

## From the Minister



### What Can I Do?

Many in our congregation (city and nation) are inspired to become agents of change. My social media feed and various news outlets have many useful lists. They give ways to become engaged in the on-going civic conversations, to communicate with elected leaders your opinions, and to join with passionate others. What can you do?

#### KEEP IT LOCAL

Starting with Hope, we have several committee devoted to social justice work in Tulsa. You can take action in many simple but profound ways. Contact the chairperson to offer your services. If you simply cannot add anything to your schedule, reach out to the chair and committee members and simply say, "Thank you." We *all* need encouragement.

Our **Outreach Committee** is chaired by **Mary Newman** (all contact info is in our church directory or obtained by contacting the church). Outreach directs our Sunday plate to effective, local non-profits. Do you have a suggestion? They coordinate monthly preparing, feeding and supporting the homeless at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. Can you help prepare or serve? To support Tulsa Public Schools, Hope is an official Partner In Education (PIE) supporting McArthur Elementary School. Our children need us to come forward to share our time and skills. Can you be a Reading Buddy?

Outreach is trying out an exciting new on-line Unitarian Universalist crowd-funding tool [FAITHIFY](http://www.faithify.org) ([www.faithify.org](http://www.faithify.org)) to raise \$500 for Gap Packs. These help individuals just released from David L. Moss Correctional Facility (Tulsa County jail by providing basic essentials for their first 24 hours after release. It is a zip lock bag containing bottled water, snacks, socks, a thermal blanket, condoms, tampons, a map of downtown Tulsa, a notebook with a poem, pen and resources list. Often the jailed are released at 2:00 am when buses are not running and all services closed. Outrage! Check it out and tell all your friends. As my mother would say when I was in my twenties, "Nothing good happens after midnight."

Marches and rallies can be energizing. They are a wonderful way to meet others working on issues you care about. But the results may not be clear or sustainable. To create long-term change, **ACTION** (Allied Communities of Tulsa Inspiring our Neighborhoods) joins Hope Church with over twenty other Tulsa religious and non-profits.



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## February Services

**Sunday Religious Education  
for Children and Youth  
10 am - RE Wing**

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**Sunday, February 5  
“Courage Requires Fear”  
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The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

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“A Courageous Life”  
Julie Conrady**

From the Minister ...continued

We are a founding member of ACTION and our Core Team is led by **Lynn Rivers**. This group is committed to developing relationships across all that human divisions, working to relieve pressures Tulsans face and holding our elected officials accountable. **Carmen** and **Barry Kinsey** are looking into issues of aging in our city. City-wide, ACTION has just begun working on mental health issues, prisons and education.

ACTION provides powerful leadership training to open up new ways of thinking about our social ills and effectiveness. Join me and Tulsans of all race, creed, and age on February 9 – 11 to learn leadership skills together. Register [here](http://www.actiontulsa/nationbuilder) (www.actiontulsa/nationbuilder). If the fee of \$25 (which includes meals) is prohibitive, please contact Lynn or Rev. Cathey for a scholarship. If you can only come one day, make it Saturday.

To educate and advocate for environmental issues, Hope’s Green Sanctuary Team is chaired by **Ann Lee**. They are working on everything from a nature camp for our children to teach them outdoor awareness, skills and fun to how to improve Hope’s own carbon and water-use footprint. **Dick Jackson** is involved in working to change state laws obstructing solar energy expansion.

Two Hope Members, **David Tracy** and **Rick Eagleton**, are following up on local immigration and sanctuary discussions hosted by Tulsa Metropolitan Ministries.

### LOOK TO THE PAST AND PRESENT

We have inspiration and ideals from thousands who have made a difference. Read a quote, article, blog or book about game-changers who made a difference. From Martin Luther King Jr, Nelson Mandela, Dorothy Day to current [Unitarian Universalists](http://www.uua.org/justice) just like you. (<http://www.uua.org/justice>)

### MAKE ACTIVISM FUN

Yes, to doing things that are good for the world. Try doing them in ways that you personally enjoy. Yes, call your representatives, but maybe make a contest of it with your friends, like you might challenge each other to achieve workout goals.

Suggest to Hope’s board or a committee ideas for bringing people together around an issue or project.

### PACE YOURSELF

Part of being in a church community is we offer hiking trails, benches, and vistas for restorative meditation and sitting. Working to change and improve our world is not new work nor is it going away. We have to take care of ourselves for being effective in the long haul. Eat well. Laugh. Drink water, Get exercise. Get enough sleep. Turn off the news. Come to church to sing, talk with others, feel less alone or bombarded.

Joyfully,



Rev. Cathey Edwards  
Cathey@hopeuu.org

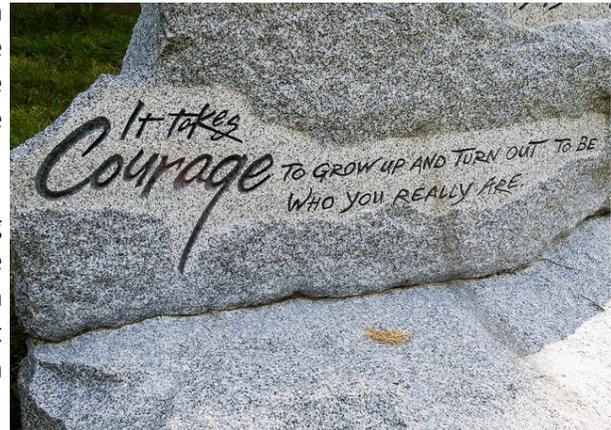
## February's Monthly Theme

### Courage

"One person with courage makes a majority." Andrew Jackson

Kh-ourage. I hear in my mind the Cowardly Lion from *The Wizard of Oz* film about to break into song as he spits out the word "courage." He so badly wants to be courageous. Turns out he has the virtue all along, as we all do.

I often wonder if I will rise to an occasion demanding extraordinary courage. I am aware of the times I have failed. Seldom do I add up the times I was fearless in large and small ways. Often, someone else has to point them out. It can be so much easier to see the courage in others and judge ourselves lacking.



Courage isn't the absence of fear but our ability to manage it. We handle it by noticing it, assessing the true danger or cost of an action, then acting. Need to ask for a raise? Help with a problem?

Together this month we will explore the idea and trait of courage. I say all who walk through our doors have courage because being Unitarian Universalist means being fearless in exploring your experiences and life to arrive at a working theology aimed at helping yourself and others. This is hard work we do together.

#### 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 mystery together. Join us!

### Brown Bag Lunch

Every first Thursday in the month Rev. Cathey Edwards leads the group on the topic of Legacy Letters, also called Ethical Wills. This ancient tradition passes along personal values, beliefs, blessings & advice.

For the meeting, **February 2, 11:30am-1:00pm** we will discuss together and share our personal stories about love-all forms of love including unrequited and the broken hearted.



## Children and Youth Programs

Susan Spooner, Director, [susan@hopeuu.org](mailto:susan@hopeuu.org)

CYP Committee Members: Laura Reiman (Chair), Paula Haight, Kerri Vandiver, Ann Lee, Susan Farma Hai, Lee Ann Tolle

*Childcare is available during all church events, committee meetings and Board meetings. If you need childcare during a church activity, please email [child-care@hopeuu.org](mailto:child-care@hopeuu.org) at least 2 business days before the event.*

### **Religious Education for Children and Youth**

**Sundays 10:00 am—12:00 pm**

Religious education is focused on the theme of the month as well as curriculum designed to help Hope's young ones discover answers to life's big questions. The curriculum includes chapel, religious education about Unitarian Universalism and other faiths, art, nature and outdoor experiences. Parents are always welcome to join their children in our religious exploration.

*Courage is a heart word. ... In one of its earliest forms, the word courage meant 'To speak one's mind by telling all one's heart.' Over time, this definition has changed, and today, we typically associate courage with heroic and brave deeds. But in my opinion, this definition fails to recognize the inner strength and level of commitment required for us to actually speak honestly and openly about who we are and about our experiences — good and bad. Speaking from our hearts is what I think of as 'ordinary courage.' ~Brené Brown*

Accepting a child's heartfelt knowing of who they are, and not who we think or want them to be, can be an overwhelming task and heartache for parents and family. It can come from any corner in a child's life; gender, sexuality, vocation, hobbies, socioeconomic status, choice of life partner, political thought, religion, spirituality, and more.

Life calls each of us to a unique path, one that may not be understood by well-meaning family and friends. It is the child's job to show the world who they are and the gifts that only they can bring. Parents, ideally, accept and encourage the child to openly share those gifts. Neither role is easy and courage is required from all parties. How to lovingly guide a child when we, as parents, are mired in tradition, culture or unable to see outside our own sense of purpose takes courage.

It also takes courage to tell the world who we are beyond the obvious roles that we fill. Knowing ourselves and our children and giving it to the world is a life-long journey that may take you places you never dreamed of. Although children may not be able to understand this fully, your child can easily sense whether you are authentic. Your sense of purpose in the universe speaks far louder than any words.

**Children and youth** will also be learning, along with you, about this month's theme, Courage, as well as a bit about St. Valentine.

**Hope's parents' group "It Takes a Village"** will meet the third Sunday of the month, **February 19**, after church, in the Log Cabin. This month we will begin talking about boundaries with kids, fashioned after the book, *Boundaries with Kids* by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. Childcare and lunch is provided. Please join us.

We bid farewell to **Sharon Giefer**, Child Care Assistant. We are sorry to lose her and will miss her. We wish her well.

See you in church!

**Susan Spooner**  
Director of Children and Youth programs

## Music Notes



The theme for February is “Courage.” This month is also “Black History Month.” To celebrate and draw strength from these two themes, which actually work in tandem, the choir will sing some

traditional spirituals as well as songs embodying courage and hope.

All of us need inspiration offered by music during this time of disruption, disunity, and confusion. Life always moves in waves between stable and unstable times, and this requires our ongoing courage and our capacity to hope.

Among the anthems that the choir will sing in February is the traditional spiritual, “Keep Your Lamps!,” which encourages us to bravely keep our light shining to make a difference in our community and in the world, remaining true to our values with both awareness and vigilance. The stirring anthem, “Give Us Hope,” by Jim Papoulis evokes our courage to offer hope to our young people, who will inherit the world that we leave for them.

Once again, Hope’s choir and other musicians are here to encourage us along each of our individual and collective journeys, offering hope and meaning as we encounter these changing times.

If you would like to lend your voice to our efforts, you are invited to join the choir and rehearse with us on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m.

**Joseph Rivers**, Director of Music,  
[joseph.rivers@hopeuu.org](mailto:joseph.rivers@hopeuu.org)



## Adult Forum

### Sundays, 10:00 am, in the Sanctuary

**February 5**—Generosity Sunday. Our recipient for February is McArthur Elementary School, our Partner in Education. Our speakers will be **Mrs. Twyla Water-son**, School Principal, along with the School Counselor and Social Worker.

**February 12**—**Kamaria Monmouth** will present on the Carrera Program operating in Union Schools.

**February 19**—TBA

**February 26**—“Where is my money going?” We are well into the 2017-2018 pledge drive, so you probably have many questions about the proposed budget, the goals toward which we are striving and how your stewardship can continue the growth and betterment of our Home on the Hill, Hope Church

**Please contact Chris Anrig**, Adult Religious Education Chair at [cmnrig@hotmail.com](mailto:cmnrig@hotmail.com) for additional information.

## Sunday Slideshow Help Needed

Do you enjoy the Sunday slideshows?  
Like having the words to hymns up on the screen?  
Appreciate the pictures?  
Inspired by the Visual Hymn?

Want to help?

We have a cadre of people who create these slideshows each week, but we need a few more people to share the responsibility. If you have PowerPoint skills and wouldn’t mind taking some time once a month or so to put a presentation together, we’d love to have you as part of our team! There are some parts of the slideshow that are set, along with some opportunities to get creative.

Please contact Rebecca Jones [Rebtax@cox.net](mailto:Rebtax@cox.net) if you are interested.

# 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 January we raised:  
\$1,218.25 For Habit for Humanity**

Month	Organization	\$ Amount
December	Therapeutics Service Dogs of OK	\$904.45
December 24	Youth Services of Tulsa	\$410.00
November	Global Gardens	\$1,135.65
October	South Tulsa Community House	\$1433.30
September	Harmony Project	\$1,550.77

### January Generosity Recipient

#### McArthur Elementary School

Last October, MacArthur Elementary held an assembly where we officially became one of their "Partners" and they became our "Adopted School". Mary Newman and Paula Haight attended on behalf of Hope.

Since that time, our volunteers have found an open, welcoming atmosphere, where volunteering is a rewarding experience. We need more volunteers.

On February 5, MacArthur's Principal, Mrs. Twyla Waterson, the School Counselor, and Social Worker will be our speakers for Adult Forum.

Come and get acquainted with MacArthur and these wonderful women, You'll be glad you did.

## 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: **Keith Hamilton**
- Friday cooking: **Mary Newman**
- Meal prep and cooking: With team leader, **Linda Tracy: Edward Royce Brown, Richard Brown, Eddie Humphreys, Rich Jackson, Coe McGinley, Jay Stewart,**
- Serving at the Day Center **Eddie Humpheys, Debby Baker, Mary & Matt Baird, Judy Sims, Janet Nobles, Stan Moore, Jay Stewart, Marc Maumus**

We served 134 plates.

Thanks to **Kim Rauh** for her continuing and generous support of the monthly meal we prepare for the Day Center for the Homeless. Kim has again donated several months' worth of frozen chicken breasts for the casseroles we serve.

### Next Feed the Homeless date is:

#### Saturday, February 18, 2017

2:30 pm at Hope to help cook and prepare food.

5:00 pm at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless to help serve the meal.

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

### Cereal Sunday

#### Sunday, February 12

Please bring cereal for the homeless. This cereal, along with several gallons of milk, is taken to the **Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless** every month when we prepare their meal. The collection basket is in Fellowship Hall. They are also in need of fresh fruit and snack items (soft granola bars and crackers).

## Hope Outreach and News

### GAP PACK PROJECT

Can you imagine being released from the Tulsa Jail at 2:00 am in the morning?

No bus service runs in the middle of the night.

The streets are deserted.

No food is available.

Shelters may be closed or full.

Some people may have no one to call or place to go.

The weather may be cold, rainy or snowy.



A Gap Pack helps individuals just released from the Tulsa Jail (David L. Moss Correctional Facility) by providing basic essentials for their first 24 hours after release.

It's a zip-lock bag containing bottled water, snacks, socks, a thermal blanket, condoms, tampons, a map of downtown Tulsa, a notebook with a poem, pen and resources list. The packs are left on a shelf at the jail for inmates to take, if needed, as they are released.

Hope Unitarian Church will be supplying all the necessary items for 250 Gap Packs for the jail during March, 2017. This will cost about \$500.00. We are raising the funds through the UUA crowdfunding site, Faithify, in a 30-day time limited posting. Any additional funds raised will be used for our ongoing support of this program.

If you are interested in donating to this program please go to [www.faithify.org](http://www.faithify.org) and make a donation or contact Mary Newman at 918-810-0953 or [try4peace@gmail.com](mailto:try4peace@gmail.com).

### ACTION 3 Day Training

ACTION (remember Hope's house meetings?) has scheduled a three-day training February 9-11. We will be bringing organizers from across the southwest to conduct the training, which focuses on the basic concepts of our work together: how power operates in a community, what it means to build relational power, how this ties into our religious and democratic traditions, what it means to build a core team.

The hours of the training will be Thursday, Feb 9, 6-9 pm; Friday, 9 am -- 8 pm; Saturday, 9 am - 3 pm. Registration for the event is \$25 for meals and materials for people from member institutions, \$50 for people from non-member institutions.

If you cannot attend all three days, you may register for Saturday only, which will focus on core teams -- \$10 for people from member institutions and \$25 for people from non-member institutions (the stipulation is that you either attend just Saturday, or all three days).

**WHEN?** February 09, 2017 at 6pm - February 11, 2017

**WHERE?** Fellowship Lutheran Church, 6727 S Sheridan Rd, Tulsa, OK 74133

**CONTACT** **Kelli Driscoll** ([kelli@bethanybelieves.com](mailto:kelli@bethanybelieves.com)) and **Lynn Rivers** (918-296-0835 or [riverlys@swbell.net](mailto:riverlys@swbell.net)) will help with any questions you have.

## Notes from the Board—January 2017



### Hope's 2016—2017 Board of Trustees

L-R standing—Janet Nobles, Anita Ward, Annie Simpson, Cate Potter, Anita Wood, Larry Sharp

Seated—Claudia Vandiver, Elke Johnson, Anne Steiner, Ken Jones, Marcia Schaefer

### The board met on Tuesday, January 24. Here are some brief notes.

- Two members of the Personnel Committee attended the board meeting to discuss two new policies. Both were passed
- The board determined the dollar amount for the pledge drive goal.
- The status of the year end matching was shared. It was very successful.
- There will be a joint meeting with the Finance Committee and the board on February 4.
- The board was asked to submit names of members who they would like to see on the Nomination Committee. It was discussed that the congregation is also welcomed to send names to Board President, **Anita Ward**. The vote for this committee will be at the February board meeting
- **Larry Sharp** reported on the Safety Task force's productive first meeting.
- On March 4 there will be a Poverty Simulation at Hope which is put on by Oklahoma University.
- The board was told the gap packs fund raiser is now on Faithify.org and they were encouraged to go there to donate and encouraged to tell their friends

## Scholarships to the Unitarian Universal Association UA General Assembly

The Hope Unitarian Church Foundation has given the church some money which can be used for scholarships to the UUA General Assembly in New Orleans in June. This international gathering of Unitarian Universalists of all ages is a powerful experience. There is special programming for children, youth and young adults.

If you are interested in applying for one of the scholarships, please let **Anita Ward** know by the end of February. A form is being developed which will need to be completed.

The amount of the scholarship will be determined by the number of applications received. If you receive one we ask you to present your experiences at our Sunday Adult Forum. The decision on the scholarship recipient will be decided by a small Task Force.

## Hope Events

*Childcare is available by rsvp at least two business days before most events. Please email [childcare@hopeuu.org](mailto: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 3 for more information.**

**Claudia Vandiver** [cvgardnr@sbcglobal.com](mailto:cvgardnr@sbcglobal.com)

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### 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. We work together to supply lap blankets, shawls, and baby blankets for our church community or you are welcome to bring a personal project.

**Carrie Muzika**

[proenviomom@cox.net](mailto:proenviomom@cox.net)

**Deborah Whittaker**

[debsharmony@yahoo.com](mailto:debsharmony@yahoo.com)

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### Women of Hope

**Thursday, February 2**

**Social Time 6:00 pm, Potluck 6:30 pm, Bingo 7:00 pm**

Ladies – let's have some fun! Start saving your pocket change to bring along because we are going to play Bingo! No speaker this month.

**Jane Brumley**—Women of Hope Program Chair

[murphyb3@cox.net](mailto:murphyb3@cox.net)

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### Hope Book Club

**And every 1st Monday in the Log Cabin**

**Next meeting February 6**

Our February book is *The Day of the Triffids* by John Wyndham. For more information, contact **Chris Anrig**

[cmnrig@hotmail.com](mailto:cmnrig@hotmail.com)

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### Movie Night

**Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm (Valentine's Day)**

Our movie is *Waiting For Guffman* and it's one that will make you hurt from laughing so hard, especially if you have ever been involved a small town theater group.

In the fictional small town of Blaine, Missouri, a handful of utterly delusional residents prepare to put on a community theater production led by eccentric director Corky St. Clair (Christopher Guest).

The show, a musical chronicling the town's history titled *Red, White and Blaine*, is to be performed as part of the town's 150th anniversary celebration. Corky has used connections from his "Off-Off-Off-Off-Broadway" past to invite Mort Guffman, a Broadway producer, to critique *Red, White and Blaine*.

Corky leads the cast to believe that a positive review from Guffman could mean their show might go all the way to Broadway.

Come and join us for popcorn, soft drinks, and good discussions before and after the movie.

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### Hope Lunch Bunch

**Wednesday, February 15, at 11:30 am**

We will try a new restaurant called Bread and Butter Kitchen located at 3837 E 51st Street (just east of Harvard). They opened in December and feature food made from scratch with local healthy ingredients. Our usual time to gather is 11:30 am. This month email or call Eddie Humphreys at [ladyeddieh@gmail.com](mailto:ladyeddieh@gmail.com) or 918-298-8245. Please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 13.

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### Family Fun Night

**Friday, February 17, at 7:00 pm**

This is an all-ages gathering! We will have tables in Fellowship Hall for playing games, and a family-friendly movie playing in the sanctuary. Popcorn will be provided. Only spill-proof cups allowed in the sanctuary.

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### Breakfast on the Hill

**Sunday, March 5, 9:00 am**



Join us for breakfast before the service on the first Sunday of the month. Our chefs are **Paula Haight and Anne Steiner**. A donation of \$5.00 per adult is requested. Children eat free.



## Aging Successfully/Aging in Place

A 14 week discussion about growing older. This series is the second offering on Aging in Place, or Cohousing, at All Souls Church. It is not under the auspices of All Souls, we're just meeting there.

**Wednesdays, Jan 25 thru Apr 26 2017, 7-8:30 pm**

All Souls Unitarian Church, 2952 S Peoria, Room 128

RSVPs requested. For more information or to RSVP contact **Suzy Sharp** at 918-519-5298 or [ssharptulsa@yahoo.com](mailto:ssharptulsa@yahoo.com)

## Announcing The 2017 Trialogue Series

The 2017 OCCJ Trialogue Series will explore "The Struggle for Compassion." This event will include presentations led by religious and community leaders as well as engaging dialogue. Each session will cover a different aspect of integrating compassion into everyday life, including Compassionate Understanding, Compassionate Dialogue and Compassionate Action.

The first session will be hosted by The Peace Academy on **Sunday, February 5**, with following sessions on **Sunday, February 12**, Antioch Baptist Church, and **Sunday, February 19** at the Jewish Federation of Tulsa.

All Trialogue gatherings will take place from 2 to 4 pm

The Annual Trialogue Series seeks to tackle tough issues and unite Oklahomans in a manner that helps us live with respect and understanding for all. Supported in part by the Tulsa Library Trust's Alfred E. Aaronson Lecture Series Endowment. For more information, please email [info@occjok.org](mailto:info@occjok.org)

## Stone Soup Lunch

Thank you to **Carrie Muzika** for organizing another very successful Stone Soup luncheon.

And thanks to all her helpers and all those who donated soup, bread or dessert.



## **Annual Chocolate Auction**

**Sunday, February 12, 2017, 12:15**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Make your favorite recipes for all things chocolate. Cakes, brownies, candies, cookies, chocolate dipped fruits and more.**

**Let your imagination run wild! Then bid at the silent auction for goodies for all your valentines! All proceeds go to the general fund.**

## **Chili Cook-Off**

**Saturday, February 25 from 6:00-8:00 pm**



Howdy Hopsters!

Dust off those crockpots and cowboy boots and get ready for a rootin' and (hopefully not too tootin') Chili Cook-Off on.

Please bring your crockpots of chili for the fierce cook-off battle. Bring your children who can eat with us or play in childcare, and bring your dance moves for the country line dance instruction after dinner. You are welcome to bring your own beer or wine.

Volunteers needed to help set-up, break-down, and to bring complementary sides; please contact Tara at [telltara@gmail.com](mailto:telltara@gmail.com) or 918-933-8198 to volunteer or with questions.

## Poverty Simulation March 4, 10 – 12:30 pm

### Brief Description



The poverty simulation experience is designed to help participants begin to understand what it might be like to live in a typical low-income family trying to survive from month to month. **It is a simulation, not a game.** The object is to sensitize participants to the realities faced by low-income people.

In the simulation, up to 80 participants assume the roles of up to 26 different families facing poverty. Some families are newly unemployed, some are recently deserted by the “breadwinner,” some are homeless, and others are recipients of TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, formerly AFDC), either with or without additional earned income. Still others are senior citizens receiving Disability or Retirement or grandparents raising their grandchildren. The task of the “families” is to provide for basic necessities and shelter during the course of four 15-minute “weeks.”

The simulation is conducted in a large room with the “families” seated in groups in the center of the room. Around the perimeter are tables representing community resources and services for the families. These services include a bank, supercenter, Community Action Agency, employer, utility company, pawnbroker, grocery, social service agency, faith-based agency, payday and title loan facility, mortgage company, school, community health center, and child care center.

The experience lasts from two and a half to three hours. It includes an introduction and briefing, the actual simulation exercise, and a debriefing period in which participants share their feelings and experiences and talk about what they have learned about the lives of people in poverty. This is also a time for participants to explore any changes they can make in the ways that they interact with those living in poverty, from rethinking personal ideologies to policy advocacy at the state and national levels.

### Simulation Schedule

- Orientation and pre-test 10-20 minutes
- Simulation Exercise: 60-70 minutes
- Debrief and Call to Action 70-80 minutes
- Post-test 10-15 minutes

Hope Unitarian Church is the first church to organize and participate in this Poverty Simulation, conducted under the auspices of the Anne and Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, The University of Oklahoma. This is both an opportunity and a privilege for us.

We expect an enrollment of 40-60 participants, and the program will be held on March 4, at Hope Unitarian Church from 10:00am – 12:30 pm

A sign-up sheet will be available soon, child care will be provided, and there is a suggested \$15.00 donation per person, which will include a light lunch. Stay tuned for more information, but **mark your calendars NOW.**

Anne Steiner, VPrograms  
[aksteiner@aol.com](mailto:aksteiner@aol.com)



## **LET IT BE A DANCE!**

### **HOPE UNITARIAN PLEDGE DRIVE**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Through March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **Members' Birthdays February**

Ruth Jackson	7th
Alice Van Wormer	10th
Irene McKee	11th
Corrie Dorman	12th
Adriana Rivers	12th
Jane Brumley	17th
Barry Kinsey	20th
Gail Luria	21st
Natalie Leone	26th



### **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

#### **January 30– February 5**

Fred Pottorf  
918-407-0924

#### **February 6-12**

Jim Sleezer  
918-760-9711

#### **February 13-19**

Eric Reiman  
918-407-0924

#### **February 20-26**

Fred Pottorf  
918-407-0924

#### **February 27-March 5**

Jim Sleezer  
918-760-9711

#### **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  
[www.hopeuu.org](http://www.hopeuu.org)**

### **Focus Deadline**

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