman
- Friday cooking: Jean Coffey & Joan Scheulen
- Meal prep, cooking, with Team Leader, Maggie Scott: Eddie Humphreys, Mary Gardner, Mary Baird, Lynn Walters
- Serving at the Day Center with team leader, Anita Ward: Debby Baker, Ryan and Evelyn Sahler, Janet Nobles, and Mary Baird (doing double duty at the last minute when we short of servers. Thanks Mary!)

Next Feed the Homeless date is: Saturday, February 17, 2018

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.

Cereal Sunday Sunday, February 11



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.

Hope Outreach News

Homeless Veteran's Donation Drive

In January the Outreach Committee had a donation drive for **BRRX4VETS** or **Barrier Removal and Residential Exchange for Veterans.** This program funded by the Veteran's Administration assists homeless veterans in locating, obtaining and maintaining housing. Many of the vets live in tents, as crowded, noisy shelters trigger their PTSD.

The VA grant does not allow CSC to purchase gloves, socks, hats, scarves, blankets and coats for the veterans. Our donation drive for these items was a huge success. Thank you for your generosity. For more information about BRRX4VETS please go to http://csctulsa.org/brrx4vets/

Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless Support

Thanks to **Rich Jackson** for delivering Hope's January cereal donations early after hearing that the Day Center had put out a plea on Facebook that they were desperate for cereal.

Fair Trade Cart



A new order of goods from Equal Exchange has arrived and is now on the Fair Trade Cart in the Fellowship Hall.

Equal Exchange, a worker-owned cooperative, offers 100% fairly traded coffee, tea, chocolate and other goods. Fair Trade ensures that farmers are paid a fair price for their goods. Through fair trade farmers and their families stay on their land and care for the environment. With the added income from fair trade, farmers invest in education and social services for their communities.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee has a partnership with Equal Exchange called the UUSC Fair Trade Partnership. For every pound of goods you purchase from our Fair Trade cart, Equal Exchange donates 20 cents to the UUSC's Small Farmer Fund. This money is used to build sustainable

livelihoods and advance human rights cooperative groups, particularly the rights of women, youth, and indigenous people.

Feed the Homeless Luncheon

Sunday, April 8, after the service

Please join us after church on Sunday, April 8 for our annual Feed the Homeless luncheon. We will be serving the same delicious meal that we take on the third Saturday of every month to the **Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless**. Donations are appreciated as this is also a fundraiser for our monthly meal.

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 11:30 am in the RE Wing

Bring your lunch and join us for lively discussions on current topics. **Rev. Cathey Edwards** leads the group on first Thursdays and Yadenee Hailu leads on 4th Thursdays. **See Page 4 for more information**

Claudia Vandiver cvgardnr@sbcglobal.com

Threads of Hope

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

Come and find out what we are working on for Hope or bring your own personal projects. We'll begin at 11:30 am, so bring a sack lunch and we'll stay till about 1:30 pm. You're welcome to just drop in anytime.

Carrie Muzika

Deborah Whittaker

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Breakfast on the Hill

Sunday, February 4, 9:00 am A Super Bowl Sunday breakfast tailgate party (inside).

Join us for a delicious Super Bowl breakfast, coordinated by James Donovan. (Plus Alice VanWormer's excellent oatmeal.) \$5 per person Children eat free.

Hope Book Club

1st Monday in the month

Next meeting is February 5. Discussing *My Name Is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok. For questions contact **Chris Anrig** cmanrig@hotmail.com

Movie Night

Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm

Our movie for February is *The Lion in Winter* (1968) ,a historical drama starring Peter O'Toole, Katharine Hepburn, and Anthony Hopkins. In England 1183 A.D.: King Henry II's three sons all want to inherit the throne, but he won't commit to a choice. They and his wife variously plot to force him. http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0063227

Free popcorn and soft drinks.

Hope Lunch Bunch Wednesday, February 21 at 11:30 am

Our February lunch location will be Oliveto Italian Bistro at 8922 South Memorial. Please RSVP to Eddie Humphreys at ladyeddieh@gmail.com or 918-298-8245. In March we will have lunch at Bonefish Grill on March 21 at 11:30 am

Women of Hope February and March

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



Thursday, February 1

Ana Mosier presents

"Ecology of Bees: Consequences of Population Decline and Ways to Reduce it."

Ana is a PhD student in the Integrative Biology Department at Oklahoma State University. Her research focuses on metal toxicology of honey bees. Her work focuses on sublethal intoxication, specifically how altered behavior affects bee health. By using a combination of field and laboratory techniques, Ana works to understand how bees are affected by the metal aluminum which can be found in pollen. Bee populations may be affected by many factors such as habitat loss, chemical intoxication, and pathogens and these factors compound against bees. What can we do at an individual level to help alleviate the stress on bees and what is expected of bee populations in the future?

Thursday, March 1

Julia Harris presents

"Revolution by Resolution Part 1: The Early Years."

The Women in Religion Resolution adopted in 1977 began years of transformation not only for UU women but for the UUA. Meet Lucille Longview, Rosemary Matson, Carolyn McDade and other foremothers whose vision and dedication brought about revolutionary changes. Learn of the formation of the Women in Religion Program and Committees. Visit historic continental gatherings of women in Grailville, Ohio and East Lansing, Michigan where cornerstones of what we now take for granted in the denomination began.

Each month please bring 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.

Annual Chocolate Auction Sunday, February 11, 2018 12:10 pm Fellowship Hall

Make your favorite recipes for all things chocolate.

Cakes, brownies, candies, cookies, chocolate dipped fruits And more.

Let your imagination run wild!

Bring your delicious creations between 9:30 and 11:45 to be arranged on the tables for the silent auction following the service.

Bidding for goodies for all your valentines will begin approximately at 12:15!

All proceeds go towards the Hope general fund.





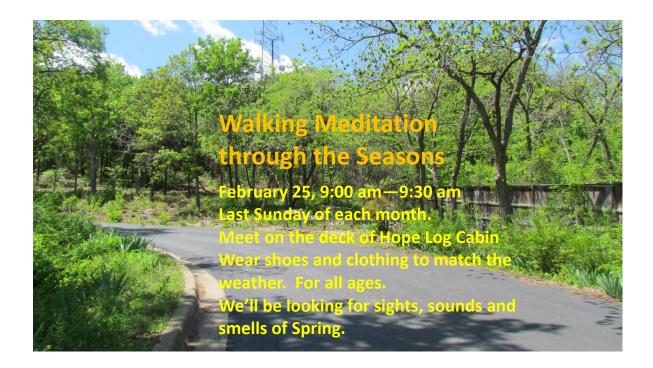
Supper Club

3rd Saturdays in the month

We try to make places at tables for anyone who is interested in being host/hostess in their home or at Hope Church.

We ideally have 8 to 10 guest at each supper club home. If you are the host/hostess you plan the menu, serve the entrée and as you call your guest list, which I provide, you suggest a dish for each guest to bring to complement your dinner. You provide white & red wine and bread or have a guest bring them instead of a dish. Get on our guest list then, join us! Get to know us!

You may contact: Coe McGinley (918) 747-7929 or coemcginley @yahoo.com



A Guide to Hope Gardens and Woodland Areas 2018

If you would like to explore all the paths, gardens and woodlands at Hope, pick up one of the green sheets in the Fellowship Hall and go on a self-guided tour! Thanks to **Janet Williamson** for putting this together!

No March Focus newsletter

Please note there will no March Focus. Please send anything you wish communicated to the congregation to hopeuu@hopeuu.org so it can be included in the weekly Highlights from the Hill, Order of Service insert and on the big screen in the Fellowship Hall.

Looking ahead in 2018!
—dates for your calendar

Saturday, March 10, 6:00 pm—Pledge Kick-off Dinner Sunday, April 8—"Feed the Homeless" Lunch after church Sunday, April 15, 2:00 pm—Hope Memorial Concert with pianists, Rick Fortner, Chris Powell, Ann Raphael and Joseph Rivers. Saturday, May 12—Hope's Annual BBQ Sunday, May 20—Hope's Annual Meeting after church Friday, June 1 & Saturday, June 2—Hope Garage Sale

Second Sunday of every month

Extended church hours and a light lunch.

Childcare will be provided until 1: 15 pm to allow committees, groups, etc. to meet.



Celebrating 50 Years of Hope in January 2018

We are celebrating Hope's founding in 1968 with activities and events each month. Mark your calendars.

Feb 1 Wed 5:00pm

50th Anniversary Planning Committee (Open to all)

Join the Hope members and staff who meet monthly to plan these events and the major public weekend Oct 5-7. We can use your cre-

ative ideas and skills.

Feb18 Sun 10:00am

Adult Forum Founder's Panel (Open to all)

Come hear from Hope Church's founding members as they recall the exciting, heady times of 1968 and the founding of Hope Unitarian

Church.

Feb 18 Sun 11:00am

Feelin' Groovy: 50th Anniversary Sermon Series (Open to all)

1968 was a pivotal year for our nation. It was also the year Hope Unitarian Church was founded. We will look at this period of time for in-

sights into who we were and who we are today.

Feb 18 San Hoon

Feelin' Groovs PARTY



Come to church dressed like it's 1968—tie dye, bel bottoms, fringe, long hair, beards, flowers, peace symbols! We'll have food and music after church. Practice your "Tighten Up" and Boogaloo moves!

Hope's 50th T-shirt

A T-shirt has been designed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Hope. It's teal colored with our 50th logo on the front and is available in short or long sleeves. If you would like one—please sign up at the table in Fellowship Hall, so we know sizes and quantities. Or see **Anita Ward**, **Janet Nobles** or **Bruce Luria** to get on the list.

Call to Dig into Hope's History

If you missed Rev. Cathey's sermon "Once Upon a Time: Hope's PreHistory" http://www.buzzsprout.com/5663] she explains vibrant history found in our church's abstract. At statehood, our land originally belonged to 1 month old Muskogee (Creek) Willie Prince. Willie was a freedman, meaning his parents or grandparents were slaves owned by tribe members. The history is rooted in our nation and state's founding. If you want to help us dig deeper so we can tell the story more fully, please contact the church.

Bring flowers on a Sunday

Celebrate a birthday or anniversary! Honor a loved one! Brighten our Sanctuary! Sign up in the folder on the Administrator's desk for the months ahead.



Members' Birthdays February

Mary Baird	7th
Ruth Jackson	7th
Alice VanWormer	10 th
Corrie Dorman	12th
Irene McKee	12th
Adriana Rivers	12th
Larry Scheer	13th
Jane Brumley	17th
Barry Kinsey	20th
Gale Luria	21st
Icel Dewiel	23rd



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

Jan 29—Feb 4 Fred Pottorf 918-407-0924

Feb 5—11 Sherrill Womeldorff 918-638-7610

> Feb 12—18 Fred Pottorf 918-407-0924

Feb 19—25 Sherrill Womeldorff 918-638-7610

Feb 26-March 4 Fred Pottorf 918-407-0924

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 February Calendar see Hope's website http://hopeuu.org/blog/calendar/

Please note: No Focus in March

Submissions for the April 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 April 4,2018. Next Deadline: 9 am, Wednesday, March 28, 2018



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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

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