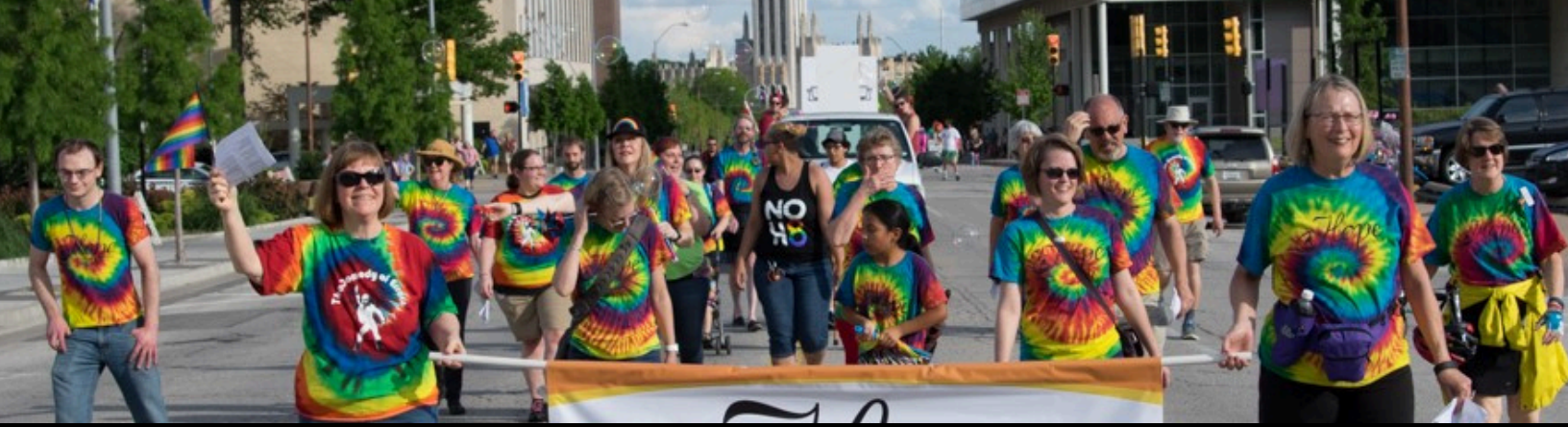


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JUNE 2024



# RENEWAL



## JUNE AT HOPE

As we welcome the vibrant month of June, our community is buzzing with activities and celebrations that embrace Pride Month and this month's theme of Renewal. This month, we have a lineup of events designed to bring us together, celebrate our identities, and create lasting memories.

Join us this month for our Third Thursday Game Night, June 21st. All ages are welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors, and your favorite games and join us for a night of wholesome fun! Free Childcare is provided in the Children's Area by the RE Department for children ages 13 and younger. The theme of this month's potluck is Nostalgia: A Taste of Home. Please bring one of your childhood favorites and join us for a potluck beginning at 6PM. Games begin at 6:30. To RSVP or for more information, please contact this month's game warden, Emily Scherer.

In addition to our exciting game night, we are thrilled to announce our Breakfast on the Hill event, which will take place before our Pride Service on June 30th. This special breakfast gathering is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the diversity and inclusivity of our community. As we enjoy a delicious meal, we will also reflect on the significance of Pride Month, a time dedicated to honoring the LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to society. Pride Month is a reminder of the progress we have made in the fight for equality and the work that still lies ahead. It is a celebration of love, acceptance, and the right to be our true selves.



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# REFLECTIONS FROM THE MINISTER

## On Renewal

Every Tuesday morning, I come into my office and reshelve a stack of books. After reshelving the books, I look down at my clear desk and just breathe. Another week, another sermon, another thought let loose into the ether. And then on Wednesday morning, I begin to grow another stack at the corner of my desk. Every now and again, for the sake of posterity, I take a picture of this stack, post it to Facebook and say with humor, "I know there's a sermon in there somewhere." By the end of the week the stack reaches full bloom, often with open book stacked upon open book. And on Sunday afternoon this stack sits unnoticed until Tuesday morning when I come into the office, get rid of Sunday's empty coffee cups, and begin to reshelve the books.

The funny thing is, I enjoy the process of reshelving the books. I appreciate holding each one and replacing it, knowing that I have the opportunity to interact with these poets, theologians, and other writers. Then I can look to the corner of my desk and see that I am now ready to begin the next sermon and the next stack. It is a continuous cycle, a constant journey, a reminder that entropy need not be feared because we live in an ever-flowing river weaving through a world between order and chaos. Our thoughts feed the forests of the lives around us; our minds provide the nutrients to each other.

We may find that some people are in different parts of this journey; they need us to help them renew, and we may find that we ourselves are in the process of renewal. The spring and summer are a time to celebrate renewal, so take some time for yourself. Look for the small cycles of renewal, meditate on the larger cycles of renewal, and find peace as we travel through this river together.



**Rev. Justin would love to meet with you to provide pastoral care or just to get to know you!**

**His usual office hours are Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10 AM through 3 PM.**

**Please email him at [revjustin@hopeuu.org](mailto:revjustin@hopeuu.org) to schedule an appointment to meet in person or via Zoom.**

**If your need is urgent, call him at 918-481-0999, x2.**



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Submitted by James Donovan  
President of the Hope Board of Trustees

Thanks to those of you who attended and participated in our Annual Congregational Meeting. Our fifth principle of Unitarian Universalism is "The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large" and the annual meeting is the time when we see that principle put to use!

Rick Eagleton, Gail Hawk, and Rebecca Jones will be leaving the Board of Trustees at the end of June. We extend our deepest gratitude for their dedication and contributions to the Hope community. Their donations of their time, talents, and energy have strengthened Hope and helped guide us toward a bright future.





# Summer Renewal

**This June, CYRE will concentrate on the UU theme of Renewal and celebrating Pride Month. Renewal exploration will stress self-care and the importance of recharging, using nature as an example. During Pride Month we will also explore self-respect and the gay Civil rights movement, defining Pride and love through friendship, romance, and family examples. Children will create jellyfish art lanterns from recycled materials for Father's Day. If they would like, children can bring their swimsuits with them on Sunday morning, to play in the sprinkler during the summer months.**

## CYRE Covenant

**We are the young people of Hope Church.  
We are all different and we love to have fun.  
We rely on our elders to guide us so that we may guide others.  
We rely on each other to be friends and family so that we may help one another.  
We want to learn as much as we can so we can make the world a better place.**



# The Center

## For Individuals with Physical Challenges

### JUNE GENEROSITY RECIPIENT

The Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges in Tulsa, OK, serves as a vital resource and source of empowerment for youth and adults with physical challenges. Established in 1957 by The National Council of Jewish Women in Tulsa, The Center has grown from its initial space in the basement of Hillcrest Hospital to a sprawling 75,000-square-foot facility that includes an adaptive fitness center, two gyms, a therapeutic pool, a rock-climbing wall, and much more. This growth reflects The Center's unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its members through physical, mental, and cognitive wellness.

At The Center, everyone is treated with respect and valued for their uniqueness. This inclusive environment celebrates diversity and fosters positivity. Successes are celebrated, creating an atmosphere of inspiration, empowerment, and fun. Best practices guide all programs and services, ensuring that members receive the highest quality opportunities to improve their lives. The Center's dedicated staff are driven by the mission to provide support, welcome new ideas, and embrace change, always prioritizing what is best for the members.

The Center offers a wide range of programs, including rehabilitative fitness, adaptive sports, and youth programming, all designed to promote strength, flexibility, and overall health. Specialized services for the Deaf and hard of hearing, transition services for individuals with newly acquired challenges, and adaptive recreation opportunities further enhance the comprehensive support provided. As an active member of MoveUnited, The Center offers competitive and recreational sports such as adaptive cycling, wheelchair basketball, and power soccer. By fostering an environment of inclusivity and support, The Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges continues to be a vital resource for the Tulsa community, empowering individuals to lead fulfilling and independent lives.



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**The Center** For Individuals  
With Physical Challenges



# MESSAGE FROM THE CARE TEAM

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Care Team provides various services to our church members as we journey through life. As life events occur, especially when an individual or family is experiencing some type of unusual stress, the team attempts to support our members in various ways. For example, we arrange for meals after surgeries or the arrival of a new baby. The team also sends cards when we are made aware of occurrences such as births, serious illness, or death of a loved one. Being made aware of these happenings doesn't always happen smoothly in the congregation. We would like to improve that process and strengthen our connections as our church family grows.

We propose that a "Joys and Concerns" section be added to the television monitor in our Fellowship Hall that currently lists the activities and events at the church.

We want to acknowledge important events in our members lives. These could be "Joys" such as anniversaries, graduations, accomplishments of our children; e. g., school awards, a scout badge, a recital, a team sports win, etc. A photo of the event is acceptable. They could also be "Concerns", for example; John Clark had a knee replacement last week, or Liz Reed is recuperating from surgery, etc.

Based solely on your discretion, you may contact one of the members of the Care Team with your family's "Joys and Concerns " to be shared on the TV monitor for two (2) weeks. Please contact Deborah Whittaker or one of the other members of the team to make arrangements: Diane Dudley, Mary Gardner, Jo Ann Howse or Carmen Kinsey. We understand privacy issues. The authorized information will be shown on the TV monitor only and no information will be put in print.





# Flower COMMUNION





## JUNE EVENTS

### ● Board and Committee Meetings

All Hope members are welcome to attend the following meetings, which are held at the church unless otherwise indicated:

- Finance Committee: 6:00 PM, Tuesday, June 18th
- Board of Trustees: 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 25th

### ● Church Events

All are welcome to attend the events listed below. (This is not a complete list of events taking place at the church this month; other events may be private or limited to members of specific church groups.) Dates and times listed below may change! Please check the church's online calendar at [www.hopeuu.org/calendar](http://www.hopeuu.org/calendar) for the most current schedule of events.

Women of Hope: 6:00 PM, Thursday, June 6th

Game Night: 6:00 PM, June 20th, games begin at 6:30 PM

Breakfast on the Hill: Sunday, June 30th, 9:45 AM

Pride Service, Sunday, June 30th, 11:00 AM

Sundays: Children and Youth Religious Education: 9:45 AM, Adult Forum: 10:00 AM, Sunday Service: 11:00 AM

### ● Log Cabin Rentals

The following support groups currently rent the Log Cabin on a weekly or monthly basis:

- Sundays, 2:00-3:00 PM: Gamblers Anonymous (GA)
- Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM: SouthSide Recovery/Narcotics Anonymous (SSR/NA)
- Wednesdays, 10:00 AM-noon: Al-Anon
- Wednesdays, 5:45-7:00 PM: Codependents Anonymous (CoDA)
- Usually the 3rd Saturday of each month, 4:00-6:00 PM: Victims' Voices (victim impact panel).

Check their website or [www.hopeuu.org/calendar](http://www.hopeuu.org/calendar) for specific dates.

### ● Cereal Days

Breakfast cereal (no Cheerios, please!) for the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless can be dropped off at the church on Sunday morning, or Tuesday thru Friday from 9AM-3PM.

This Month's Cereal Sunday will be on June 9th.



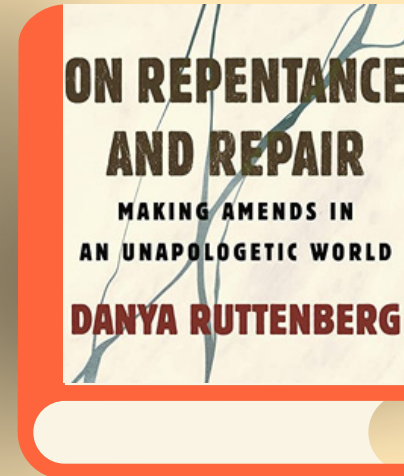
# JUNE EVENTS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Brooklyn Self 4  
Jeff Dossett 7  
Katharine Dillsaver 8  
Emily Scherer 12  
Lois Jones 15  
Jon Joyce 15  
Julia Harris 16  
Cathy Sleezer 16  
Jim Kemmis 16  
David Tracy 17  
Vanessa Self 25  
Vivianne Reiman 30



### UU Common Read 2024

When we do a UU Common read together, we share in reflection, learning, and action. This year's common read book is "On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unapologetic World" by Danya Ruttenberg.



### June Adult Forum Topics

June 2: Generosity Recipient, The Center for Individuals with Physical Challenges  
June 9: An Adult Forum about Adult Forum  
June 16: Hope's Mission, Vision, & Values, Part 1  
June 23: Hope's Mission, Vision, & Values, Part 2  
June 30: Breakfast on the Hill





## ABOUT HOPE CHURCH

### HOPE'S MINISTER

**Rev. Justin M. McCreary**

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Please email him in advance at [revjustin@hopeuu.org](mailto:revjustin@hopeuu.org) to schedule an appointment to meet in person or via Zoom.

If your need is urgent, call him. 918-481-0999, x2.

### SUNDAYS

Children's Church and Youth: 9:45 AM

Adult Forum: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Services: 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays

Hope's general office hours are 9:00 AM-3:00 PM Tuesdays through Fridays. If you wish to visit the church in person, please call ahead to check staff availability. (For security reasons, external doors are kept locked unless an event is in progress.) We respond to email and voicemail messages from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesdays through Fridays.

### HOPE'S STAFF

**Justin McCreary**

Minister

**Morgen Fields**

Church Administrator

**Lenny Hope**

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