

A photograph of a garden path. The path is made of gravel and concrete, winding through a garden. There are several stone benches and two large potted plants with green foliage. The background is filled with dense green trees and shrubs. The text "FOCUS JULY 2026" is overlaid in large, white, bold letters with a dark outline at the top of the image.

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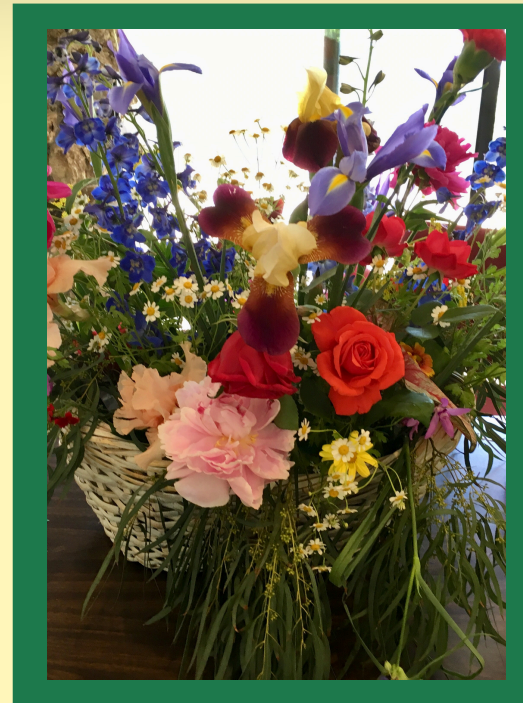
JULY AT HOPE

July at Hope is full of opportunities to connect, celebrate, and enjoy the summer together! Our biggest event this month is the Hope Summer Carnival on Saturday, July 25, from 4–7 PM. We're looking forward to an evening of games, activities, food, and fun for all ages. It's a wonderful chance to gather as a community, invite friends and neighbors, and make some great summer memories together. We hope everyone will join us for this exciting event!

Women of Hope will meet on Thursday, July 2, at 6 PM at Deborah Whittaker's home. Salads will be provided, and anyone needing the address can email the church office for more information.

We'll also come together for Feed the Homeless on Saturday, July 19, and Hope Happy Hour on Friday, July 24, at 5 PM. In addition, we are still looking for volunteers to serve as Sunday morning greeters and AV assistants. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall after service.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful month with you and hope to see you at the Summer Carnival!



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A QUICK RESPONSE FROM THE MINISTER BY REV JUSTIN M. MCCREARY

I wanted to take a moment to thank all the people who make Hope Unitarian Church such a wonderful place. Our church thrives day after day because our membership is committed not just to the ideals of Unitarian Universalism but to the understanding that commitment as something we do, not just something we say. In the years that I've been here it has always been exciting to walk out of my office and see which member is helping take care of the church today. Maybe someone is setting up tables, or working with our administrator over some documents, maybe taking initiative to clean, reorganizing the closet, or filling the church with delightful smells from the kitchen.

Hope is not made of watchers who just breeze in and out but members who take ownership in our congregation, people who commit to not just the present but also the future of Unitarian Universalism in Tulsa.

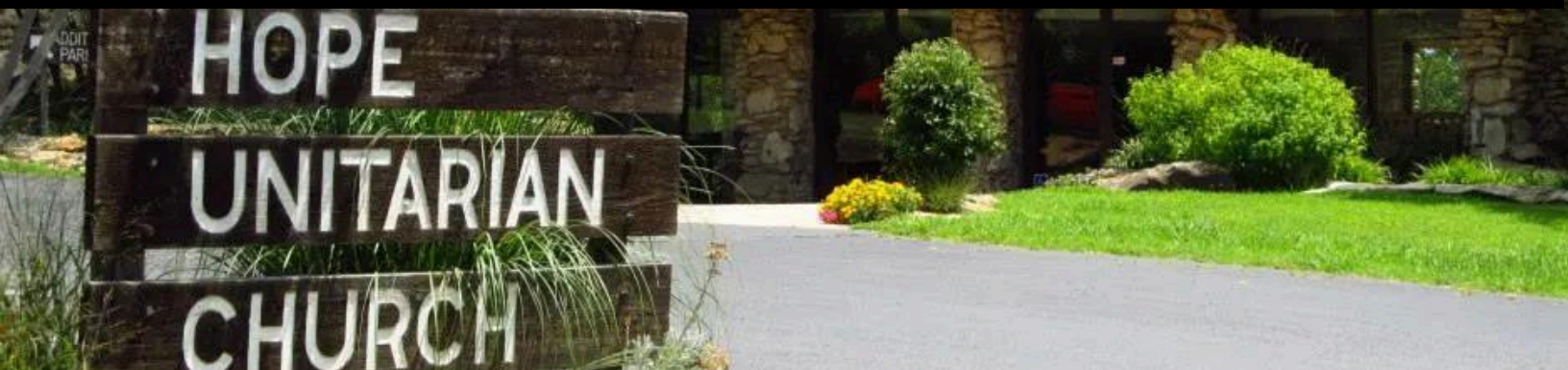
I am truly blessed to work with a congregation so committed to one another. As we end one church year and move to the next, I reiterate, thank you for all you do, to make Hope such a lively and loving place.



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 to schedule an appointment to meet in person or via Zoom. If your need is urgent, call him at 918-481-0999, x2.





JULY GENEROSITY RECIPIENT

Hope's July Generosity Recipient is The Demand Project, a Jenks-based nonprofit dedicated to eradicating child trafficking, online enticement, child sexual abuse material, and the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Founded in 2013 by Jason and Kristin Weis, the organization was born from a deeply personal commitment to protecting vulnerable children and supporting survivors. Today, The Demand Project partners with communities, law enforcement, and the justice system to address these crimes through prevention, advocacy, recovery, and restoration.

The organization's work begins with education and awareness. Through presentations, outreach programs, and online safety initiatives, The Demand Project equips children, parents, and community members with the tools to recognize warning signs and prevent victimization before it occurs. Their prevention efforts are especially important in an age when online enticement and digital exploitation have become increasingly common risks for young people.

The Demand Project also provides direct support to victims and survivors. Their approach includes access to legal advocacy, victim support teams that assist law enforcement during recovery efforts, and restorative programs that empower survivors to choose their own path toward healing. Their Journey to Freedom program, which includes both residential and non-residential services, helps young people rebuild their lives in safe, supportive environments focused on hope, independence, and long-term restoration. The organization now operates one of the nation's largest residential campuses for trafficking survivors, offering comprehensive care designed to meet each individual's unique needs.

As a congregation committed to justice, compassion, and the inherent worth and dignity of every person, we are honored to support The Demand Project this month. Their work demonstrates the power of education, advocacy, and community partnership in protecting children and helping survivors find healing and freedom. Through our generosity, we join in their mission to create a safer world where every child can grow up with hope and opportunity.

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JULY EVENTS

● Board and Committee Meetings

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

Tuesday, July 24th - 7 PM – Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 28th - 7 PM - Board of Trustees Meeting

● 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 for the most current schedule of events.

Women of Hope - Thursday, July 2nd: 6 PM at Deborah Whittaker's House

Hope Lunch Bunch - Wednesday, July 15th : 11:30 AM

Game Night - Thursday, July 18th - 6:30 PM

Feed the Homeless - Saturday, July 19th

Hope Happy Hour - Friday, July 24th : 5:00 PM

Summer Carnival - Saturday, July 25th - 4-7 PM

● Log Cabin Rentals

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

• 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 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 July 12th.



JULY EVENTS

Happy Birthday!

July Birthdays

Larry Knoles - 2

Elke Johnson - 5

Mary Gardner - 7

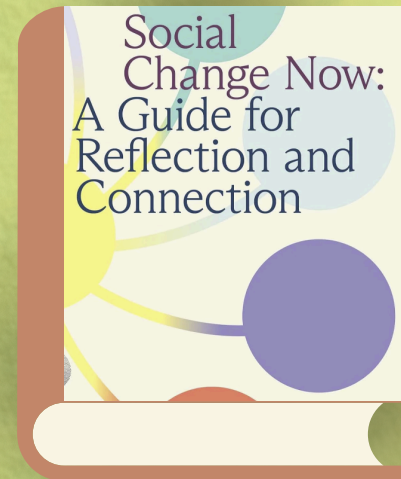
Barbara Richardson - 18

Andy Scott - 20

Rachel Rozanski - 22

Alyssa Self - 23

Gary Van Winkle - 31



UU Common Read 2026-2027

When we do a UU Common read together, we share in reflection, learning, and action. This year's common read book is "Social Change Now: A Guide for Reflection and Connection" by Deepa Iyer

July Adult Forums

July 5th: Generosity Recipient: Demand Project

July 12th: A Discussion Led by Clara Dossett

July 19th : A Fun Summer Discussion

July 26th: Women Healers: Midwives, Nurses, and Physicians. Suzanne Barnes and James Donovan





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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.

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