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Hopedale Community News

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August 2017

Sunday Services

August starts the beginning of our regularly scheduled services. Each service is held at 10:30 am at Hopedale unless otherwise stated.

August 6: What I did on my summer vacation To recap our summer endeavors, Ann Fuehrer will tell us about the Sunday programming in June-July, when participants studied the two issues voted for study action by the 2016 General Assembly: increasing economic inequality and the corruption of our democracy. Patty Klingenberg will regale us with tales of the lively 2017 GA held in New Orleans in June. Service leader: Patty Klingenberg.

August 13: A Regular Florence Nightingale One hundred and seven years ago on this date, Florence Nightingale, a Unitarian, died. Join Diane Wright as we look at our impulses to "do good," and think about how the reality of our good works holds up against the stereotypes. Service Leader: Linda Amspaugh.

August 20: The American Religious Scene Today

Peter W. Williams, Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religion and American Studies at Miami University, joins us to share some observations about the role that religion now plays in American life, including the Religious Right, the "nones," the Catholic Church, and broader issues of the crisis of American institutions. Service Leader: Curt Ellison.

Followed by monthly potluck.

August 27: Rock and Water Service Don't forget to save *rocks and water* from your summer travels! We will share our experiences and adventures in this traditional UU gathering. Service Leader: Genevieve O'Malley Knight.

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Join us! Did you know that singing in a choir is proven to be good for your mental and physical health? Hopedale's choir rehearses most Sunday mornings at 9:30. We will begin on Aug. 6. Tenors especially invited!

Message from the President, Doris Bergen



Our summer programs were very interesting and well attended and thanks go to the Social Justice group who planned and led the summer programs. In August, we start our regular Sunday services again and look forward to seeing all of you who were away during the summer. The children's regular Religious Education program will not begin until September 10 but there will be some activities for children during some of the August services as well.

Be sure to notice how fresh and clean the sanctuary looks due to the great job of painting that was done by Libby Earle, Don Morner, and Richard Schlub. Also, we will be getting new blinds for the windows in that area. Thanks to Russ and all of the others who worked in the garden, mowed, and did many tasks to keep our property looking great over the summer. Because we had so much rain in July our tree watering was not needed but we will need waterers during August and September so let Judy know if you can help with that. We are still awaiting our slide but hope it will be installed by end of August.

We are looking forward to a great Hopedale year!

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As we begin our fall service calendar, we are in the process of updating our directory. If you have any changes to your contact information or you would prefer not to be included, drop us a line at hucoffice@gmail.com

UUA Statement on Transgender People in the Military

UUA President the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray issued the following statement in response to Donald Trump's plan to ban transgender people from serving in the U.S. military:

Yesterday's announcement from President Trump that he is barring transgender individuals from serving in the U.S. military is an act of blatant discrimination against transgender citizens. As Unitarian Universalists, we denounce President Trump's claim that allowing transgender persons to serve in the United States military would be a burden and a disruption. We believe that transgender people should be accorded all the rights and responsibilities due every citizen, including the right to serve our country in the military. Today, more than 15,000 transgender Americans are on active duty in the military, and their status is now thrown into question.



In reversing the decision made last year by President Obama's administration, President Trump not only undermines the strength and readiness of our armed forces but also goes back on his campaign pledge to support the LGBTQ community. We call upon the Trump administration to uphold the American values of equality and service by reversing yesterday's discriminatory decision.

Happening at Hopedale

Wednesday Wine will meet at Cru on **August 9** at 5:00pm.

HUUC Board will meet on Wednesday, **August 9** at 6:30pm at HUUC.

Monthly Potluck will be held on **August 20th** after Sunday Service.

Newsletter deadline is Sunday, **August 20th**. Email items: hucoffice@gmail.com

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