





From the Minister

The Art & Science of Saying Goodbye

On my mind are all the changes coming to Hope Unitarian when our beloved Administrator, **Maggie Scott**, retires at the end of the month. Her last day is scheduled for June 29th. Maggie has been working for the church for over fourteen years.

Over time her position evolved from very part-time to five days a week. She's witnessed technology and church demands change the

scale and scope of her work. Most importantly, church members as well as visitors have come to rely on her hospitality, professionalism, patience, humor and efficiency. We'll miss her British accent.

The task of saying goodbye to her with joy and integrity is the work of each individual and of our whole community. No doubt each of you will have different feelings and ways of saying farewell (or of avoiding saying farewell.) As a covenanted group—one committed to keeping our relationships clear and clean—how do we best say goodbye to Maggie as our church employee?

All transitions are opportunities to consider impermanence and reflect on the constant state of change in our lives. Saying everyday goodbyes — to friends or family members or colleagues — helps us develop the muscles we need to handle more substantial losses that come with being human — the loss of loved ones, or our own health or jobs.

What I know from all the changes we witness together as a church is this parting will involve every single human emotion—from grief to joy. We must live through this array of feelings. We cannot outsmart them or think them through. We must survive, feel, enjoy and grieve. What a church community can do well is provide rituals to give space for all these feelings.

Another aspect of saying goodbye is preparing for hello. We draw an ending line so we can welcome with an open heart a new Administrator. (The board will have an announcement very soon about our new Administrator.)

Ritual is one helpful response, something we do very well as a church. A ritual allows us to acknowledge many feelings we share and how we are not alone. We will celebrate Maggie and her retirement on Saturday, June 30th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, come and go. More details are on page 12.

You can attend this retirement party. Additionally, you can write her a note as a keep-sake about what her work has meant to you. Use the goodbye as a moment of gratitude and a moment of reflection. What are you grateful for from your interaction with her? What are you taking with you?

We send her forth with love. May many Foo Fighter concerts and weeks in Florida be in her future.

With joy (and sorrow),



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11am - Sanctuary

Sunday, June 3

"Let's Go! Where?"
Yadenee Hailu

So you've shifted your psychological paradigm of injustice, oppression, and fear...now what? What does that mean down here in the physical? How does interconnectivity and multiplicity affect who we aspire to be and our mission? I will pull from the model and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr to aid us in grounding our heavenly hopes for our shared Earth.

Sunday, June 10

"Ask the Ministers"
The Rev. Cathey Edwards
Yadenee Hailu &
The Rev. Gary McAlpin

A sermon is a dialogue, a conversation. Once a year we invite your questions to further the conversation. The three current ministers at Hope will take turns exploring together what is on your hearts and minds. There will be a box by the sanctuary door inviting your written questions at the beginning of June. Or you can email them to hopeuu@hopeuu.org. If time allows we'll take requests from the floor.

Sunday, June 17

"The Hands of Our Fathers"
The Rev. Cathey Edwards

As with every commemorative holiday as well as every family, "It's complicated." Father's Day is no different. We will celebrate and explore the role of fatherhood in religious imagery as well as contemporary society.

Sunday, June 24

"Transendence" Sr. Ellie Finlay

We invite back to our pulpit the embodiment of an interfaith life, Sister Ellie Finlay. She is both a solitary Anglican nun as well as founder and main teacher for Tulsa's meditation center. St. John's

a view of God as the Other, outside and above our existence.

In our Unitarian history, Transcendentalism is a philosophical movement addressing this dualist split. Arising in the early 1800's, Transcendentalism taught divinity pervades all nature and humanity. Key figures, Immanuel Kant, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Henry David Thoreau wrote in order to understand the nature of reality, one must first examine and analyze the reasoning process that governs the nature of experience.

For a useful view of what the notion of Transcendence could mean in 2018, here are thoughts by Unitarian Universalist Kaaren Solveig Anderson.

For a long time now, I haven't believed in a god with a will, intentionality, or consciousness. I don't put all my eggs in the basket of a god who will save and transform me. Rather, I look to humans, to my relationships with people.

Transcendence with life, with the holy, comes through my human relationships. And yes, I get that humans will let me down and will hurt me as well. They will disappoint, betray, and otherwise fail me. But they also have repeatedly saved me from a selfish me-ism that can destroy my well-being and lead me to false idols. They have loved me so fiercely that I am brought back from despair, loneliness, and isolation. They have cajoled me into my better self, when, frankly, I sometimes don't want to bother with the effort. They have challenged me to aspire to possibilities that I fear are unobtainable, because they see something in me that I far too often can't see in myself. They are human. They are the four Fs: flawed, fragile, f*#&!d up, and, most importantly, fabulous. This understanding is the Humanism that has transcended the intellect, buried itself inside me, and inspires and heals me daily.

My Humanism/nontheism is rooted in right behavior, not creeds. Science tells us that, surprisingly, our behavior influences our reason, not the other way around. So, if our intellectualism doesn't influence our living and loving, our good—with or without god—what use is it?

We explore our monthly theme of Transcendence all month in worship and religious education for all ages. There is a new opportunity to be part of small group discussion and listening.

About Our Monthly Themes

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Children & Youth Religious Education on Sundays

Community Building begins at 10:00.

Children's Chapel, at 11:00, focuses on **Transendence** our theme this month.

Loving childcare is provided for infants through children three years old.

Most Sundays, children & youth will be involved in outdoor activities.

Please dress your child so they will be comfortable outdoors.

4 - 6 Years Old

Chalice Children delves deep into our Unitarian Universalist faith. It strives to teach about our faith and provide experiences around the strength of community, the wonder and awe that transcend everyday understanding, and life issues we all share. Activities encourage spiritual seeking, develop their openness to sharing, and experience the benefit of a supportive community.

Elementary

Moral Tales helps children go forth into a complex world where they are often faced with difficult decisions and situations. Moral Tales provides children with spiritual and ethical tools needed to make choices and take actions reflective of UU beliefs and values. Stories and activities woven throughout Moral Tales can activate and inform children's learning about how to make moral choices.

7th – 12th Grades

Coming of Age is designed to support youth as they transition from childhood to young adults. Workshops for youth include interfaith education, social action projects and rites of passage. Participants explore theology, spirituality and history through discussion, drama, music, writing and art.

Youth also build community by getting together once a month after church.

Sunday Morning Schedule

May vary depending on programming

10:00 Community Building

10:20 Religious Education

11:05 Chapel (or WonderBox on 1st Sundays)

11:25 Snack & Story Time

Art, Outdoor Play or other Spiritual Practices

Upcoming Events

Boston \$1,000 Days

Tuesday, June 5 & Wednesday, June 6

Hire the youth as they work to raise \$1,000 for their trip to Boston! Email Yadenee Hailu, yadenee@hopeuu.org to sign up and have the youth come to your home or business to complete a project and/or *pick-up your Hope Garage Sale donations.

Garage Sale Donation Pick-up - Car Wash/Detailing - Lawn Care - Yard Work - House Cleaning and more!

Need childcare for a church event? Please email your request to childcare@hope.org, **Drew Maher** is our childcare coordinator.

Parenting Contemplation Am I a humble parent? If no, what can I do to be morfe humble towards my children?

For additional information about our programming, please contact Susan Spooner at susan@hopeuu.org.



Unitarian Church, are taking their summer break until we resume in August, although many of them will be sitting and singing among us at church to inspire us to sing out with more gusto!

I would like to thank the choir members for their dedication, passion for singing, great sense of fun, and their love of community, not to mention all they have had to put up with all year from their director! It is such a joy to work with them and to make music together for Hope Church.

While the choir is on break, and in addition to enjoying the musical gifts of our pianist Chris Powell and our resident vocal soloist Larry Sharp, we will welcome several guest musicians to Hope, thanks to Hope's generous support of our music program.

I will continue to participate and coordinate the service music each Sunday during the summer from behind the scenes. It is an honor to serve Hope through music, and I look forward this summer to continuing to enjoy our love for music and singing and experiencing the benefits of a free religious community.

Joseph Rivers, Director of Music joseph.rivers@hopeuu.org

Sundays, 10.00 and the Sanctuary

June 3

Outreach Sunday—Our presenter will be **Carrie Henderson**, Executive Director of **Iron Gate** our generosity recipient for June. Of special interest will be exciting news about planning now underway to build a larger facility at a new downtown location obtained after a difficult site search.

June 10

Members of the Hope Board of Trustees will discuss the goals and actions of the Board and will be available for questions and suggestions.

June 17

Fathers' Day & Men's Health Day Forum: John Ayers from Family & Children's Services will talk about men's emotions.

June 24

We will watch two **TED Talks** about transcendence, this month's theme.

Minister out of office

Please note **Rev. Cathey Edwards** will be out of the office **May 27 through June 3.**

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Care Team Corner

Suicide is TOO BIG TO IGNORE

in the United States, 43,000 people die by suicide each year. That's 118 each day, 5 per hour and 1 person every 12 minutes. More people die by suicide than in car accidents.



The good news is that suicide is often preventa-

ble. Knowing the risk factors for suicide and who is at risk can help change and save a life.

If You Are in Crisis



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 May we raised: \$1,132.34 for Still She Rises Thank you for your generosity.

Below are the totals raised in previous months:

Month	Organization	\$ Amount
April	Healthy Community Store Initiative	\$1,312.00
March	Tulsa Control Initiative	\$1,117.61
February	Community Health Connection	\$1,477.52
January	Tulsa Boy's Home	\$1,437.00

Generosity Recipient—June



In 1978, three Trinity Episcopal Church parishioners stepped outside a men's Bible class to make a homeless man a sandwich. The ministry grew and the word on the street spread: "If you're hungry, go to the church with the iron gate."

Iron Gate separated legally from the church and became its own 501(c)3 organization in 1984. Since opening, Iron Gate has never turned anyone away who was hungry. Iron Gate is located in the basement of Trinity Episcopal Church, although we are not affiliated with the church. Thanks to the generosity of Trinity Episcopal Church, foundations, corporations, the faith community and individuals, we continue serving the hungry of Tulsa—every day.

Saturday of every month.

Thanks to the following people who helped in **April**:

Shopping: Keith Hamilton

Friday cooking: Jean Coffey and Joan Scheulen Cooking at Hope with Maggie Scott: Lacey Carlile & Graham, Susan Farma Hai, Christy Levine.

Serving at the Day Center with Anita Ward: Lacey Carlile & Graham, Susan Farma Hai, Elizabeth Gwin-Vinsant, Kim Rauh, Judy and Guy Sims.
We served 150 plates

Next Feed the Homeless date is: Saturday, June 16, 2018

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.

Cereal Sunday Sunday, June 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.





During our service on Sunday, May 20, we celebrated members who had joined in the last year. Pictured above from L-R President Ken Jones, and caught mid-laugh, Members: Amber Zaveleta, Rick Paschal, Mindy Paschal, Gail Hawk, Crystal Clayton, Marge Carrison, Martha Pizarro, Guy Sims, Judy Sims, Jackie Wertis, Elke Goodman.

Pictured below are our newest members.



New Membership Directory

Our picture directory has fast become out of date. I will be compiling a new membership directory by the end of June.

If you have, or are about to, change your name, address, phone #, email address please contact me with new information by Wednesday, June 6 so it will appear in the new directory/.

Maggie Scott Administrator maggie@hopeuu.org

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In April Tulsa had a record number of freezes (9 by one count) and May is on track to be the warmest ever in Tulsa. This reflects the increased variations as predicted by most climate change models and gardeners are just one of the groups having to adjust to it.

Late spring bloomers – iris, redbud, wild plum - are past and we are headed into summer. Dogwood trail bloomed beautifully this year and the baby NY oak has more leaves than ever. The several clumps of wild roses along the road are no more, having succumbed to disease as have so many cultivated varieties. Our patio "rose bed" is being repurposed (as are acres of beds at Woodward Park).

April 28 was milkweed planting day. Five smaller areas were planted instead of the bigger one

across the road (that did not do so well last year and was hard to keep watered). Only one of the previously planted perennials has survived so this year we again planted all tropicals which better endure the summer heat on our hill so we can maintain our certification as a Monarch Waystation and host the beautiful endangered creatures. There is also one clump of bronze fennel off the patio which is a host plant for the black swallowtail. (FYI: the persimmon trail at the Botanic Garden has many perennial milkweeds and is a lovely prairie walk.)

The pansies are being replaced by summer zinnias, petunias, geraniums, begonias, bacopa, salvia and more. The miniature roses in the patio pots have survived and are blooming. I found a tiny tree frog in one of the pots. Wondered how that strange rock got there til he moved. How and why he chose to live there I can't imagine. Maybe to escape from the resident black snake I also saw on the patio - have found a shed skin several times, but this is the first time we have met "in person". He/she is harmless and both are indicators that we are maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

The trails are in pretty good shape (could use some weed trimming) and there is water in the pond. Maintenance work is on-going on the south side of the road. It is ever a balance between the rampant wild and the cultivated and nurtured.

Master Gardener note: Crepe myrtle scale is here and spreading (by wind and birds). It doesn't usually kill the plant, but can be very unsightly. It is easily spotted by small white patches on the trunk which harbor the female and her eggs. The current recommendations are to scrub the scales from the trunk with a brush and dilute dishwashing soap and the use of winter dormant oil spray. The previously recommended (and efficient) systemic insecticides in the neonicotinoid family are now not used by conscientious gardeners (and are being gradually phased out in most nursery plants). They enter the sap and go to the flowers and kill bees and other pollinating insects. It is ever a balance between what humans deem desirable (and overplant) and what nature evolves and adapts to and exploits as our world becomes more crowded and interconnected. Our values are reflected in everything we do – things as simple as planting a few flowers to beautify a garden spot.

before most events. Please email childcare@hopeuu.org to make a reservation.

Hope Book Club

1st Monday in the month in the log cabin

For questions contact **Chris Anrig** cmanrig@hotmail.com

Brown Bag Lunch

The Brown Bag discussion group meets for lunch every Thursday, 11:30am-1:00pm. Twice a month we have a lively discussion after watching short TEDx talks. Rev. Cathey leads the group June 14 and plans to show the second half of the documentary, *How to Live Forever*. Yadenee Hailu will lead on June 28.

Claudia Vandiver cvgardnr@sbcglobal.com

Breakfast on the Hill

Sunday, June 3, 9:00 am

Join us for a delicious breakfast on the first Sunday of the month. Our **youth** will be preparing & serving the first Sunday breakfast for **June**, & **July** as a fundraiser for their trip to Boston. \$5 per person Children eat free.

Women of Hope Summer Salad and Dessert Suppers

Social time 6:00 pm • Potluck 6:30 pm

Women of Hope meets on the first Thursday of the month. During the summer, Women of Hope takes a break from regular programs and has potluck salad and dessert suppers at someone's home.

Thursday, June 7 at the home of **Mary Newman.** Enjoy Mary's beautiful garden.

Thursday, July 5, At the home of **Diane Dudley.** Come enjoy the view at the pond.

Bring a salad or dessert to share. Wine is available for \$2.00

joy and we'll see you in September.

Movie Night

Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 pm

Our movie for June is Key Largo, a 1948 film noir. Richard Brooks and John Huston's screenplay concentrates on the simmering tensions among the many characters.

Humphrey Bogart plays Frank McCloud, an embittered war veteran who travels to Key Largo to meet Nora Temple (Lauren Bacall), the wife of his deceased war buddy. Arriving at a tumbledown hotel managed by Nora's father-in-law James Temple (Lionel Barrymore), McCloud discovers that the establishment has been taken over by exiled gangster Johnny Rocco (Edward G. Robinson) and what's left of his mob. Also in attendance is Gaye Dawn (Claire Trevor), Rocco's alcoholic girlfriend.

There is a hurricane coming generated by nature, and one coming generated by the turmoil of the characters trapped in the seedy hotel. Claire Trevor won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress.

Come and join us, and remember this was before FEMA so we will have to see who cleans up the aftermath for both storms. As always we will have plenty of discussion, popcorn, and soft drinks.



The Lunch Bunch Wednesday, June 20 at 11:30 am

In June we will have lunch at the Cheesecake Factory. Join this friendly group for a fun and casual lunch. Everyone is welcome. The location of the restaurant is 8711

in June & July 2018

We began celebrating Hope's founding in January and throughout the year culminating on the **weekend of October 5-7**th. Mark your calendars.

Wed June 26, 5:00pm

50th **Anniversary Planning Committee** (Open to all)

Join the Hope members and staff

who meet monthly to plan these events and the major public weekend

Oct 5-7. We can use your creative ideas and skills.



Hot Dog Dinner and Ice Cream Social Saturday, July 7, at 6:00 pm

Have fun doing a Family Art Activity

Bring a side item or an ice cream topping. We need volunteers for set up, grill hot dogs, help with art and clean up.

We also need people who are willing to make some home made ice cream.

Let Diane Dudley know if you can help. Dudleyok1@cox,net





Pride Parade 2018

We'll be carpooling from the church at **5pm Saturday, June 2nd**

Currently, we have 8 seats a available for those who wish to join. We will be driving to the starting point of the parade, Boston Avenue United Methodist Church. Participants will gather in the north parking lot at 13th and Boston Avenue.

We will check in around 5:30pm, take a picture on the steps of the church around 5:50pm, march (not sure how long this takes), and take the shuttle back to the cars when we're done. The parade route is 14 blocks long, and we will be carrying our Hope banner.

Participants are encouraged to wear tie-dye Hope shirts if possible, otherwise dress colorfully, and display any symbols of pride they have (signs and flags are welcome). Bikes, skates, and strollers are allowed. Comfortable walking shoes, water, parasols/umbrellas, and sunscreen are recommended.

More details and a map can be found at http://www.okeq.org/parade.html

If anyone wants to meet us at the starting point of the parade without carpooling, they should know that there are shuttles from the Tulsa Pride Festival to the starting point (north parking lot of Boston Avenue Methodist Church), starting at 4:00 pm in front of the West Festival Gate area around the old Tulsa Fire Station at 4th and Frankfort.

Summer 2018 Worship Unplugged

Beginning June 3 through August 26, we'll change worship slightly to simplify and return to our hymnals. The choir takes an extended break.

We give our steadfast worship volunteers a break from creating Sunday's PowerPoint as well as complex audio and video work on Sunday morning.

Worship is no less meaningful. We find value in simplifying. We'll rely on a summer printed Order of Service. We'll have many guest musicians and special themed services.

ACTION Accountability Sessions

There are an exceptional number of Democratic and Republican primaries this election season. The primary election date is June 26. This year Independent voters are permitted to vote in the Democratic primaries.

ACTION member institutions were particularly concerned about three primaries and have scheduled ACCOUNTABILITY SESSIONS for them. These are non-partisan sessions where all of the candidates for a House District are invited. ACTION leaders ask each candidate to commit to supporting the issues that are important to our families.

Please show your support by attending one or all of these, especially if you live in one of these House Districts.

House District 69 Sunday, June 10, 4:30 pm.

Joy Lutheran Church, 9940 S. Yale Ave. Mary Baird, (918)605

-9069 or mrbaird1@att.net

House District 71 Sunday, June 10, 2 p.m.
All Souls Unitarian Church, 2952 S. Peoria Ave. Ros Elder, (918)688-2932 or roselder@aol.com

House District 79 Thursday, June 21, 7 p.m.
Bethany Christian Church, 6730 S Sheridan Road. Karen
Gray, (918)829-9110 or kaagray@gmail.com



Hope dal age Sale

Friday, June 8
9:00 am to 5:00 pm
&
Saturday, June 9
9:00 am to 3:30 pm

See below if you need pick up*

Bring items beginning Sunday, June 3

So.... bring them during church hours on Sunday and during office hours Monday, June 4-Thursday, June 7 (9-3)

Please separate clothing from other items.

Volunteers needed for Set-up

10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday, June 4 – Thursday, June 7 Sign up with **Paula Haight at Hope** this Sunday, May 31. Or call or email **Claudia Vandiver.**

Boston \$1,000 Days

Tuesday, June 5 & Wednesday, June 6

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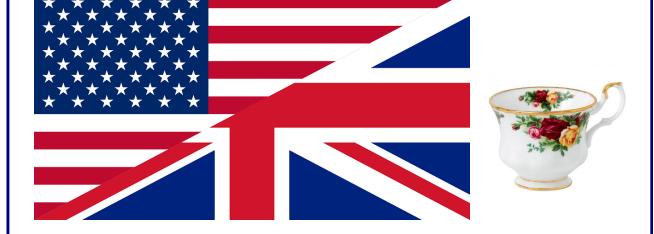
Garage Sale Donation Pick-up - Car Wash/Detailing - Lawn Care - Yard Work - House Cleaning and more!



Hope Day at the Ballpark! Tulsa Drillers vs Corpus Christi Hooks

Sunday, June 3, 1:05pm

Free hot dog, milk, & fruit for all kids 12 & under! Tickets \$9 each (\$1 group discount)*
We will all sit together in section 116







Celebrating The Retirement of

MAGGIE SCOTT

Saturday, June 30, 2018 Open House 1:00pm - 4:00pm Hope Fellowship Hall

Drinke and nibble



at 9:00 am

Last Sunday of each month.

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

> Members' Birthdays In June



Katharine Dillsaver	8th
Laura Ezell	13th
Cheri Anrig	15th
Julia Harris	16th
Cathy Sleezer	16th
Anita Wood	16th
David Tracy	17th
Fred Pottorf	25th

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 oneweek turn

May 28-3 June 3

Sherrill Womeldorff 918-638-7610

June 4-10

David Lynn 918-250-3677

June 11-17

Eric Reiman 918-260-3677

June 18-24

Sherrill Womeldorff 918-638-7610

> June 25-July 2 David Lynn

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 June Calendar see Hope's website http://hopeuu.org/blog/calendar/

Submissions for the Focus should be sent to hopeuu@hopeuu.org with "Focus" in the subject line and are normally due *9 am the 4th Wednesday in the month.* Submissions are subject to editing for length and content.

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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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