



Highlights from the Hill

As we enter the winter season we need to be aware that snow and ice may prevent travelling to church on Sundays. In the event of inclement weather, we will notify everyone by email if church services are cancelled. Please check the Hope website, Facebook page, voicemail message and local TV stations.

Sunday, February 25, 2018

9:00—9:30 am—Walking Meditation through the Seasons

Last Sunday of each month. Meet on the deck of Hope Log Cabin. Wear shoes and clothing to match the weather. For all ages. We'll be looking for sights, sounds and smells of Spring.

10:00 am—Adult Forum

Continuing "A Place at the Table"

10:00 am—Children & Youth Religious Education

Most Sundays include outdoor activities. **Please make sure your child is wearing sturdy shoes and clothing so they enjoy being with nature.** *Parents are always welcome to join in our fun and learning!*

	4 – 6 year olds	Elementary	Youth
10:00	Welcome		
10:15	Chapel		
10:45	Chalice Children	Moral Tales	Coming of Age
11:45	Play & Snack	Art / Play / Snack	

Upcoming CRE Events

Sunday, April 1, Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Parade – Start creating your best Easter Hat now!

11:00 am— Service

"Nothing Is Wasted: Making Meaning in a Wasteful World", sermon by, guest minister, **The Rev. Diana Davies**

Our commercial culture generates waste at an unprecedented level: garbage, certainly, but also wasted resources, plundered landscapes, and lives lost to poverty and violence. How do we live in a way that promotes creation, beauty, and complexity, while countering a culture of waste?

We welcome a guest to our church Sunday. **The Rev. Diana Davies** was recently ordained as a UU minister. She is a graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School, and she served as a student minister at First Unitarian Church of Baltimore. Rev. Davies is currently supporting the Unitarian Universalists of Charlestown (in Catonsville MD). Before entering seminary, she had a long career as a teacher of Russian and an international educator, most recently serving as Vice Provost for International Initiatives at Princeton University. She is bringing her international experience into her ministry through her work as an international education consultant for Meadville Lombard.

Sunday March 4, 2018

9:00 am Breakfast

Enjoy a delicious breakfast prepared by our Membership Committee. \$5 per person. Children eat free.

10:00 am—Adult Forum

Our speaker will be Laura Bellis from the **Take Control Initiative**, Hope's generosity recipient for March. This program is aimed at reducing the high rate of unplanned pregnancies in the Tulsa area and provides women with free highly effective low maintenance birth control through participating health clinics. They also offer educational workshops.

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10:55	Sanctuary		
11:45	Art / Play / Snack		

11:00 am— Service

"To Fall in Love With Anyone, Do This", sermon by The Rev. Cathey Edwards

A study by the psychologist Arthur Aron (and others) explores whether intimacy between two strangers can be accelerated by having them ask each other a series of personal questions. As our culture sorts itself by ideologies and politics, learning to separate by fear and hate, can tools help us? People are harder to hate close up. Let's learn to move in. When you are really struggling with someone, and it's someone you're supposed to hate because of ideology or belief, move in. Get curious. Get closer. Ask questions. Try to connect. Try to love.

Upcoming Hope Events, Classes, News, and Reminders

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

FUN

Save the date!

FOOD

Pledge Drive Kick-off Dinner **Saturday, March 10 at 6:00 pm**

Whether you're new to Hope church or an old-timer, even if you have only visited a time or two, you won't want to miss this evening of food, fellowship, fun and lots of music!

We will reflect on fifty years of success and begin laying the "Foundation for the Next Fifty." Come learn about how every pledge – big and small – helps the church plan its coming year.

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

RSVP by Thursday, March 1 to the Hope office

hopeuu@hopeuu.org (918) 481-0999

The Hope Choir (The Hope Singers)

Every Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Brown Bag Lunch

Meets every Thursday at 11:30 am in the RE Wing

Bring your lunch and join us for lively discussions on current topics. **Rev. Cathey Edwards** leads the group on 1st Thursdays and **Yadene Hailu** leads on 4th Thursdays.

Threads of Hope

11:30 am—1:30 pm in the Log Cabin 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Join us for our crochet and knitting projects or your own personal projects. Bring a sack lunch. You're welcome to just drop in anytime. Take a break in your day and come relax in our peaceful retreat on the hill. **Deborah Whittaker** debsharmony@yahoo.com **Carrie Muzika**, proenviomom@cox.net

Hope Book Club

6:30 pm 1st Mondays in the Log Cabin

Next Book Club is March 5. Reading Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*. For questions contact **Chris Anrig** cmanrig@hotmail.com

Hope Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 pm

Women of Hope

Thursday, March 1, Social time 6:00 pm • Potluck 6:30 pm • Program 7:00 pm

Change from previously advertised program

Wish you could make your own flower arrangement to take to a friend or for a party? Let **Deborah Whittaker** show you how easy it is! Bring a coffee mug and a small paring knife. Fresh flowers and supplies will be provided. You'll leave with a beautiful, floral arrangement of your own design! Please bring a dish to share for the potluck (and a \$2 donation if you would like wine). We are also collecting critical need products (currently dish soap) to donate to the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. Please check the board by the fair trade coffee cart for the most current critical need items.

Garden and Grounds Spring planning meeting

Sunday March 11 (daylight saving time change day) 12:15 in sanctuary

Inviting all gardeners: new helpers and long-time workers to help plan spring clean up activities (garden beds, rain gardens, trails, road sides etc.) and collect ideas on Memorial Garden improvements for the 50th.

Janet Williamson janwilliamson@sbcglobal.net

Movie Night

Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 pm

Join us in the Sanctuary at Hope for a movie. Free popcorn and soft drinks.

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, March 21, at 11:30

Our destination for lunch in March is Bonefish Grill. Join us for lunch and friendly conversation. Please RSVP to Lynn Walters if you plan to come: 918-863-4508 or lfwalters@aol.com

Groups forming for InReach now, meetings starting in March.

You sign up and commit to meet with your group through May. There is always space for one more! If a group gets too big, then a new group will form. Join a group to experience deep listening and being heard as a spiritual practice. This is not a discussion group. Groups may meet at Hope or in the home of a facilitator or group member.

Groups are meeting:

2nd Monday (afternoon), starting March 12

2nd Thursday (evening), starting March 8

4th Sunday (evening) starting March 25

Contact Annie Simpson at anniejsimpson@gmail.com to sign up.

Administrator out of office

Please note that **Maggie Scott** will be out of the office **from Monday, February 26** for 4 weeks (or less). Hope volunteers will be covering the desk.

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