

## From the Minister



### We Are a Teaching Church

Unlike many modern professions that no longer rely on apprenticeship systems to bring on a new generation of practitioners, learning to become a minister includes a supervised internship. Hope Unitarian Church returns to being a formal teaching church on September 5<sup>th</sup> when our ministerial intern **Yadene Hailu** reports for work. In the late 1990's Hope hosted **David Patterson** as our intern.

Every healthy church is a teaching church. Maintaining a religious community means constantly learning together. We learn "churchy" things — theology, history, and liturgy. We also learn pragmatic, human skills—how to cope with grief, ask questions of someone who has differing beliefs, how to volunteer, how to run a meeting, when to step forward and where to step back. We practice how to be forgiving, to be accountable, and to hold someone else accountable. In other words, church is always about learning. As religious educator Maria Harris famously claims in her book *Fashion Me a People*, "The church is the curriculum."

From Latin, curriculum means "course to be run." I have benefitted from your wisdom while running this course. This congregation has formed me as a minister. You have been patient with my mistakes, frank with critiques, and generous with praise. I expect you to provide these same gifts to Yadene.

There will be many formal and informal teaching moments for her. Over time, she will teach, preach, make pastoral calls, write, and just be. As you get to know her and see her in action, you'll have opportunities to interact. In monthly meetings with her Internship Committee, she will have a safe, intimate group to discuss her learning goals and progress. **Anne Steiner** chairs this committee. **Julia Harris, Rebecca Jones, Annie Simpson,** and **Larry Vandiver** serve on her committee. I will meet one-on-one with her weekly to supervise and guide her.

Our Unitarian Universalist Association keeps this apprenticeship system for training ministers because you cannot solely study your way into being a minister. The praxis cycle of action, reflection, then action anew is at the heart of Yadene's journey. It will be ours too as she teaches us. This is an exciting joint venture of learning together what it means to be a dynamic church.

Always learning,

Rev. Cathey Edwards  
[Cathey@hopeuu.org](mailto:Cathey@hopeuu.org)



Yadene Hailu

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## September Sunday Services

**Sunday Worship**  
**11am - Sanctuary**

**Sunday, September 3**  
"500 Years of Congregational  
Singing "

**The Rev. Cathey Edwards**  
2017 is the 500th year of the start of the reformation. In 1517, Martin Luther upended the Catholic traditions and authority with his questions. His questions led to the start of the Reformation and one innovation is congregational singing!

**Sunday, September 10**  
"Justice Rolls Down Like Waters:  
Water Communion"

**The Rev. Cathey Edwards**  
We'll be renewing ourselves as a worshipping community through Water Communion ritual. We'll be reviewing why we are called to be in community, to create peace and justice within ourselves and the world. We'll also be welcoming our new Intern **Yadene Hailu**.

**Sunday, September 17**  
"A Church of Orthodox Heretics"

**The Rev. Mark Christian**  
Our religious history is both highly heretical while rooted in progressive orthodoxy. This paradoxical tendency impacts our history and leads us solidly into our future.

**Sunday, September 24**  
"The Pagan In Us All"

**The Rev. Cathey Edwards**  
I'll be grappling with our 6th Source of our Faith: Earth-Centered Traditions-pagan, neo-pagan, Celtic, native and Indigenous spiritualities

**Sunday, October 1**  
"May You Walk in Beauty"  
**The Rev. Cathey Edwards**

## September Monthly Theme Circle of Life

When Life Comes Full Circle

Have you ever had a moment  
When your life came full circle?  
You arrive at a time and place  
Where the prior, inexperienced you  
Meets the present, experienced you?  
Where you become aware of part of your purpose?

When it happens,  
You get a once-in-a-lifetime chance  
To look each other in the eyes,  
Acknowledge the journey,  
Give a nod of respect to who you've become,  
And appreciate yourself for who you are.

Then, the two of you  
Get to do what few will ever do,  
Join hands, and walk into the future as one,  
One purposeful person, full of possibilities,  
Together, stronger, wiser, and much less afraid.

— Lee Thomas

Can you see the cloud in a cup of tea? Can you imagine the elder in the newborn baby? Can you hear the symphony in the tentative, single note? Can you imagine the red in the Oklahoma dirt shares the same red iron we all have in our blood?

There is wisdom, comfort, and disruption to be found in knowing we are all made of stardust from that original Big Bang. Together we will look at the cycles, circles and spirals of this life we share.

We will look together at the circles of life in a variety of ways this month. It will be the focus of worship services. Hope's children and youth will also look at this theme in their classes and outside playing.



*"Spiral Speak" by Sam Brown*

### 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 The Circle of Life Join us!



## 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 [childcare@hopeuu.org](mailto:childcare@hopeuu.org) at least 2 business days before the event.*

### Religious Education for Children and Youth

**Sundays 10:00 am—12:00 pm**

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

**September** and it feels familiar, but different...

We've "taken the summer off" in children's religious education, allowing the children more free time to find their way in this community through play and spiritual practices. The month brings changes.

Our goal is to provide more curriculum driven education to our children and youth. In that light, children ages 4 – 6 and elementary age will have "class" developed by the UUA. The youth will begin "Coming of Age" with a contingent of new youth advisors. We are looking for new volunteers for the elementary age class so that **Susan Michael** can share art with all ages. Children will be "graduating" to new teachers and activities; please begin preparing them for transitions.

Thanks to our own **Matthew Groves**, who is completing his Eagle Scout project, we will have a new outdoor space I like to call the "Outdoor Chapel". Be watching the south side of the church this month for this improvement. Plans for a dedication will be announced soon.

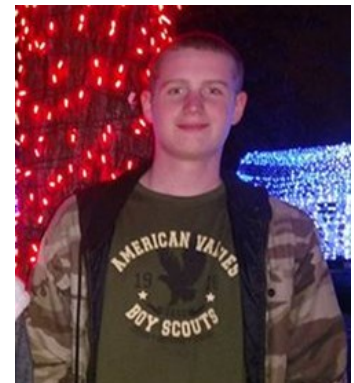
Youth will be fundraising for the Boston pilgrimage by serving "**Breakfast on the Hill**" on **September 3** and hot dogs on **Homecoming Sunday, September 10**. Please join us!

September is also the month of my anniversary serving Hope. It is an honor and privilege to work with you and your children. Thank you!

**Susan Spooner**

Director of Children & Youth Programs

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## Music Notes



September is the month when Hope's activities and programs start up for the year. Our monthly theme for September is "Circle of Life." To celebrate this theme, the choir plans to sing "Circle of Life" from Disney's *Lion King*: "It's the circle of

life and it moves us all through despair and hope, through faith and love." We will also welcome in the new season by singing, "Draw the Circle Wide," by Mark A. Miller: "No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side."

We also welcome new choir members and any who would like to join us in the coming year. If you love to sing, want to learn how, or suspect you have a singing voice that is itching to come out, the Hope Singers (Hope's adult choir) would like to invite you to join them. We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9pm, and on Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 9:55am for the morning service. An audition is not necessary. All you need is a willingness to learn and to sing. If you cannot commit to the choir at this time, but can play an instrument or sing and would like to participate in the Sunday services in some other way, please let us know.

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

## Adult Forum

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

### September 3

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

### September 10

Program change—TBA

### September 17

#### Generosity Sunday

Our Outreach generosity recipient for the month of September is **Street Cats**. **Kathy Balsiger**, President of the Board of Directors, will be our guest speaker.

### Sept 24

TBA

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

## Hope Becomes a Teaching Congregation

Our new intern, **Yadene Hailu**, will be starting her internship here on September 5.

**Rev. Cathey Edwards** will be Yadene's supervisor. The Internship Committee will advise, support, listen, give feedback, and evaluate her in her personal and professional development as a minister.

The congregation is expected to give an intern direct ministerial responsibilities and engage the intern in a wide range of ministerial duties. Every member of the Congregation has a role in supporting the education and growth of our intern, hence the name: "Teaching Congregation". Please take the opportunity to meet and get to know Yadene as soon as you can.

The Internship Committee members are: **Anne Steiner**, **Annie Simpson**, **Julia Harris**, **Larry Vandiver**, and **Rebecca Jones**. Please contact any of us with ideas, feedback, or questions. We are excited about this new opportunity, and we hope you are too!



### Rebecca Jones

For the Internship Committee



## 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.

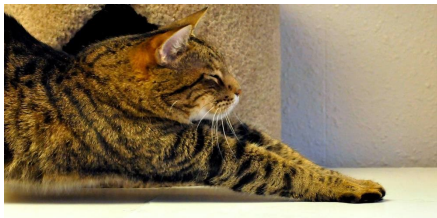
**In August we raised:  
\$1,036.87 for A New Leaf  
Thank you for your generosity.**

Below are the totals raised in previous months:

Month	Organization	\$ Amount
July	2-1-1 Helpline	\$1261.10
June	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$959.67
May	Allied Communities of Tulsa Inspiring our Neighborhoods (ACTION Tulsa)	\$1,549.00

### September Generosity Recipient

#### Street Cats



This is an all volunteer, nonprofit organization that exists only on

donations to help it's cause for Tulsa's homeless cats. Through their hard work and dedication many cats and kittens have been rescued, cared for, and placed in loving homes. This year is their 20th anniversary having been incorporated in 1997. Their Adoption Center and Gift Boutique is located on South Sheridan at 60th Street.

### Cereal Sunday

#### Sunday, September 10

Please bring cereal for the homeless. This cereal, along with several gallons of milk, is taken to the **Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless** every month when we prepare their meal. The collection basket is in Fellowship Hall.

## Feed the Homeless Program

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

Thanks to the following people who helped in **August**

- Shopper: **Keith Hamilton**
- Friday cooking: **Mary Newman**
- Meal prep and cooking: **David Tracy, Lavon Boeck, Eddie Humphreys, Rich Jackson, Elke Johnson**
- Serving at the Day Center with team leader **Anita Ward: Ryan & Evelyn Saylor, Debby Baker, Guy & Judy Sims, Rosanna Metcalfe, Amy & Emmeline Jones with their friend, Tara**

We served 110 plates.

Thank you to **Kim Rauh** for the donation of chicken.

**Next Feed the Homeless date is:  
Saturday, September 16, 2017  
Volunteers Needed!**

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

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

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

### Volunteer for Macarthur Elementary School

There are many different volunteer opportunities available at MacArthur Elementary School, our Partner in Education. **Reading Partners** are always in big demand and is a commitment of once or twice a week for 45 minutes. Other volunteer opportunities are assisting with one of the after school clubs such as the **Gardening Club, Homework Club or the Bike Safety Club**. Volunteers can also help with distribution of food on Friday mornings with the **Back Pack Program**. This provides children in need with food for the weekend.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Mary Newman at 918-810-0953/[try4peace@gmail.com](mailto:try4peace@gmail.com) or Paula Haight at 918-250-9275/[pjhaight@cox.net](mailto:pjhaight@cox.net) with questions or if you are interested in volunteering.

### September School Supply Drive

MacArthur is in need of **facial tissue, baby wipes, hand sanitizer and gallon size zip lock bags**. Please leave donations in the box provided in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

## Year End Financial Information

Our church ended this year on a high note financially. We were able to set aside \$5,000 for future uses including our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2018, our Facilities Maintenance Reserve and Community Involvement/ACTION. Even after setting aside that amount, we still had a net surplus of \$1,888 which carried over to Retained Earnings.

What made this possible? First, our income came in over budget primarily due to \$6,000 in additional pledge income and significant year-end donations. These more than offset underruns in some other fundraising including a garage sale budgeted for but not held. Second, our expenses were under budget. The expense underrun was throughout many areas of church activity and not isolated in any one specific area.

The detailed financial statements were approved by the Board at the August Board meeting and are posted on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please ask any member of the Finance Committee or the Board. As always, you are welcome at any Finance Committee meeting. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at noon.

**Claudia Vandiver**  
VP, Finance and Planning



## Did You Know...?

Did you know that in our most recent church year, we spent \$1,962.89 for meals that we provided to persons being served by the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless? We served approximately 1,400 meals, as well as providing cereal and milk for breakfast. The amount of money required to provide these meals is less than it would otherwise be because the chicken, soup, coleslaw dressing and cereal is usually donated by Hope members.

Where do these funds come from? Most of the money came from our budget, \$1,208.70 in this recent year, and was made possible by your pledges. The remainder came from individual donations designated for this purpose.

Each month we have 12 to 15 people donate their time shopping for, cooking and serving these much-appreciated meals. **Thank you to all of our generous congregants who make this important outreach project possible.**

**Ken Jones, Board President**

## Highlights from the Board

### From the August Board Meeting

As it is the start of the church year, there are number of opportunities for Hope church members and friends to volunteer their time and talent on committees such as the annual auction and for specific events such as Homecoming Sunday and Breakfast on the Hill.

**Susan Spooner**, Director of Children and Youth Programs, came to the meeting and spoke the Board about the children and youth and enlightened us about the upcoming youth trip to Boston in August 2018. The September Breakfast on the Hill will benefit the Boston trip. Come out and eat to support the youth!

The Board has begun working on necessary policies on registered sex offenders and policies on allegations of sexual abuse, elder abuse and abuse of other vulnerable people.

The annual Board retreat will be Aug 25-26. At this retreat, Board members will review the Next Steps report in order that the Board can plan their "next steps".

The Board will meet again on September 26th at 7pm in the fellowship hall.

**Annie Simpson, Board Secretary**

## Hope Foundation Meeting

Hope Unitarian Church Foundation's Board of Directors met on Tuesday evening, August 15, at the church. Hope's Board of Trustees was invited to attend, as they are the members of the Foundation. A few Board members attended.

The main focus of the meeting was a discussion of the recommendations of Bill Clontz, our Next Steps Weekend consultant. These recommendations include a different method of determining earnings available to the church, a new method of providing those earnings to the church, and the formation of a Legacy or Heritage society. No decisions were made, but we have made a good start.

The next meeting of the Foundation is Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 pm at the church. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**Rebecca Jones**

Treasurer, Hope Unitarian Church Foundation, Inc.

## Garden and Grounds

August in Oklahoma reflected the changing weather patterns - much more rain and cooler than is our history. Rare tornado (too close for comfort), but the Hope watering crews got a break. The patio pots have been almost overtaken by the lantana though the miniature roses are now reblooming. The (blue) caryopteris attracts many bees and butterflies. Monarchs are showing up - **Claudia Vandiver** found some eggs on our milkweed and is nurturing many caterpillars. The front beds are pretty with profusion zinnias, periwinkles, lantana and coleus. (Thanks **Alice Van Wormer**.) **Sherrill Womeldorff** brought in a load of mulch and Dogwood Trail has been "resurfaced" and some special trees (**Larry Sharp's** oak) re-mulched. Aesthetically pleasing and it minimizes erosion during hard rains. But a pile remains for redistribution during our fall workdays . . .

The Eagle Scout project (renovation of the slab area where the old AC used to be), has been approved by all the powers-that-be and will begin **September 2** and go for three Saturdays. The existing fence will be removed and a section replaced, a retaining wall will be constructed and the area reterraced. The slab will be repaired and a labyrinth painted on it. We plan a garden area in the new space after the construction is done. The surrounding shrubs will be trimmed back and some of the fencing posts repurposed for trail edging. There are also some timbers left from the playground renovation that I also want to use along the trails (but it will take some strong backs to move them).

**I am planning a Garden and Grounds early fall workday Saturday September 16, 8:00 am.** The scout project should be mostly done and we can do some early fall clean up and trail maintenance.

Garden Treasure Hunt: Last month's answer Texas Greeneyes, *Berlandiera texana*.

Did you see the eclipse? Did you look down? Can you find the red beetle that stopped flying in the strange twilight? Rock and light and leaf shadow as rarely seen, fascinating and beautiful.

**Janet Williamson** – Garden and Grounds



# Homecoming Sunday

**Kick Off New Church Year  
September 10, 2017**



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| <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Adult Forum</b>   |
| <b>10:00 am</b> | <b>Children and Youth</b> in Religious Education Classes   |
| <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Water Communion</b> Worship for All Ages—Bring water from home or travels to pour together. Special music from Hope's own String Trio   |
| <b>12:15 pm</b> | <b>All-Church Photograph</b> (Wear your Hope T-shirt)  |
| <b>12:15 pm</b> | <b>Reception</b> to Welcome our New Intern, <b>Yadene Hailu</b>  |
| <b>12:30pm</b>  | <b>Hotdog/Veggie Dog Lunch</b> provided by Hope's Youth.<br>This is a fundraiser for their Boston Pilgrimage. Donations appreciated.<br>Bring side dishes or dessert to share.<br>Bring chairs or blankets to sit out on the lawn. |



## 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 11 for more news

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**



It's that time again! Let's retreat to the cabin on the hill beginning in September. We'll add to our stash of crocheted trimmed lap blankets for our church community. They're easy peasy and we'll show you how. Some may want to knit or crochet some infant hats for the Purple Baby Caps project. See the link below. Bring your personal projects you've been working on as well. We'll begin at 11:30, so bring a sack lunch and we'll stay till about 1:30. You're welcome to just drop in anytime. Take a break in your day and come relax in our peaceful retreat on the hill.

[Click Campaign - Oklahoma State Department of Health](#)

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### Hope Book Club

**1st Monday in the month**

**No meeting in September.** Next meeting is **October 2.**

We will read *The Confidence Man* by Herman Melville.

For questions contact **Chris Anrig**

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

## Breakfast on the Hill

**Sunday, September 3, 9:00 am**

**Hope Youth** prepare and serve breakfast. Coffee, tea, juice and yummy breakfast foods. Your generous donations go to pay toward their UU Pilgrimage to Boston!



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## Women of Hope

**Thursday, September 7**

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

**Lynn Walters** will present a photo journey of northern India, an amazing country of contrasts, vitality, ancient traditions, and modernization. Travel from the busy cities of Delhi and Kolkata to small villages along the Ganges River to learn about their culture and beliefs. All you need to do is bring a dish to share (and a \$2 donation if you would like wine).

Women of Hope meets at Hope on the first Thursday of the month. It's a wonderful way to get to know people better, enjoy good food and learn about a variety of topics. If there is a topic you would like covered please let us know!

**Christy Levine**, [chrstlvn@gmail.com](mailto:chrstlvn@gmail.com)

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## Supper Club Potluck Picnic

**Saturday, Sept 9, 12:00 noon**

Holway House, Holway Point, Grand Lake  
BYOB. Iced tea, lemonade, all cutlery provided.

Maps to Holway House on table in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office for an electronic version.

**Coe McGinley**

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## Movie Night

**No movie night in September**

Next movie night will be **October 10** at 7:00 pm

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## Hope Lunch Bunch

**Wednesday, September 20, at 11:30.**

Hope Lunch Bunch will try a new place in downtown Broken Arrow this month. We will meet on Wednesday, September 20, at 11:30. The restaurant is Franklins on Main and the address is 203 S Main Street, Broken Arrow.

Please contact Lynn Walters at [Lfwalters@aol.com](mailto:Lfwalters@aol.com) or 981-893-2655 if you plan to join us.



## 50 Years of Hope

Thank you for your ideas for our 2018 year of celebration. They are inspiring! The Task Force will work to implement as many as we can with your assistance.

One of the first orders of business is a logo for banners, signs, announcements, memorabilia, etc. Our Church community has many creative and artistic members. We're requesting that you design a commemorative logo for this milestone. We want the congregation to participate by selecting their favorite to represent the symbol for our celebration. The more entries we have, the more fun we'll have!

Only one detail is required to be in all of the designs:

### 50 Years of Hope 1968-2018

*Please submit your entry electronically to [hopeuu@hopeuu.org](mailto:hopeuu@hopeuu.org) or on an 8 ½ by 11 inch piece of paper and place in basket in Fellowship Hall*

Submission date deadline: Sunday, September 17

Viewing dates: September 24  
through October 7

Selection date: Sunday, October 8

Questions? Your Task Force members: **Paula Haight, Ken Jones, Bruce Luria, Coe McGinley, Meredith Miller, Janet Nobles, Marcia Schaefer, Susan Spooner, Alice Vanwormer, Anita Ward – Chair and Deborah Whittaker**

## Breakfast on the Hill

Breakfast on the first Sunday of each month is a long-standing tradition at Hope.

Won't you sign up? Get a few friends or a committee together and cook breakfast for Hope.

Our Youth have done it for the last three months, and they have done a wonderful job. October through May are without cooks.

Won't you be a part of this fun time?

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Or call **Paula Haight**, 918-250-9275,

## Reserved Signs on Chairs

In the last row of our Sanctuary, we have two chairs with "Reserved" signs on them.

These are designated for two specific individuals for Sunday service each week; therefore, these signs should not be removed. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

**Jane Brumley**, Head Usher

## Hope Church Hymn Sing

**Sunday, September 3**

**500 Years of Congregational Singing**

During the Sunday service on September 3, we will try to sing as many of your favorite hymns as possible!

We will test our sight-reading and sight-singing limits!

2017 is the 500th year of the start of the reformation. In 1517, Martin Luther upended the Catholic traditions and authority with his questions. His questions led to the start of the Reformation. One wonderful innovation is congregational singing!



## Brown Bag Lunch News

Thursday, September 7 from 11:30am-1:00pm.

This year for the first Thursday of each month, when **Rev. Cathey** leads the group, we'll watch brief Ted Talks while eating our Brown Bag lunches then discuss them together.



The first one will be one of the most popular talks on their website by human rights lawyer, Bryan Stevenson, "We need to talk about an injustice." He was a keynote speaker at our General Assembly in New Orleans and is the author of the best-seller *Just Mercy*.



## Members' Birthdays in September

Don Miller	3rd
Della Blankinship	4th
Joe Monroe	4th
Laura Prather Reiman	11th
Jennifer Brookby	12th
Kim Rauh	13th
Robert Billings	15th
Sue Forney	15th
Joseph Rivers	17th
Carol Kamp	19th
Meredith Miller	26th
Carrie Muzika	28th

## Key People

When no one is at the church, the building is locked and the security system is on. A committee of key people have keys and security clearance to open and close the building for church events. Each takes a one-week turn

### Aug 28-Sept 3

Eric Reiman  
918-407-0924

### Sept 4-10

Fred Pottorf  
918-407-0924

### Sept 11-17

Jim Sleezer  
918-853-5114

### Sept 18-24

David Lynn  
918-250-3677

### Sept 25-1 Oct

Sherrill Womeldorff  
918-638-7610

### 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 September Calendar  
see Hope's website  
[www.hopeuu.org](http://www.hopeuu.org)

## Focus Deadline

Submissions for Focus should be sent to [hopeuu@hopeuu.org](mailto: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 Oct 4, 2017. Next Deadline: 9 am, Wednesday, September 27, 2017**



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TO:

**Hope Unitarian Church is an inclusive, affirming congregation**



#### **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**

#### ***Our Staff***

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