

From the Minister



What is a sermon?

A large part of my job description is developing weekly worship. Since I came to Hope in August of 2013 I've preached over one hundred sermons. If you're curious, audio versions of them as well as guest ministers' and the Rev. Elizabeth Cartmell Ladd's sermons after 2012 are stored on-line and accessible from our [website](#).

I consider the sermon a conversation with the congregation. It is not a monologue. I listen to what you say, write in emails and post on social media. I also research, read and study. When I plan and write a sermon, I always have you in mind as well as what is happening in our world at large.

Originally I wrote out each word in my sermon then essentially "performed" it. After a workshop in Texas in February I have stepped out from behind the pulpit to give each sermon. This change means

trading off formality and exactness for something more conversational but no less structured. I am aiming for more personal, intimate, and flexible time together.

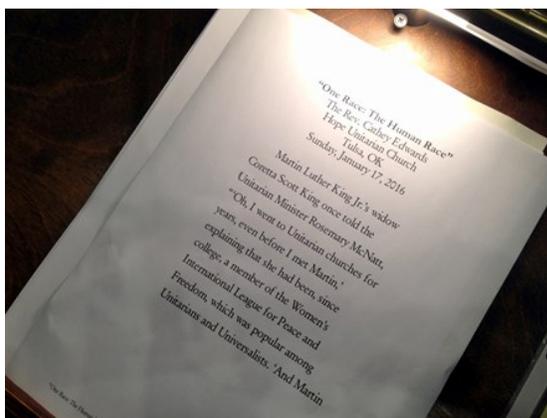
These in-front-of-the pulpit sermons are not extemporaneous. They actually take more preparation than the fully scripted ones yet my time is spent differently. I am able to give more thought to the over-arching shape of the sermon. I can adjust and change direction more easily. They are not memorized instead contain key points that serve as touchstones along the way. I do practice and rehearse.

What is a sermon? It is not a lecture although information and facts get conveyed. It is not a sales pitch designed to scare you away from sin or convince you we have all the answers yet it does include persuasion. It is not the Truth. It is my truth in that moment. I offer it to the best of my ability. It is a verbal art form at its best when allowed to wash over you (and me) each week. Repetition over months and years is critical to the sermon process because not everything can be said in a fifteen to twenty minute moment. We have years.

Peace,



The Rev. Cathey Edwards
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Sunday Mornings

May 2016

Sunday Religious Education for
Children and Youth
10 am - RE Wing
And Log Cabin

Sunday Adult Religious
Education
10 am - Sanctuary

Sunday Worship
11am - Sanctuary

Sunday, May 1

“Creating a Practical
Theology”

The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, May 8

“Treating Each As Your
Own Child”

The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, May 15

“Are Your Mental
Illnesses My Problem?”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, May 22

“It Takes A Village”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, May 22

“Trees We Did Not Plant”
Guest Minister

May's Theme: Theological Reflection



Theological questions are often the big questions we ask throughout our lives. What happens before I am born? Is there a soul? What happens after I die? Why am I here? Does my life matter? Why do bad things happen? Can I be forgiven for my mistakes (and by whom)?

These questions may have answers from different systems of knowledge: scientific, philosophical, ethical, sociological, and personal. A theological reflection on any question is an effort to bring into account all aspects of life. The theological question “Is there a God?” is vague and confining. I turn to scientist Carl Sagan for an example of theological reflection.

By far the best way I know to engage the religious sensibility, the sense of awe, is to look up on a clear night. I believe that it is very difficult to know who we are until we understand where and when we are. I think everyone in every culture has felt a sense of awe and wonder looking at the sky. This is reflected throughout the world in both science and religion. Thomas Carlyle said that wonder is the basis of worship. And Albert Einstein said, “I maintain that the cosmic religious feeling is the strongest and noblest motive for scientific research.” So if both Carlyle and Einstein could agree on something, it has a modest possibility of even being right.

We will look together through theological lenses in a variety of ways this month. It will be the focus of our service on April 3. Hope's children and youth will also look at the big questions in their classes and outside playing.

About Our Monthly Themes

Hope Church is a questioning community. It is a safe place to bring doubt and new ideas.

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.

If are not receiving **Touchstones**, the electronic newsletter on the monthly theme, please let our administrator, Maggie Scott, know at hopeuu@hopeuu.org.

Children and Youth Programs



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"Mindfulness is the aware, balanced acceptance of the present experience. It isn't more complicated than that. It is opening to or receiving the present moment, pleasant or unpleasant, just as it is, without either clinging to it or rejecting it."

~*Sylvia Boorstein*

Theological Reflection and Parenting

Let's begin with a working definition: *practical theology is theological reflection that is grounded in the life of the church, society, and the individual and that both critically recovers the theology of the past and constructively develops theology for the future.*

What does practical theology mean in your role as a parent? A good place to begin is knowing your personal theology. If the word "theology" confronts you with belief in a higher being, let's think of the word in its simplest form...a system of religious beliefs or ideas. Now, let's deal with the word "religious". Webster provides these simple definition for religious as "*very careful to do something whenever it can or should be done*". For most UU's, this definition is relevant, inclusive and applies to our faith journey in our personal daily lives and as a community. Now that we have a common reference, let's begin this self-exploration.

How does a parent come to know their practical theology when it comes to raising children? One method can be modeled after the UU Coming of Age process in which youth explore and develop a Credo, a written statement of the youth's beliefs. Throughout the curriculum, youth are taught that a Credo is dynamic and expected to change with their life experiences. When youth take on this process, time and effort is required and so it is for parents. Consider writing a Parenting Credo. What does your "system of beliefs" require of you as a parent? Spend some time thinking about what you were taught as a child, what you believe now and why you believe it, what do the 7 Principles (<http://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/principles>), 6 Sources (<http://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources>), the Covenant and other faith traditions teach you about parenting? Given the current state of your personal beliefs, what is unknowable? What must or should be done as a parent on a consistent basis? Write it down. Revise it until the Credo rings true to you. It may or not be consistent with your parenting partner(s), but we all bring our unique gifts to child rearing.

Our faith calls us to live in the big questions and make this world a better place. With that in mind, good parenting is a calling to ministry. Parenting is nothing less than a sacred responsibility that once taken on, changes your life and molds the life of a child forever. That fact alone makes it worth serious Theological Reflection.

Hope Unitarian Parenting: It takes a Village. Parents and grandparents gather monthly on the second Sunday of the month at 9:00 am in the Cabin to discuss and explore parenting. Please join us on Sunday, May 8. Join our Facebook group by requesting membership to "Hope Unitarian Church Parents: It Takes a Village".

Child Dedication - Our next Child Dedication Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 8, during the 11:00 service. Hope Unitarian Church, as in most UU churches, has child dedication ceremonies for infants and children rather than baptisms or christenings, Child dedication ceremonies are usually crafted in cooperation with the parents, **Reverend Cathey** and **Susan Spooner** by working closely together.

Music Notes



The monthly theme for May is “Theological Reflection,” and the Hope Singers will begin this month with “Down to the River to Pray,” from the film *O Brother, Where Art Thou*, in a nice arrangement by Sheldon Curry. Theological reflection can certainly be playful, and does not always have to be quite so serious! On Mother’s Day we will honor our mothers with Bobby McFerrin’s endearing feminine version of “The 23rd Psalm,” dedicated to his own mother. Another anthem we will sing this month is “One Mind, One Heart, One Hope, by Roger Emerson. A key phrase is, “To seek the way of truth for all [human] kind.” The key word is “seek,” as we continue our free and shared search for truth and meaning, for which one vehicle is theological reflection.

The Hope Singers will continue to sing for the five Sunday services during the month of May into the Memorial Day weekend, then 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 efforts in the last year, culminating with Rev. Cathey’s Installation Service, which was a real high point of this past season. 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

RENEWED HOPE !

Thank you, Congregation and Friends of Hope for your help with another successful pledge drive. We collected approximately 83% of our goal for pledges! Because of your generosity, Hope will be able to continue to provide a home for spiritual growth, service, and truth seeking.

Here is a summary of the final results:

Total pledged to date - \$154,602

Renewed pledges - 82

New pledges - 11

Average renewed pledge - \$1,626, an increase of 24% over last year.

Average new pledge - \$1,178

Pledge range \$100 to \$6,000

I would like to thank my Co-Chair, **Elizabeth Obal**, and our advisors **Alice VanWormer** and **Claudia Vandiver**. Claudia has been especially helpful with the record keeping and number crunching! I also want to thank **Janet Nobles** and all those involved in the skits. They were wonderful and hilarious, and kept us all engaged throughout the drive. Lastly, thank you to all who contributed to the beautiful Fellowship Dinner. It was a lovely affair and a great way to celebrate our success!

Your pledges and efforts have shown that we truly live the last principle of our Covenant: “to help one another”. Thank you, Hope!

Your Pledge Drive Co-Chair,
Laura Prather Reiman

Garden and Grounds

Roses and summertime are upon us. The hundreds of iris on the hill were spectacular. I counted seven varieties and colors in the clumps along the road and others blooming in thickets and brambles. They are a tough survivor plant though the blooms are not. Tissue paper fragile and water-color shaded I think they are one of the most beautiful of flowers.



Thanks to good rainfall the water level in the pond is still up. Something much bigger than a turtle splashed in and disappeared the other afternoon as I rounded the curve on the trail. Don't know what it was. A pair of hawks is seen frequently in the woods between the parking lot and Sheridan. Hope they are nesting there. The rabbit population seems to be up from last year. The lizards are out. They are our dominant animal on the hill and I plan to learn more about the varieties. I can identify only the blue-tailed skink, which even a four year old can do.

March set another temperature record worldwide so the weather predictions are for a warm summer though rainfall in OK is expected to be slightly above average. El Nino is still having an effect but will weaken over the summer.

The milkweed order did not happen as planned. But seven of the perennial ones survived in the butterfly garden and some tropicals will hopefully be found somewhere and planted. **Susan Spooner** has planted a sunflower garden along the fence in the kid's area. Watch for some really giant sunflowers to appear. Tomatoes are planned for the vegetable garden. New bronze fennel has been planted along the patio to host the black swallowtails.

Plans are underway to identify some of the main species along the pond trail and perhaps provide a plant guide. Thanks to **Jay Walker** for his expertise.

Three new boxes containing insect repellent and paper towels will be on the back patio, on the bench at the start of the pond trail and on the cabin back deck. Feel free to use as needed, but please leave for the next person and put the lid back on tightly to keep the rain out. Mosquitos are a nuisance and we are all aware of the Zika scare. It is real but not a big risk if one is just a little careful. Chiggers will also come as the weather warms. .

Take time to smell the roses. The pink one on the patio is especially lovely right now – both in looks and scent. And notice the new pine tree (*Pinus Flexilis* - Vanderwolf's pyramid) planted on the south side of the road inside the gate. It is **Gil Saurer's** favorite tree in the Tulsa Arboretum and according to Mike Perkins (Tulsa City Arborist) is a good, though under planted species for Oklahoma. Has bluish foliage and reputed to stand up well to ice and storms (common name flex pine).. Planted in honor of **Cathey's** installation - may they both thrive.

Janet Williamson – Garden and Grounds

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
\$1948.56 For Guest at Your Table
and \$670 for TMM Tornado Relief Fund
Here are the totals raised in previous months:**

| Month | Organization | \$ Amount |
|----------|--------------------|-----------|
| March | DVIS | 1,337 |
| February | Legal Aid | 1138.05 |
| January | McClure Elementary | 1,962.00 |

Thank you for your generosity



May Generosity Recipient

Wing It (Wildlife in Need Group in Tulsa) is the recipient of our Generosity plate offering for May. Wing It is part the Tulsa Audubon Society and is comprised of a network of licensed rehabilitators, who work with game wardens, vets, the zoo and each other to raise and release orphaned/injured wild animals. For further information go to Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wingintulsa>.

Cereal Sunday

Sunday, May 8

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. Collection basket in Fellowship Hall.

Feed the Homeless Program (FTH)

Volunteers from Hope prepare and serve a meal for the folks at the **Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless** every third Saturday of the month.

Thanks to everyone who helped with FTH in March

Mary Newman: Shopping and Friday pre cooking

Saturday prep and cooking with **Linda & Emma Tracy: Rich Jackson, Eddie Humphreys, Helen Bordelon and Susan Farmai Hai.**

Serving the meal at the Day Center with **Joan Scheulen and Jean Coffey** were: **Susan Farma Hai, Mary Baird, Ann Lee, Josh Lee, Maren Lee, and Ashton Fox.**

Next Feed the Homeless date is:

Saturday, May 21

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.

Family and Children's Services Hygiene Donation Drive

Thanks to everyone for their generous donations to F&CS Homeless Outreach donation drive.

McClure Elementary School

Thanks to **Coe McGinley, Anita Ward and Mary Baird** for volunteering to act as monitors at McClure during the state testing.

On May 12 McClure will be celebrating their Blast into Summer family event from 5:30 pm—7:00 pm If you are interested in volunteering to help with running games or handing out food please call **Mary Newman** at 918-810-0953. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Hope Events

Breakfast on the Hill

We'll take a break for the summer and begin Breakfast on the Hill again in September.

Brown Bag Lunch

Now 11:30 am 1st & 3rd Mondays

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

Women of the Thread

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

You are invited to join this informal creative group working on our Threads of Hope project to supply lap blankets, shawls, baby blankets for those in need in our church community.

Carrie Muzika, proenviomom@cox.net

Deborah Whittaker, debsharmony@yahoo.com

Women of Hope

Thursday, May 5, 6:00 pm

This is a special Women of Hope event as our program will appeal to both men and women. Our own **Steve Witt** will be presenting "A Trip Through Time: A Geologic History of Oklahoma". This presentation will take you through time from Precambrian to the present discussing the formation of where we live and call home – Oklahoma. All members, friends and visitors are welcome to attend. Social time is 6:00 pm, potluck at 6:30 and our program at 7:00 pm. All that's required is you bring a food item to share with others. Wine will be available (\$2.00 donations are appreciated).

Jane Brumley

W.O.H. Program Co-Chair

Music of the 1940's

Saturday, May 7, 7:00 pm

Brenda Galli will perform her "Music of the 1940's" show. Audience members step (or swing) back in time with Brenda as she sings songs of the 1940's. Dressed in period clothing with an American flag as a back drop and a large movie screen displaying photographs and video, Brenda narrates stories about the popular culture and people of the war years amid some of the era's most loved songs. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets available at Hope. This fundraiser for the church from last fall's auction costs \$50 per person. Child care available for \$5 an hour with reservation 48 hours ahead.

Movie Night

Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 pm

The Gods Must Be Crazy is a 1980 South African comedy film. This may be considered as a film that most Unitarians will find amusing, and maybe informative. It follows the journey of a San tribesman in Botswana after he finds a coke bottle dropped from a small plane. Not knowing where the bottle came from he decides it came from the gods. What follows is curious and funny adventure in how the elders of the San tribe start looking at the bottle, and trying to determine if it is a blessing or a curse. Come and join us at movie night to see what the San decide.

Free popcorn, soft drinks, and discussion before and after the movie. If you need child care please contact **Susan Spooner** at least 48 hours in advance.

Women's Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, May 18 at 11:30 am

We will meet at the Cheesecake Factory on 71st St. RSVP to **Lynn Walters**, 918-893-2655, or Lfwalters@aol.com

The Point (aka "SWUUSI") July 24-19, 2016

Come! A UU family summer camp. Join our growing group of all ages from Hope who attend. **The Point** is a customizable Unitarian Universalist retreat for all ages.

Imagine five days of UU covenant and community in a resort-like 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 (dance, movie night, talent show), outdoor activities, programming for all ages and interests, and an engaging theme speaker. Each day begins and ends with worship, but how you spend your day is completely up to you! <http://www.thepointuu.org> for more details



Notes from the Board

4/26/2016

The minutes and reports were accepted.

Jim Sleezer presented a plan for the administrator's leave of absence. The Board approved the suggestion if Maggie approves.

Paula Haight presented the Nominating Committee's slate for next year's Board: President, **Anita Ward**; President Elect, **Ken Jones**; Past President, **Janet Nobles**; VP of Finance, **Claudia Vandiver**; VP of Programs, Anne Steiner; Secretary, **Annie Simpson**; Treasurer, **Marcia Schaefer**; Members at large to finish two-year term, **Elke Johnson, Larry Sharp, Anita Wood**; **New trustee, Mike Monroe. Anita Ward** will be out of town on the day of the annual meeting. Paula Haight, chair of the Nominating Committee, will find an alternate Sunday to swear in the slate of officers

Fred Pottorf presented the new budget proposed for 2016. The Board approved.

The New Member Dinner is Sunday, May 15. **Ken Jones** will see to the catering, etc. What a fun get together for the new members and the Board!

The Garage Sale is going great so far.

Everyone was advised of due dates for the Annual Report.

A Task Force was established for the establishment of Channing Preschool 2. **Janet Nobles, Anita Ward, Susan Spooner**, and a suggested parent. **Kacie Kendrick** will be consulted about Hope's readiness for DHS requirements.

Rev. Cathey's last evaluation for the UUA is coming up. **Paula Haight, Deborah Whittaker, and Marcia Schaefer** volunteered to help **Janet Nobles** with this final completion of her evaluation.

New business before the Board, **Paula Haight** asked that we approve the sale of tee shirts for Wing It, this month's generosity recipient.

The Board approved. Rev. Cathey will forward the responses of the Sunday Forum to all the board members.

Janet Nobles

President, Board of Trustees

Adult Forum

Sundays at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

May 1: Generosity Sunday. Our recipient for May is Wing It. Our presenter was Kim Donor, a licensed wild-life rehabilitator, local children's author and artist.

May 8: "The Economics of Recycling" led by Steve Heifner. Building upon our recycling education of the last couple of weeks, let's explore as a group the economics and associated life aspects of a green life style. In particular, what is the most recycled material in our world? What has energy provided to our society and how should this be sustained in our future? In our interconnected world, what do we value and how can we, or might we, quantify and act upon our shared and expanding values?

May 15: "Why am I a UU?" Several members of our congregation will share their answers to this question. Are they the same as yours, or different, and if different, how?

May 22: The Welcoming Congregation Team will present a historical background of the Pride Celebration, which will be held across the US during the first week in June, celebrating the LGBTQ community.

May 29: "The Nature of the Quantum Universe". This is the first of a three-part series that focuses on the mind and the universe, presented by **Raman Singh**. This talk presents what we know about the way the universe exists and how that differs from our daily perception of things. The talk introduces some interesting scientific concepts at the level of a general audience.

Anne Steiner

Adult RE Chair

Hope's Annual Meeting Sunday, May 22, after the service

You are invited to join us for our Annual Meeting. All are welcome but only voting members can vote.

Committee chairs are reminded to send their reports to **Maggie Scott by Thursday, May 5.**

Fellowship Dinner Thank You

Many thanks to our great team of dedicated workers who made the 2016 Fellowship Dinner a success! Thanks to **Fred Pottorf** and his crew for setting up the tables and chairs, to **Ken Jones** for getting the wine, beer and the wine carafes, to **Chris Powell** and **Michael Simpson** for bartending, to the hostesses, **Tara Saylor, Lynn Walters, Annie Simpson, Mary Gardner, Lynn Rivers, Anita Ward, Meredith Miller, Diana Cox, Eddie Humphreys, Susan Farma Hai, and Deborah Whittaker**. Also thanks to those hostesses who were able to come beforehand to do the decorating and table settings. Thanks to **Susan Spooner** for arranging childcare. Thanks to the Hope teens for serving and helping with the cleanup. Thanks to **Maggie Scott** for keeping track of the RSVP email responses and helping to keep it all together. Thanks to all those who stayed to provide kitchen help, table breakdown, and arranging chairs for Sunday morning services. Thanks to the Entertainment Committee for providing a humorous version of Star Wars. But most of all we thank all those who came and helped to make this such a successful evening.

Coe McGinley, Joan Scheulen and Jean Coffey
Co-Chairs 2016 Hope Fellowship Dinner



Mother's Day Flower Communion Sunday, May 8

On May 8, 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.

News from Your Tulsa Sponsoring Committee Team

Thank you to everyone who participated in our House Meeting Campaign. We reached our team's goal of having eighty participants, a goal that we initially believed was quite a stretch, but you showed that it was achievable. You gave part of your own time to participate in the meetings and you met with us in an Adult Forum to review the process, but more important than all of that were the stories you told.

You told us about problems facing you and your families. You shared your personal experiences and your concerns. The discussions sometimes evoked tears and emotions as you shared your stories. If our team had any doubts about the importance of this work, you erased those doubts.

Our team at Hope has begun reviewing the results. We are looking first at issues important to you that we can address as a congregation. Our team remains active and committed but we will be asking for help from you as we move forward in addressing these issues.

The city-wide organization is beginning the next phase of their work as they put into place the Strategy Team, the team that will plan for going public with our founding convention on November 6 and beginning our work on issues affecting you and other families of our member organizations. The objective of this work will be to have an influence on the policies and strategies followed by our public officials and community leaders. Each member organization has two official representatives on that team. **Ken Jones** and **Paula Haight** will be representing Hope. The TSC now has fourteen member institutions, thirteen of which are faith-based and represent a broad base of religious beliefs. Together Oklahoma, an affiliate of the Oklahoma Policy Institute is also a member. We are growing, with several potential members working with us now.

Claudia Vandiver



With over 160 people filling the sanctuary on a lovely rainy day, Hope Unitarian Church installed the Rev. Cathey Edwards. With the support of dedicated volunteers, church members, musicians, and regional clergy, the whole day was a great celebration of Hope's vitality.

Green Sanctuary and Earth Day 2016

A special thank you to all who assisted with and participated in Hope's third annual lay-led Earth Day service. As most of you know becoming a UU Green Sanctuary is not a onetime project. It is an ongoing way of helping us live and learn in this changing world. **Julia Harris's** class on "little frog" sustainable living was a contribution to helping us do that. The Association has a very strong commitment to environmental justice in the face of accelerating climate change. The cooperation and efforts required for a lay-led service helps us keep our consciousness raised and focused as we work together to remain and grow as a Green Sanctuary.

Special appreciation for: members of the worship team who found and wrote many of the words we spoke, to the participants who did the central readings and commentaries, to **Joseph Rivers, Chris Powell** and the choir who add so much with their music, to Larry Vandiver and the AV crew who cope with coordinating the tech visuals (more challenging than most of you may know). And of course to **Rev. Cathey** who turns the pulpit over to us and trusts we will honor it.

And it continued with the Earth Day picnic celebration in our beautiful "backyard". Did you see **Rev. Cathey** blowing bubbles with the kids? And the hawk flying over? The service was recorded and is on the Hope website at the "Sermons" tab.

With appreciation, Green Sanctuary Chairs, **Janet Williamson** and **Rich Jackson**



Family Fish Fry



Saturday, June 18, 2016

At Holway Point Community Lot, Grand Lake
(about 75 miles NE of Hope Church)

Come for the day, swim, enjoy the outdoors, launch your
boat, see the reconstruction of the Big House.

Fish fry about 1:00 pm, includes Fish, Hush Puppies,
Coleslaw, Desserts, Drinks

Adults \$40.00 each*

Children FREE

Given by Marcia and Sherrill for Hope Church Auction

* This is a fundraiser from the Fall Auction. All are invited



The Garage Sale was a great success! We exceeded the projected profit and raised over \$4,000 which is amazing! The best part of the garage sale was how our volunteers came together as one and made it happen. They worked wonderfully together. Sorting, picking up items,

organizing, pricing, setting out signs, putting advertisements in the paper and online, selling, breaking down, picking up signs and re-setting the church, could not have happened without all of our wonderful helpers coming together as one. It was a beautiful thing to see everyone working together seamlessly in harmony. I am so proud of each and every person that helped, either by donating, baking, or working the many tasks. The jewelry stand added to the overall profit as **Mike Monroe** and **Holly Baker** priced and manned the jewelry section as a separate booth.

Refreshments were sold at check out and many people indulged in these home baked goods. Thank you to all who contributed with your baking skills!

Thankfully, people were happy to advise me throughout this endeavor and **Rev. Cathey** was happy to lend an ear when I panicked a bit! Without the collective pool of knowledge to draw from, I would have been lost many times over

Thank you once again to each and every person who helped.

Lee Ann Tolle , Garage Sale Chair

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 2-8

Jim Sleezer
918-760-9711

May 9-15

Barbara Witt
918-812-3450

May 16-22

Larry Vandiver
918-230-7354

May 23-29

Eric Reiman
918-260-3677

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 your event.**



May Birthdays

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

For Hope's May Calendar—see Hope's website www.hopeuu.org

Focus Deadline

Submissions to the 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 June 1 . Next Deadline: 9 am, Wednesday, May 25



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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

Reason - Integrity - Tolerance

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