

From the Minister



Living Our Values

Need some good, funny, TV to watch? Our daughter Alice got us hooked on *The Good Place*. Network television series can still be entertaining, pithy and poignant. The first season streams on Netflix but the second season unfolds each Thursday night on NBC. I recommend you start at the beginning.

While *The Good Place* never specifically uses the words heaven and hell, the titular place and its bad counterpart serve as modern interpretations of these otherworldly realms. The central premise of the series is that when lead character Eleanor Shellstrop (Kristen Bell) dies she sent is to The Good Place by accident, after living a life of selfishness and debauchery. Not wanting to be found out and banished to the bad place, Eleanor makes a sincere effort to become a better person, aided by a new friend Chidi (William Jackson Harper).

Chidi happens to have been a professor of moral philosophy. He gives ethics lessons to help Eleanor understand what it means to be a good, moral person. Chidi breaks down complex ethical frameworks, giving Eleanor her reading assignments about Immanuel Kant's categorical imperative and Thomas Scanlon's book on contractualism, *What We Owe to Each Other*. He encourages her to take the needs of others, instead of just her own, into account.

What ethical grounds and values do we collectively hold as Hope Unitarian Church? The board and church committees wrestle with putting our values into action. How do we resolve issues or policies when we have conflicting values? For example, how can we be both welcoming to all yet set clear boundaries to ensure the safety of ourselves, especially our children? How do our Unitarian and Universalist traditions inform the charities we support through our Outreach committee? Do we ask often enough who might be impacted by a seemingly simple matter such as what type of gender label to put on our bathrooms? Do we ask often enough who is missing from this discussion or who is not at the table?

We encourage everyone to explore their beliefs. We accept we are all in different places along this journey to be human. How do we work together and name our common values? Then, how do we put them into collective, robust action? These are questions we continue to wrestle with together.

With joy,



Rev. Cathey Edwards
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**November
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**Sunday Worship
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**November Sermon Series
Hospitality to Facing Death
and Change**

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“Become Love”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, November 12
“Give More Than You Take”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, November 19
“Leave No Regrets”
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Sunday, November 26
“Be True to Yourself”
Yadane Hailu

November Monthly Theme

Hospitality



Together we will look at hospitality from a specific angle. Hospitality is always an agent of change so we look at it through the lens of that unavoidable agent of change, death. Our journey together will not be morbid. Looking at our mortality is looking at life.

We have already made running starts at the topic. Hope's pastoral care committee, our Care Team, hosted a vibrant evening of open-ended, small-group discussions of death. We provided an altar and worship service to remember our dead the last Sunday of October. The confluence of Halloween, Samhain, All Souls Day and *Dia de Los Muertos* provided many ways to see the thinning veil between the living and the dead. We will not miss this cross-cultural opportunity. Marguerite Chapman's informative Adult Forum provided basic legal and health care information.

During this month I will be using two wildly different sources for sermons. One is an explanation of an ancient Buddhist text for cultivating compassion, *The Practice of Lojong* by Traleg Kyabgon. The Buddhist tradition views all of life as preparation for death. The second source is John Izzo's work *The Five Secrets You Must Discover Before You Die*. He distills interviews with hundreds of people in the later part of their lives to understand common truths about life and happiness.

We will examine hospitality and death through various classes, children's religious education, and worship. Join us.

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 Hospitality. Join us!



Children and Youth Programs

Susan Spooner, Director, susan@hopeuu.org

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

Radical Hospitality?

Everyone is talking about it. A quick internet search reveals a sermon on the Unitarian Universalist Association site, the Methodists are posting on their web sites, there are books written about it and PBS has a say in it. Most of what I find is written from a Christian perspective. Here is an example:

Kortright Davis, *Serving with Power* says: "As we seek to discover the true meaning of ministry, and as we struggle with what it means to be powerful servants of the servants of God, we do well to bear in mind that, as faithful Christians, we are all in this search for meaning and this struggle for wholeness together. . . This requires of us a persistent openness to the leading and urgings of God's good Spirit. These urgings often take us down the paths of a new and surprising spirituality as we discern fresh ways of expressing the age-old faith once delivered to the saints.

Now we all know words are important, and there are those in our faith who would think this passage could not possibly be adapted for Unitarian Universalist use. Consider this: **"As we seek to discover the true meaning of life, and as we struggle with what it means to be powerful servants of justice, we do well to bear in mind that we are all in this search for meaning and this struggle for wholeness together. This requires of us a persistent openness to the leading and urgings of good will. These urgings often take us down the paths of a new and surprising revelation as we discern fresh ways of expressing the age-old faith once delivered to the mighty cloud of witnesses.**

Perhaps we have more in common with our Christian neighbors than first appears? The struggle is real. It is complicated. Confronting our own inhospitable nature is the first step toward Radical Hospitality.

There is work to be done. Let's start with ourselves.

Susan Spooner

Director of Children & Youth Programs

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From the Intern Minister



Hello friends,

I have been inspired by a recent class assignment that challenged the students to embark on a new creative project. In my excitement I thought through the many new skills I could try my hand at, and by the end of my brainstorming my excitement was curbed with caution.

I want us to be cautious of caution.

Caution can be productive, making us aware of real physical or psychological harm. But there is another side, it's crippling fear masquerading as caution. Fear of what? Often the misidentified 'fear of failure' which more accurately is the inevitable and messy *creative process*.

It's going to be messy. Creativity isn't a straight line from brainstorming to outcome. To practice an art form, it won't be pristine the whole way through. There will be confusion, mistakes, and one may need to ask for or research help. But that...well that's also the 'play' part to creativity. It's the mailable space where new ideas can come in, curiosities can be explored, and skills are honed in good spirits.

Healthy caution can reflect the wisdom we gain from experiences and others, but toxic caution stops the creative flow and movement. Let us not be fearful, but create from abundance, playfulness, and joy.



I invite y'all to try one new project with me this month too! Don't hurt yourself by visioning too large or complicated, it'll freeze the momentum. Have fun, and make a mess-- that's the creative process!

Ideas: Write original lyrics to a tune you like, bake a new dish, finger paint, build a sculpture out of items around your home, dance to an old favorite song, write a short story or one act play, build an instrument, memorize a short poem, tell a story through video...remember y'all have imaginations- roll with them!

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Yadene Hailu
Intern Minister



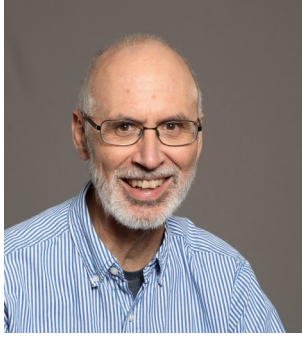
Walking Meditation through the Seasons

November 26, 9:00 am—9:30 am
And last Sunday of each month.

Meet on the deck of Hope Log Cabin
Wear shoes and clothing to match the
weather.

For all ages.

Music Notes



"Love Has Broken Down the Wall!" And so we sing as an anthem, but also "stand" as a welcoming and hospitable community. Fearful people want to set up walls and hide behind them, thinking that this will keep us all safe from the "other" and give us all unbounded prosperity.

Our Unitarian Universalist values expose this false illusion, and that is why Music is so important to us. Music brings people together in shared community and shared storytelling. It reminds us that we are all part of the human community, which in turn is part of the earthly community of the animal and plant kingdoms, residing on our miraculous speck of planetary life amidst a vast and limitless universe. If anything gives us hope that the false illusions dividing the human race will be shattered, it is Music.

The choir continues to prepare and look forward to the "Sing Noel!" service on December 10. Our theme this year is "Light in the Midst of Darkness." In the darkness that seems to have settled on much of the world today, there is still the light within us that we can tap into and shine on others around us. This is our joyous task as we enter into this season of challenge and opportunity.

Joseph Rivers, Director of Music
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Adult Forum

Sundays, 10:00 am, in the Sanctuary

November 5

Generosity Sunday

A conversation with the congregation and Outreach Committee about how in the future Hope might wish to respond to disasters. Watching the news and seeing all the suffering and devastation from all the different disasters is heartbreaking. We want to help in any way we can but feel overwhelmed and uncertain about what to do. Responding to the hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, and flooding, occurring one right after the other, has put a lot of stress on helping organizations. Donor fatigue sets in and each subsequent disaster may receive less in the way of donations. The Outreach Committee is looking forward to hearing the congregation's thoughts and feelings about ways to respond to these devastating disasters.

November 12

Telling the story of the Tulsa Flag design.

Our speaker is **Jacob Johnson** from **Gitwit**.

November 19

9:45-10:45 am & 12-12:15 pm

Committee Fair

Learn about about church programs, events, & committees and volunteer to participate!

November 26 -TBA

Looking ahead...

Sunday December 17

Presentation by the **Hope Unitarian Church Foundation**. Come hear more about what the Foundation does and how you can be a part. Some policies have changed. There will be a presentation on planned giving.

Please contact Chris Anrig, Adult Religious Education Chair, at cmnrig@hotmail.com for additional information.

Congregational Meeting

12:15 pm on Sunday, November 5

A special Congregational Meeting will be held in Hope's Great Hall. The question to be discussed will be the ordination of **Gary McAlpin**. *Below is a letter from Gary*

A Letter from Gary McAlpin



Since most have heard my life story in some format or another, I was asked to provide a short synopsis of what has been going on in my life lately.

One opportunity that I am very proud of, was being asked to serve as Liaison on the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee in Boston, discussing and questioning potential candidates for UUA ministry.

This experience was especially meaningful because the permanent MFC committee saw my own lifelong ministerial qualities in me during my own interview with the committee, and wanted to have my own expertise present when interviewing new candidates. Not only was this experience exciting and confirming for myself, but I was able to be a vital part in the formation and direction of future UUA ministers. This was one of the most honoring times I have had recently.

As for my progress in the ministerial process, I am in what is called Preliminary Fellowship, where I have a mentor, and need to create a two person Committee on Ministry, as well as two accountability reporters from our community ministry nonprofit. Preliminary Fellowship lasts for at least two years and has numerous reports required throughout the process.

Speaking of the nonprofit, I have also been working on the groundwork for community ministry in Tahlequah that is part of the nonprofit I have created. The nonprofit is called Sweetwater Foundation and has two distinct outreaches: Kai's Warriors Against Childhood Cancer (KWACC) and Community Cup. KWACC assists families who have gone through, or are going through, childhood cancer treatment. Childhood Cancer disrupts families in a horrible way, especially financially, which many families end up in bankruptcy or hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt. KWACC assists these families with food, vehicle repair, gas cards, and whatever pertinent need is present, to assist them in their trying time.

Community Cup is an interfaith, non-church coffeehouse setting which will bring together people with friendship and a better understanding of each other, building sacred community together through a relaxed atmosphere. At this time, we are being considered for being allowed to use a building downtown at little cost.

Our nonprofit has several funding sources from a few clubs who raise money specifically for charitable organizations. We have already had pledges totaling over \$20,000 a year so far. We are trying to develop a more expansive support system.

Being a part of Hope has invigorated me and given me more vision with our Hope family, including my calling as an ordained minister in the UUA.

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Hope has been with us even through our grueling time while Kai was hospitalized, being my retreat during the weeks, making my pleas and crying out to the universe for our son and family. Those sacred times spent behind the cabin were the foundation of my connection and communion with Hope Church.

Since our son's passing in March, I have had difficulty with just regular life, but being part of the Hope family has helped in more ways than you will ever know. Assisting in the pulpit, with the youth, with Ken Jones and the ordination rite of passage, all of these things has allowed me to be challenged and yet also to minister, which is what I have been called to do since a teenager, where I have my first sermon when I was 14 or 15 to our 500 member church. I still remember the biblical passage, it was Psalms 66:10-12, and speaks of making it through adversity, and coming out in an even better place.

Even today, that voice of my childhood encourages me, to keep pushing through the trials and challenges, especially concerning our precious Kai, and how that intertwined with life, ministry and family and community. From my standpoint, being ordained by Hope will be a rite of passage, rooted in covenant and community. Specifically, I do not expect anything in the guise of extensive formality and expensive requirements for this occasion, but am open to the congregation's guidance with this covenant-making celebration. My family and I very much feel like a part of this Hope family, and feel loved and supported fully.

Thank you so much for letting me share with you, just a snippet of life and what's been happening.

Blessings.

Until We See Each Other Again,

Gary McAlpin

Hope received the following recommendations about Gary from Unitarian Universalist Association staff.

"Every year, there are approximately sixty candidates who interview with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. At the end of each meeting, I survey the Committee to share whom they feel would serve as an excellent liaison to candidates, a role that only six people a year get to serve, who sit in to participate in all the business of the MFC at a future meeting. Gary was unanimously recommended by his panel because his panel experienced him, 'as genuine, sincere, self-aware, transparent, and humble. They appreciated your sense of humor and thought you had a magnificent preaching voice and presence as you filled the pulpit. They experienced your phenomenal spiritual instincts, and appreciate your storytelling ability and how this skill serves you as a spiritual interpreter. It's time to ordain him!'"

David Pettee

Ministerial Credentialing Director
Ministries and Faith Development, UUA

"I'm writing to thank you for considering ordaining Gary McAlpin. He recently stepped up to serve as the student liaison to the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. We greatly appreciated his leadership and insights. I look forward to watching his ministry among us unfold."

The Rev. Sarah Lammert

Co-Director of Ministries and Faith Development, UUA

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 October we raised:
\$1,186.78 for Alzheimer's Association
Thank you for your generosity.**

Below are the totals raised in previous months:

Month	Organization	\$ Amount
September	Street Cats	\$905.00
August	A New Leaf	\$1,036.87
July	2-1-1 Helpline	\$1261.10
June	Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	\$959.67

Generosity—November UUA Disaster Relief Fund

Our Generosity offering for November will be to the UUA Disaster Relief Fund (<https://giving.org/disaster-aid>) established by The Unitarian Universalist Association.

This was initially a joint recovery fund for Harvey, Irma and Maria hurricane victims but has been further broadened to allow the UUA to respond flexibly to current disaster needs such as the extensive wildfires in the western USA.

Cereal Sunday Sunday, October 15



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 **October**.

- Shopper: **Keith Hamilton**
- Friday cooking: **Mary Newman**
- Meal prep and cooking with Team Leader **Linda Tracy**: **Eddie Humphreys, Rich Jackson, Coe McGinley, Lana Larkin**
- Serving at the Day Center with team leader **Debby Baker**: **Ryan & Evelyn Saylor, Janet Nobles, Guy & Judy Sims, Amy Jones, Tara Edwards, Logan Dunlap**

**Next Feed the Homeless date is:
Saturday, October 21, 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.

Fair Trade Chocolate and more



Check out the new order of goods from Equal Exchange on the Fair Trade Cart in Fellowship Hall. There are four different varieties of chocolate bars to try out and of course several types of delicious coffee, as well

as Chai tea and English breakfast tea.

When you buy our fair trade goods not only are you helping small farmers around the world get a fair wage you are also helping the environment.

Equal Exchange donates 20 cents to the Unitarian Universalist Small Farmer Fund for every pound of Equal Exchange products bought through the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's Fair Trade Project.

Garden and Grounds



It was a Magic Day. Cool and sunny with a bit of a breeze and Logan was spending a day off from pre-K with “Gibby”. That’s me - a name she bestowed when she was two. She knew my name was Janet and that I was her grandmother but something in her child mind said “you are Gibby” and that is who I have become.

Gil and I began exploring Hope Hill shortly after we arrived in January of 2012. We found the long neglected and overgrown pond trail marked with benches that told of a former church life in the woods. We discovered the lovely rock formation down the hill obscured with vine and briar. We noticed an opening in the woods down from the patio

that invited a hike in the woods but dead-ended in a thicket. A Logan child in our lives was not even imagined.

First we did “Dogwood Trail”, Gils’s idea for a gentle trail to connect to the north parking lot where little kids could pretend to be alone in the woods but parents could see them all the way along from the sidewalk above. “Pond Trail” was opened and reconstructed (with lots of help) and Rock Trail followed. Clean up and repurposing of the old AC slab area led to the coming of the outdoor chapel and labyrinth project.

So on a lovely Wednesday, Logan (now four and a half) and I spent the afternoon on Hope Hill. She carefully and precisely walked her first labyrinth not stepping on the blue lines and we ate peanut butter sandwiches sitting in the middle with yellow butterflies from the late blooming elaeagnus flitting all around.

I walked (she ran) up Dogwood Trail and back again to the fork leading us down Rock Trail. At the end, I sat while she climbed and walked on the benches and logs and rocks. On Pond Trail she ran ahead to each bench and waited for me to catch up then ran on to the next one asking each time “where’s the pond”?

End of summer scum covered it making it look dark and almost solid. No rocks were to be found but she spent many minutes throwing sticks and watching the splashed disturbance disappear as the surface reformed. I sat on a bench in the cool breeze, watching her and later as we climbed the trail back up, our hands full of leaves, sticks and bark treasures, the words to an old song came to my mind - “The way you’ve changed my life. No, no they can’t take that away from me”.

It was a Magic Day.

Janet Williamson

Garden & Grounds Chair



All About InReach: A New Program Coming in January 2018

InReach is what the Small Group Ministry committee has decided to call Small Group Ministry at Hope.

What is small group ministry? Also called covenant groups or chalice circles, it is NOT a discussion group. It is an opportunity to think, explore and listen deeply within a structured format lead by a trained peer facilitator. There are readings and questions to ponder on a specific theme within a set time period. Each group will set its own covenant which would address confidentiality and rules for being together. Groups are encouraged to perform a service project

Why small group ministry? Unlike a discussion group, small group ministry is a chance to listen deeply to others and to be heard deeply. For some, it is an empowering experience to be heard knowing they are being intentionally listened to. For others, listening to listen instead of listening to respond is a challenging exercise. People who participate in small group ministry report lasting and deep connections to the members of their group and a feeling of belonging to a community. For some this is how they live their UU faith and how they “get church”.

How do groups meet? Groups will meet at a specific time and day. Individuals commit to their group and do not move between groups. It is important to choose a time/day which works best for you. Each group will have a trained facilitator who will lead the group through the readings and questions. As a member, regular attendance is what makes the group work.

Try before you buy. If you are interested and want to give it a try, the committee will hold a “try before you buy” event in January. Groups will do a session with facilitators. If you have training as a small group ministry facilitator and are interested in facilitating, please contact **Annie Simpson**, anniejsimpson@gmail.com

Welcome new Hope Members

Joey Dewiel

Gail Hawk

David Lynn



Gail Hawk



Joey Dewiel



Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 22 at 6:30 pm

Joy Lutheran Church

9940 S Yale Ave, Tulsa

An inter-denominational/ecumenical service.

Yadene Hailu from Hope Unitarian Church will be joining the pastors from Trinity Presbyterian Church, and Joy Lutheran Church in leading this service.

It's great time of gathering for gratitude and community before Thanksgiving festivities.



HOPE AUCTION

Saturday, November 11, 6:00 pm

This year your auction committee is planning an event with a little something for everybody and every budget. Silent auction, gift card pull, sign-up parties and the live auction. And oh yeah, dinner.

Gift Card Pull

New this year for the auction is a gift card pull. You pay \$15 and you pull a gift card worth at least \$15 or more. The committee will cheerfully accept donations of gift cards worth **at least** \$15. Not sure which kinds of gift cards? Pick some up at local businesses you frequent like restaurants, stores, car washes, etc.

Sign Up Parties

Consider these events like the little sibling of the live auction dinners. These will be part of the silent auction and seats at each party are a set price. Once the seats are gone, that's it. You snooze, you lose! If you'd like to host a sign up party...set the number of attendees and the price and get creative. Have a skill you'd like to teach? A family-friendly game night? A progressive dinner with courses at different peoples' homes?

Silent Auction

Bring us your quality art, jewelry, handcrafted items, home baked goodies, theme baskets, and more.

Live Auction

This is for the big ticket items—special theme dinners, vacations.

Make Your Reservation Now!

Reservations are **\$25 each and include a catered dinner, drinks and a bid card**. Childcare is free! *Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall to make reservations and provide donation information or call or email the church.*

Donation information

DEADLINE for submitting **donation descriptions** - **Sunday, November 5.** Please bring your **items** to the church on Sundays or weekdays during office hours, before **Friday, November 10, 3:00 pm.**

Your item may be used in either the live or the silent auction, grouped with other items, or retained for use at another church event, at the discretion of the Auction Committee.

If you are offering a dinner or other event, we strongly encourage you to set a date for the event.

Hope Events

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

Brown Bag Lunch

Meets every Thursday at 11:00 am in the RE Wing
Bring your lunch and join us for lively discussions on current topics. We will meet with **Rev. Cathey** next Thursday, Nov 2. This year we are watching short TEDx talks and discussing. We will meet in the sanctuary to view "Why you should define your fears instead of your goals: Tim Ferriss" (13 minutes, April 2017)
https://www.ted.com/talks/tim_ferriss_why_you_should_define_your_fears_instead_of_your_goals

Claudia Vandiver cvgardnr@sbcglobal.com

Threads of Hope

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

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

Carrie Muzika proenviomom@cox.net **Deborah Whittaker** debsharmony@yahoo.com

Hope Book Club

1st Monday in the month

Next meeting is **November 6**. This month's book is Tennessee Williams' "*Suddenly Last Summer*"
For questions contact **Chris Anrig**
cmanrig@hotmail.com



Breakfast on the Hill

First Sunday in the month

Our breakfast

chefs on **November 5** will be
Janet Nobles, Anita Ward and Deborah Whittaker.

Women of Hope

Thursday, November 2

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

Women of Hope meets at Hope on the first Thursday of the month. Our own Ruth Jackson will be presenting "We Lived Through World War II: Surprise, Courage, and Survival." This will be a very special presentation that you won't want to miss. The program is a video recording of a talk to two middle school classes that had recently visited the Holocaust Museum while on a field trip to Washington. Her talk responds to that and describes her family's experiences as refugees heading west in the winter of 1944-45. EVERYONE is welcome.

Bring a dish to share (and a \$2 donation if you would like wine). We are also collecting feminine hygiene products to donate to the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless.

Christy Levine, chrstlvn@gmail.com

Movie Night

Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00 pm

The Legend of Bagger Vance

During the Great Depression, Georgia socialite Adele Invergordon (Charlize Theron) announces a publicity-garnering high-stakes match at her struggling family golf course, featuring the greatest golfers of the era. Once-promising local golfer Rannulph Junuh (Matt Damon), whose career and life were derailed by World War I, is brought in to play alongside the stars, but his game is weak -- until the enigmatic Bagger Vance (Will Smith) offers to coach him back into the great golfer he once was.

Film critic [Roger Ebert](#), who gave it 3½ stars, said, "It handles a sports movie the way Billie Holiday handled a trashy song, by finding the love and pain beneath the story. Redford and his writer, Jeremy Leven, starting from a novel by Steven Pressfield, are very clear in their minds about what they want to do. They want to explain why it is possible to devote your life to the love of golf, and they want to hint that golf and life may have a lot in common."

Please join us and enjoy an enlightening movie and as always free pop corn, soft drinks, and discussion.

Hope Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, November 15 at 11:30. am

Our choice of restaurant for November's Lunch Bunch is the Bistro at Seville located at 101st and Yale Avenue. Please plan to join us for good food and great company. Be sure to RSVP to **Lynn Walters** by Tuesday, Nov. 14, if you can come - 918-863-4508 or Lfwalters@aol.com

Hope Committee Fair

**Sunday, November 19,
9:45-10:45am & 12-12:15pm
In Fellowship Hall**

**Learn about church programs, events, & committees
and volunteer to participate!**

**For more information or to reserve a table for your group,
please contact James Donovan at tulsauus@yahoo.com**



Members' Birthdays November

Ken Jones	4th
Marti Fox	12th
Nancy Sahler	17th
Steve Witt	25th
Sarah Brown	28th
Linda Tracy	29th

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

Oct 30-Nov 5

Fred Pottorf
918-407-0924

Nov 6-12

Sherrill Womeldorff
918-638-7610

Nov 13-19

Jim Sleezer
918-853-5114

Nov 20-26

David Lynn
918-250-3677

Nov 27-Dec 3

Fred Pottorf
918-407-0924

Policy for function organizers

1. First, determine if someone - attending your function can open the building.
2. Find out if church will be open/closed for another event at the same time as yours.
3. If no one is available and you need entry, contact above volunteer Key Person a few days in advance of the event.

**For Hope's November Calendar
see Hope's website
<http://hopeuu.org/blog/calendar/>**

Focus Deadline

Submissions for 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 Nov 29, 2017. Next Deadline: 9 am, Wednesday, November 22, 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

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