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# Hopedale Community News

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## Sunday Services

**November 5: Five Lessons for Living** What do we most need to know? What truths we can hold dear and live by? This morning Denise Tracy will help us reflect on these questions. Service Leader: Susan Thrasher

**November 12: Life and Death in the ICU.** A hospital intensive care unit is challenging for everyone involved: the doctors, nurses, patients and family members. Terry Perlin, a long-time member of Hopedale and emeritus professor of Miami, will address the ethical challenges based on his 22 years of experience as a consultant on medical ethics, and focusing on actual cases. Service leader: Patty Klingenberg.

**November 19: Thank You Notes** Hopedale's traditional intergenerational Thanksgiving Service features music, reflection, web of gratitude, distribution of Guest at Your Table boxes and an opportunity to think about saying "thank you." Service Leader: Celia Ellison.

**November 26 This I Believe** As we approach the Advent season and the contemplative spirit of winter, it is fitting that we ask members to reflect on their beliefs. UUs welcome theological diversity, and expect to engage in contradiction. This is our chance to hear the varieties of belief from several of our members. Service leader, Patty Klingenberg.

## Message from the President, Doris Bergen

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Our fall Congregational Meeting was well attended and updates on the activities of the board and various committees were provided. Although we thought that we might need to make one minor change in our bylaws related to supervision of employees, we had resolved that issue with language in the bylaws revision that we had last year. During the discussion time, there were some good suggestions from members for future projects and these will be considered as we go through the year. Unfortunately, our efforts to get a slide have not been successful so other options for additions to the playground are going to be evaluated.

We have four employees: Administrative Assistant Amy West Poley, RE Coordinator Genevieve O'Malley Knight, Musician Wayne Copenhaver, and Infant Caregiver Kailian Fuehrer. We also have a volunteer choir director, Patti Klingenberg; Sunday Service chair, Linda Amspaugh; Media Coordinator, Curt Ellison, and Social Justice Chair, Libby Earle, in addition to our UU Board members, our RE teachers, our Hospitality team members, and our Saturday work crews. All of these people are valuable in making our activities effective and we appreciate their commitments of time and energy to the congregation. Also, we welcome Cynthia Kelley as a new member!

Members who were at the Congregational Meeting received their new directories with the updated bylaws and correct list of Hopedale members and friends. Thanks to Judi Hetrick and Amy West Poley for getting that together and to all of you who contributed information. If you did not get your new directory, you can pick it up in next few weeks or it will be mailed to you later. Another work day was held in October with assistance from the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity (all women again) and a few Hopedale members. One great accomplishment was getting more of the Orié Louck Trails covered with wood chips.

Just a reminder that it is again deer hunting season and our neighbors to the south hunt with bow and arrow during fall through January.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

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### **November Religious Education Schedule**

Children's Religious Education classes will be two weeks in a row in November and in December. The next classes are:

#### **November 5**

#### **November 12**

(Intergenerational Thanksgiving on November 19)

(Creative Activity Day November 26)

#### **December 3**

#### **December 10**

(Intergenerational Nativity December 17)

(Intergenerational Christmas Eve Morning and Christmas Eve Evening Singing, Dec 24)

(Creative Activity Day December 31)

2017-2018 Children's Religious Education Class Days

Please note, in bold are dates that do not follow the "every other week" pattern.

Adjusted to avoid holiday Intergenerational services or school vacations.

3 December

#### **10 December**

(17 December is a Unitarian Nativity Celebration)

(24 December will have a small morning service, AND Christmas Eve evening service)

7 January

21 January

4 February

#### **11 February**

(18 February is Luminescence – a Unitarian Universalist winter holiday, check it out here:

<http://www.uuworld.org/articles/luminescence>)

4 March

#### **11 March**

(18 March is start of Spring Break – both Talawanda and Miami)

1 April (EASTER)

15 April

29 April

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## Congregational Life News

by Judi Hetrick,  
v.p. for congregational life

### Hospitality Helpers

Sign up on the clipboard in the Hopedale kitchen to help with Sunday morning hospitality. Please. Please. PLEASE! And thanks to those who've helped out in the past.

### Wednesday Wine

You're also welcome at Wednesday Wine, 5 p.m. November 8th at Cru. Imbibing of actual wine is optional.

## Oxford Habitat for Humanity - Faith Build

Step up and be a part of Economic Justice in your neck of the woods!

Hopedale is putting together crews of workers to participate in the 2017 Faith Build in the Oxford area, a Habitat for Humanity project. Oxford area churches are joining together with Miami Students and other community organizations to fund and build the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Habitat houses in the development of Reckford Woods. These last two houses provide an opportunity for the faith community to serve alongside and partner with a Habitat Home Buyer Family. Each home buyer family must contribute over 500 hours of "sweat equity" in the building of the house.

Oxford Presbyterian Church, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Mary Catholic Church, Oxford United Methodist Church, Hopedale UUs, and Faith Lutheran Church have banded together for this venture. Each church will provide build teams of volunteers for Saturday through Thursday workdays. A typical build schedule is approximately 16-20 weeks with 20 volunteers working each Saturday. No experience is necessary and all supervision, tools and equipment

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Our bit: On each of three scheduled workdays, 5 Hopedale friends and members will work on the house site with 10 Miami U. students, and 5 Habitat workers. We will also provide a lunch for the 20 worker/volunteers on those days. You don't have to be a skilled house builder to participate! The Habitat workers provide the expertise and the MU students provide the oomph. People, 16 and older, can work on the house and those who are younger can help with making and serving lunch. You can contribute in so many ways, work on the house, prepare lunch for the volunteers, make individual contributions and support fundraisers to raise the funds for Habitat. Please call Liz Woedl, **513-280-1044**, if you are interested in joining the effort.

**The kickoff at Carter Circle on November 11th at 1 p.m. The build however will not start until December. The 3-4 dates needing a Hopedale presence will be published soon.**



(Hopedale volunteers from a previous Faith Build)

## Yoga

HUUC Yoga group is meeting at 8:00am on Saturday, November 4, December 2, and December 16. Please join us for a session of Kundalini Yoga led by Terri Messman-Moore. Bring a mat, cushion/pillow, and water bottle with a lid. Terri has extra mats and cushions if needed. Dress in comfortable clothing in layers. Sessions last approximately 75 minutes. New

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## Oxford Empty Bowls

The Oxford Empty Bowls event is a benefit soup luncheon dedicated to hungry people in our community, held in conjunction with Miami University's Hunger + Homelessness Awareness Week and the City of Oxford/Miami University's Veterans Appreciation Day.

Purpose: To join other Empty Bowls projects worldwide to raise awareness and money to combat hunger. All proceeds will be donated to the Oxford Community Choice Pantry to support its efforts to provide food to local families in need.

When: **Saturday November 11, 2017, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Where: Oxford Community Arts Center, **10 S College Ave, Oxford, OH 45056, USA**

How it Works: At the luncheon, guests choose from amongst a collection of beautiful bowls created, decorated and donated by Miami University and Talawanda students and Oxford-area potters. Their bowls are then filled with their choice of soups made by local cooks. Luncheon guests then keep their bowls to use or display at home and to serve as a reminder that there are always empty bowls in the world. Homemade bread and desserts, and beverages donated by area businesses will also be served.

Cost: \$10 adults; children 10 and under may eat for free (bowl not included).

*For more information on Oxford Empty Bowls, please contact Connie Malone, **513-330-1273***

*For information on Hunger + Homelessness Awareness Week, contact Leigh Ackerman, **ackerm1@miamioh.edu***

*Co-sponsored by the Office of Community Engagement & Service, Miami University*

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skills that would help UUJO run effectively and efficiently?

**We would love for you to join our team of UU Justice Ohio volunteers.**

Please join us Saturday November 18 at 10:00 am online (via Zoom software or by phone) for a discussion of our mission, current projects, and ways for you to contribute to making UUJO an impactful social justice organization. We especially need volunteers for web and social media work, database entry, rally/public witness planning and logistics, brochure design, and more.

For more information, and to RSVP and get the Zoom meeting information, please visit the Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/680840592122308>

Or email us at: [uujoanvanb@gmail.com](mailto:uujoanvanb@gmail.com)

If you can't join us on Saturday, you can still contribute:

1. Tell three of your coworkers or friends about UUJO
2. Share our Facebook page and website on social media.  
<https://www.facebook.com/UUJusticeOhio>  
[www.uujo.org](http://www.uujo.org)
3. Email us at [uujoanvanb@gmail.com](mailto:uujoanvanb@gmail.com) for more information about how to get involved.

See you Nov. 18!

With Blessings for the Journey

Rev. Joan Van Becelaere, Executive Director

Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio

**Race, Reconciliation, and Reformation:  
a Special Event with Dean Michael Dantley.**

Lawrence Bartel, pastor of the Oxford Presbyterian church, has extended the following invitation to Hopedale members:

**Race, Reconciliation, and Reformation: a Special Event with Dean Michael Dantley.**

As we continue to mark the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, the campus, congregation and community are invited to a special evening with Dr. Michael Dantley on Saturday,

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## Happening at Hopedale

**HUUC Yoga group** is meeting at 8:00am on Saturday, **November 4**, at HUUC.

**Sunday Service Committee** will meet after Sunday service on **November 5th**.

**Wednesday Wine** will meet at Cru on **November 8th** at 5:00pm.

**HUUC Board** will meet on Wednesday, **November 8th** at 6:30pm at HUUC.

**Habitat for Humanity Kick Off** on **Saturday, November 11th** at 1pm at building site at Reckford Woods.

**Monthly Potluck** will be held on **November 19th** after Sunday Service.

**Newsletter deadline** is Sunday, **November 19th** . Email items: [hucoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hucoffice@gmail.com)

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