



## What Do You Want?

As a thought experiment for reclaiming an essence, I started a list of all the things I want in the church I attend. I'm thinking as a congregant, not as a minister. I showed this list to staff and others, and they have ex-

panded the ideas.

Of course, I want to know what you would add (and cross off.) Feel free to email me:

[cathey@hopeuu.org](mailto:cathey@hopeuu.org).

What do I want in my church? I want...

- To be part of something bigger than me, my family, and my immediate circle of friends.
- A place where I have the time to get to know people well.
- To feel like I am respected. In turn, I learn to respect others across all that divides us—race, economics, education, political thinking, gender, experience and more. This is work of a lifetime.
- To deepen my understanding of being Unitarian Universalist.
- A place to help me raise my children along with other children and trusted adults.
- A place where I can have my memorial, child dedication, wedding, and more.
- To know I have people with whom to collaborate.
- A church that is both a refuge from the world and fully engaged in the world.
- A church that speaks to current events, names atrocities and speaks out against them.
- A church that can help me carry my pain, sorrow fears as well as my joys and delights.
- A place the gets death and loss as well as birth and new beginnings.
- A congregation that celebrates children as well as the

elderly and everyone in between

- A community that teaches.
- A congregation that listens.
- A building, yes, a building. Church happens in time and place, so a space where we gather, worship, weep, laugh, cook, make music, & hold meetings. It is a place for the larger community to meet.
- A congregation that understands its geographic location, its surroundings and is engaged with its neighbors.
- A congregation that assesses itself honestly.
- A congregation that is engaged in generous charitable work as well as collaborative, educational work building a better world—more just, more equitable, more compassionate and more loving.
- A community committed to learning, always examining their hearts, and never finished.
- A congregation with a hearty sense of humor.

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With joy,



The Rev. Cathey Edwards  
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## Sunday Services

November

Worship begins at 11:00 am

### Shaking Up Our Habitual Ways

November 4

The Rev. Cathey Edwards

Formation is a dynamic process of study and learning designed to shape a person and their life's direction. When the world feels crazy around you, taking small actions in new directions can lift you out of unconscious habits forming new, healthier ones.

### The Formation of a Veteran

November 11

The Rev. Cathey Edwards

In honor of Veteran's Day, we will explore the spiritual impact of the transformation that comes with leaving active duty of any form, not just the armed forces but any long-term situation.

### Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

November 18

The Rev. Cathey Edwards

In anticipation of Thanksgiving, we explore the powerful effects of gratitude. Acknowledging good may have a bigger impact on your life than you imagine.

### Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 22, 6:00 p.m.

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Join us for the 3rd Annual Intergenerational Thanksgiving Eve Service, hosted this year by Hope and joined by Trinity Presbyterian and Joy Lutheran.

### Blue Holidays

November 25

The Rev. Cathey Edwards

The holidays are not always jolly. It can be a time full of depression, sadness and grief. This Blue Christmas service offers recognition of the struggles that many people face.

## November Monthly Theme

### Formation

Formation. This is a churchy word to describe the undeniable sense that what you do—your daily actions, your work, your path, your life direction—fits your own personality and what the world seems to ask of you. The feeling is not always comfortable. What seems inevitable is perhaps the last thing you want to be doing. Formation pushes against cultural norms and boundaries.

I just finished reading *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders*, by Jennifer Finney Boylan. The beautifully written and observed autobiography describes her transgendered journey, from being James to becoming Jenny. She did this while remaining married, parenting two boys, and teaching literature on the faculty of Colby College. She resisted the change until she could no longer.

My formation into ministry later in life pulled old and new skills into a minister. Now I cannot do otherwise.

As author and teacher Parker Palmer observes in *Let Your Life Speak*, "Our deepest calling is to grow into our own authentic self-hood, whether or not it conforms to some image of who we ought to be. As we do so, we will not only find the joy that every human being seeks -- we will also find our path of authentic service in the world. True vocation joins self and service, as Frederick Buechner asserts when he defines vocation as 'the place where your deep gladness meets the world's deep need.'"

Join us as we discuss formation with each other and share the deepest longings of our souls throughout the month. We explore monthly themes across all ages. Our children consider it in their weekly chapel. We explore it in worship. You can join a small group InReach group discussions for a more personal, unhurried examination.

### About Monthly Themes

Our monthly themes express Hope Unitarian 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.

### Minister's Office Hours

**Make an appointment with the Rev. Cathey Edwards during the following times:**

Tuesday afternoons 3:30pm–5:00pm

Thursday afternoons 1:00pm–2:00 pm

Friday mornings 9:00am–10:00am

You can schedule a time to meet with **Rev. Cathey** by contacting **Molly Brower**, [molly@hopeuu.org](mailto:molly@hopeuu.org) or with **Rev. Cathey** directly at [cathey@hopeuu.org](mailto:cathey@hopeuu.org). You can also call the church office at 918-481-0999.



## Children & Youth Programs (CYP)

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

CYP Committee Members: **Paula Haight, Kerri Vandiver, Ann Lee, & Laura Ezell.** The chair position is open.

### A Typical Sunday

**9:45 am** Community Building for all ages

**11:10 am** Children's Chapel focuses on this month's theme.

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

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, November 3**

**Hope's Annual Auction**

- Youth, please consider waiting



tables to earn \$\$\$ for your 11/3/2018 activities account.

Email [susan@hopeuu.org](mailto:susan@hopeuu.org) to let me know you are participating.

- Childcare and pizza is available to all families with children. Please email [childcare@hopeuu.org](mailto:childcare@hopeuu.org).

Planning a church event and need childcare? Please email your request to [childcare@hope.org](mailto:childcare@hope.org).

**Drew Maher** is our childcare coordinator.

*For additional information about our programming, please contact Susan Spooner, [susan@hopeuu.org](mailto:susan@hopeuu.org).*

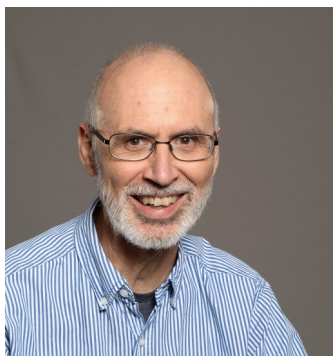
### Fall Break Nature Camp

**October 17–19, 2018**

Hope and Under the Canopy ( [www.underthecanopy.org](http://www.underthecanopy.org) ) joined forces to provide a quality nature experience for children on Hope Hill during fall break. It was fantastic. Thanks for your support!







## Music Notes

The theme this month is “Formation,” and we will continue to reflect the monthly and weekly themes through our music at Hope Unitarian Church. The choir also continues to prepare and look forward to the “Sing Noel!” service on December 9. Our “Sing Noel” service theme this year is “I’m Dreaming of Home.” During the holiday season, we look forward to gathering with our families in our homes, but Hope is also a place we think of as home. Home is a place where we can rest, experience community, be refreshed, and undergo the formation that makes us more alive, more creative, and more compassionate. It is our goal for our music this month and up through our “Sing Noel” service to support the notion of formation and give us additional perspectives on what it means to come and be “home.”

**Joseph Rivers, PhD**  
Director of Music  
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## Care Team Corner

Thank you to all who offered your services at the Committee Fair. We have offers for transportation, visits, and meals. As our members need your support, we will contact you to provide your gift. It takes a village, and we appreciate our church community for your works of loving-kindness. (Deborah).

**Deborah Whittaker**, Care Team Chair



## Adult Forum

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

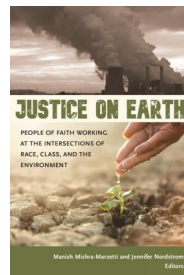
Nov. 4: Lisa Moser from November’s generosity recipient, Soft Landings Parrot Rescue

Nov. 11: Gary Allison will talk about “Tulsa Ready for 100% Clean Energy for All”

Nov. 18: Oklahoma Sierra Club

Nov. 25: Common Read: *Justice on Earth*

The 2018-19 Common Read is ***Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and Environment***, edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom (Skinner House Books, 2018).



**Justice on Earth** is available for purchase at <https://www.uuabookstore.org/Justice-on-Earth->

## Hope Green Sanctuary Team

Two Adult RE programs are scheduled by the Green Sanctuary Team in November:

On November 11, Ready for 100 lead **Gary Allison** will speak. His team has several

documents sent by Adrienne Gautier, the leader of the successful Norman, Oklahoma commitment to that national program. She will be meeting in Tulsa with Gary’s team on October 29.

On November 18, Oklahoma Sierra Club Executive Director **Johnson Grimm-Bridgwater** will address planning for repealing/changing the solar dis-incentive legislation in place that prevents job-creating growth of solar energy in Oklahoma.



# Outreach

## Generosity

*Each Sunday, we give away ALL of the undesignated funds from our Offering. The Outreach Committee chooses organizations that support the mission of Hope Unitarian Church in efforts to expand beyond our community.*

In November we raised **\$1465** for  
The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee  
Thank you for your generosity!

The Outreach Committee would welcome suggestions from church members of not-for-profit groups for Hope Church's Generosity recipients. Contact **Mary Newman** or **Anita Ward** to offer suggestions. Thank you for being the generous church that you are!

## November Generosity Recipient

### Soft Landings Parrot Rescue



Our November Generosity recipient is Soft Landings Parrot Rescue, a home-based organization in Northeastern Oklahoma that provides a safe haven for companion parrots in need of

homes. Their mission is to find suitable forever homes for parrots that are adoptable and sanctuary for those that are not, and to educate people about the special needs inherent in keeping companion parrots.

## MacArthur Elementary School

MacArthur is still in need of 62 more volunteer reading partners. Reading Partners trains volunteers to work one-on-one with students struggling with reading. The volunteers follow a structured, researched-based curriculum. It is a commitment of once or twice a week for 45 minutes. The Reading Partners one-on-one tutoring model is proven to raise student's reading proficiency. For more information go to **[readingpartners.org/take action](http://readingpartners.org/take-action)**.

## 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. In October we served 152 people. Thanks to the following people who helped:

**Shopping: Keith Hamilton**

**Friday Cooking: Mary Newman**

**Cooking:** Team Leader **Linda Tracy; Lana Larkin; Eddie Humphreys; Coe McGinley; Rich Jackson; Joey Dewiel; and Carmen Kinsey**

**Serving:** Team Leaders **Jean Coffey and Joan Scheulen; Mary Baird; Joe Monroe; Elaine Dodson; and Matt Baird**

**The next Feed the Homeless date is  
Saturday, November 17**

### Volunteers Needed!

We still need a few more people at 5:00 pm at the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless to help serve the meal. You can sign up in the binder on the Administrator's desk or call the church at **918.481.0999**.

## Breakfast on the Hill



Sunday Breakfasts are the first Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Our next breakfast is **November 4** and will be hosted by **Mary Gardner, Joan Schuelen, Lynn**

**Walters, Jean Coffey, and Anita Wood**. We request that adults donate \$5. Please come to enjoy the food and fellowship! If you or your group would like to prepare and serve breakfast, contact **Christy Levine**. Her information is in the church directory.

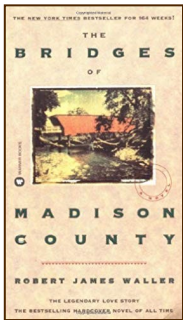


## Cereal Sunday—Sunday, November 11

Please bring a box or two of cereal (preferably not Cheerios) for the homeless. There's a cereal basket in Fellowship Hall. This cereal, along with several gallons of milk, is taken to the **Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless** on the third Saturday in the month when we serve their meal.

# Hope's November Events

Need childcare? Email [childcare@hopeuu.org](mailto:childcare@hopeuu.org) at least 48 hours in advance to secure a spot.



## Hope Book Club

Nov. 5, 6:30 pm

Log Cabin, 1st Mondays

Come discuss the *New York Times* Bestseller *The Bridges of Madison County*, by Robert James Waller. If you have questions, call the church at 918-481-0999 or find **Chris Anrig** in the church directory.

## Breakfast on the Hill

Nov. 4

1st Sundays

This month's breakfast will be hosted by **Mary Gardner, Joan Scheulen, Lynn Walters, Jean Coffey, and Anita Wood**. We request that adults donate \$5. Please come to enjoy the food and fellowship!



If you or your group would like to prepare and serve breakfast, contact **Christy Levine**. Her information is in the church directory.



## Threads of Hope

2nd and 4th Tuesdays,  
11:30 am in the Log Cabin

Bring a sack lunch and join us with your projects! For more

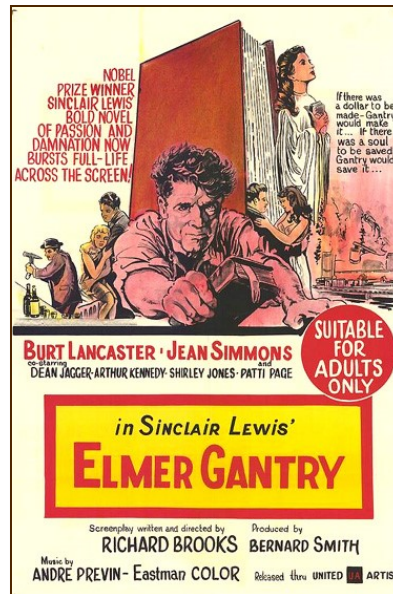
information, contact **Deborah Whittaker**.

## Brown Bag Lunch

Thursdays, 11:30 am–  
1:00 pm

The Brown Bag discussion group meets for lunch every Thursday.

**The Rev. Cathey Edwards** leads the group the first Thursday of the month. Together the group explores “**This I Believe**” essays by Hope members, famous people, and the average citizen. They will read, listen, discuss and even write or revise their own statements.



## Movie Night Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7:00 pm

The November movie is *Elmer Gantry*. This 1960 movie is based on a novel by Sinclair Lewis, and stars Burt Lancaster, Jean Simmons, and Shirley Jones. Both Lancaster and Jones won Oscars for acting, and the movie won another Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay.

Elmer Gantry is a fast-talking, hard-drinking traveling salesman who always has a risqué story and a hip flask to entertain cronies and customers alike. He is immediately taken with Sister Sharon Falconer, a lay preacher whose hellfire-and-damnation revivalism has attracted quite a following. Gantry uses his own quick wit and Bible knowledge to become an indispensable part of Sister Sharon's roadshow, but his past soon catches up with him in the form of Lulu Bains, now a prostitute.

Come and see how *Elmer Gantry* ends up. The movie will be shown on November 13, and free soft drinks and popcorn will be available. We will start the movie a little after 7:00 p.m. Please come and join us and enjoy the movie and the discussions both before and after.

## Lunch Bunch

Nov. 28, 11:30 am

Our November Lunch Bunch will be on the **4th Wednesday, November 28**, because of Thanksgiving. To get us into the holiday spirit,

**Coe McGinley** has graciously invited us to her home at **1105 East 21st Place** for appetizers at 11:30. At noon we will be having lunch at ol'Vine Restaurant, located at 3523 S Peoria. We hope that you can join us. If you plan to attend, please contact **Lynn Walters**. Her contact information is in the church directory.



## November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 11:30 am Brown Bag Lunch  4 pm Auc- tion setup	2 9am Auc- tion setup	3 9am Auction Setup  <b>6 pm AUCTION</b>
4 FALL BACK 9 am Breakfast on the Hill	5 6:30 pm Book Club	6	7	8 11:30 am Brown Bag Lunch	9	10 6 pm Supper Club
11 CEREAL SUN- DAY	12	13 11:30 am Threads of Hope	14	15 11:30 am Brown Bag Lunch	16 9:30 am FTH pre-cook	17 2:30 pm Feed the Homeless
18	19	20	21 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service  No choir practice	22 <b>THANKSGIV- ING DAY</b>	23	24
25 9 am Walking Meditation	26 12:30 pm InReach	27 11:30 am Threads of Hope	28 11:30 am Lunch Bunch	29 11:30 am Brown Bag Lunch	30	



# Save the Dates!



## Hope's Annual Auction

November 3, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Our 2018 auction is almost here! We'll see you on Saturday, November 3 for one of the best events we have here at Hope. Dinner, lots of laughter and fellowship, a live auction, and a silent auction all make an enjoyable evening. Outside of the Pledge Drive, this is our most important fundraising event of the year, so be ready to come bid on a great experience, an appreciated service, or a one-of-a-kind item!

## Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service



Wednesday,  
November 21, 2018  
6:00 p.m.

Join us for the 3rd Annual Intergenerational Thanksgiving Eve Service, hosted this year by Hope. If you are seeking more spiritual grounding a holiday sometimes filled with overindulgence and family tension, this simple collaborative service

may be exactly what you need. We will be joined by Joy Lutheran Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church.

## Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, Dec. 1

Join us at 9 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, for our annual Hanging of the Greens. Come join us to decorate our beautiful space and enjoy pizza and camaraderie!



## A Christmas Carol Saturday, Dec. 1

Following the Hanging of the Greens on December 1, we will have an all-ages, audience-participation reading of an abridged version of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens from 1 to 2pm. Come prepared to laugh, boo, and perhaps play a role. You are encouraged to bring

cookies to share.

## Book Drive Saturday, Dec. 1

Before the reading, we will be accepting new or slightly used books for **beginning readers** that will be donated to the Reading Partners program at MacArthur Elementary School.



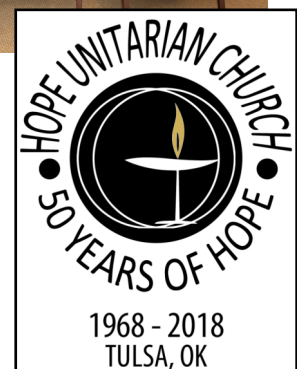
Below are some books on their wish list. Look for other suggestions posted in the church.

- *Sisters* by Raina Telgemeier
- *Dork Diaries* (series) by Rachel Russell
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* (series) by Jeff Kinney
- Any of the 'I can read' books
- Bilingual books (high need)
- <https://www.readbrightly.com/30-best-level-1-reading-books-for-children/>



## Scenes from the 50th

Hope's 50th Anniversary Celebrations took place on October 6th and 7th. Members, former members, old friends and new, from right around the corner to all around the US, gathered to celebrate the founding of our church in 1968. Here are some photos from the event. Watch for more on our website and Facebook soon!







Thanks to the **50th Planning Task Force** for all their work throughout the year to make everything come together for our 50th Celebration weekend: **Anita Ward, the Rev. Cathey Edwards, Janet Nobles, Coe McGinley,**



**Diane Dudley, Alice Van Wormer, Carmen Kinsey, Marcia Schaefer, Meredith Miller, Paula Haight, James Donovan, Bruce Luria, Susan Spooner, and Deborah Whittaker.**

Thanks to the **Mini-Dinner Committee** for planning, taste-testing, and coordinating tonight's dinner: **Coe McGinley, Laura Ezell, JoAnn Howse, Eddie Humphries, and LeeAnn Tolle.**



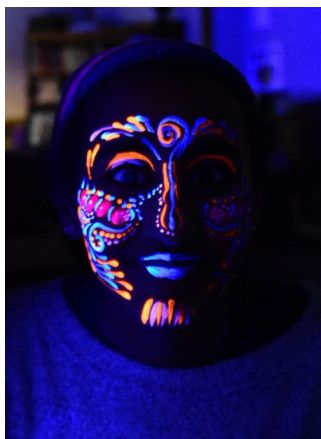
Thanks to **Janet Nobles** and **Anita Ward** for assembling the photos for the program, and a big thank you to **Robert Billings** for the many pictures he took that were in the photo display.



Thank you to **Katharine Dillsaver** for her poem "Hope Hill," and to **Dr. Joseph Rivers** for putting it to music.

Thank you to **Marcia Schaefer** for submitting the winning design for our fabulous 50th logo, which appears on our sign, our t-shirts, and all of our 50th communications. Thanks also to **Annie Simpson** for the beautiful calligraphy that graced our invitations, our website, and the cover of the program.

Thanks to the **Garden and Grounds Committee**, which sponsored the Garden and Grounds Clean-up Day on September 22. Thanks to **Fred Pottorf** and **Sherrill Womeldorff** for clearing the back parking lot on an unseasonably warm October day, and to **Alice Van Wormer** and **Mary Newman** for tending to the plants around the building and keeping everything looking lovely every day—but especially leading up to our celebration weekend.



Thank you to **Steven Hall** ([www.stevenmichaels.com](http://www.stevenmichaels.com)) for the wonderful candid photography from the dinner, and to **Eric Spooner** for the stunning Glow Party photos.

Thank you to **Susan Michael** and the children and youth who created the fabulous quilt squares and miniature paintings that adorned the Fellowship Hall, and a big thank you to **Susan Spooner** and the CYP staff for putting on the Glow Party for our children and youth, so that



they will have fond memories of our 50th anniversary to reminisce about when they celebrate our 100th!



## Walking Meditation Sunday, Nov. 25 9:00 am

Every last Sunday in the month. Meet outside on the deck of Hope's Log Cabin.

Wear shoes and clothing to match the weather. All ages welcome.

## More Scenes from the 50th



*Celebrating  
Hope*



## Key Person Schedule

### November 5–11

Fred Pottorf  
918-407-0924

### November 12–18

TBD

### November 19–25

TBD

### November 26–December 2

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 the 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.

## Members' Birthdays November

<b>Ken Jones</b>	<b>11/4</b>
<b>Marti Fox</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>Nancy Sahler</b>	<b>11/17</b>
<b>Steve Witt</b>	<b>11/25</b>
<b>Sarah Brown</b>	<b>11/28</b>
<b>Linda Tracy</b>	<b>11/29</b>

**For current events, visit the Hope Calendar at:**

<http://hopeuu.org/blog/calendar/>

### ***Focus Submissions:***

Send all input with **"Focus"** in the subject line. The last day of consideration for submissions is **November 21**. Exceptions may be made when more information is needed.

**Submissions must be made in a Word document or similar format, by email only, for consideration.** Please remember to keep the content short enough to fit on half a page or less within a newsletter. All content is subject to revision and formatting. Send submissions to [hopeuu@hopeuu.org](mailto:hopeuu@hopeuu.org).





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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

Reason - Integrity - Tolerance

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