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## Hopedale Community News

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### Sunday Services

For the seventh summer in a row, Hopedale's Social Justice Committee is planning July Sunday services. Our format is a little less formal than usual, and we'll be changing things up from week to week, including three field trips. But the focus is always on the integration of Hopedale's appreciation of the seasons as they intersect with social justice agendas and local opportunities.

This summer, we are focusing on two UUA Study Action Issues, Escalating Inequality and the Corruption of our Democracy. We are also getting to know each other better and experiencing our local activities and interests, while also connecting with larger UUA agendas. On June 4, we kicked off our reading of J.D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy*. *Elegy* is the reading book for Miami University's first-year reading program, and Vance may be on campus for a talk in the fall. The book has gotten mixed reviews, and since Vance is writing about life in Middletown, a conversation about his family's story and Escalating Inequality will be engaging.

**July 2: Field Trip Tour** Don Isaac's nursery, 108 Pierce Street, Liberty, IN; lunch at El Reparo Mexican restaurant in Liberty. Last summer, Don talked about the spirituality of gardening for him. Now, we will tour his nursery. We will meet at Hopedale at 10:30 to car pool to Liberty, or meet at Don's at about 10:45.

**July 9: Discuss first third of *Hillbilly Elegy***—come prepared to discuss.

**July 16: Discuss second third of *Hillbilly Elegy***—come prepared to discuss. **Followed by monthly potluck.**

**July 23: field trip Tour of Freedom Summer memorial**, Western campus Ann Elizabeth Armstrong will host us. Meet at Hopedale at 10:30 to car pool to the Western campus.

**July 30: Discuss last third of *Hillbilly Elegy***—come prepared to discuss; View

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## Congregational Life

Please remember our new trees! It was inspiring to watch all the folks who helped plant our two new front-lawn trees on Tree Day in May. If you have not already contacted Amy (huucoffice@gmail.com) to sign up for a few days making sure the two trees remain watered throughout the summer, please do so. They are depending on us for their very lives!

The 2nd annual Hopedale Campout will take place on Saturday, **July 22nd at Hueston Woods Group Camp #3**. A potluck dinner will commence around 6 pm. Come for food, fellowship, and recreation. Camping is optional. Contact Drew Ruther at [andrew.ruther@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.ruther@gmail.com) or **513-265-1558** with questions.

## Message from the President, Doris Bergen



We are now into the Sunday summer series, which has been planned by the members of the Social Justice Committee. Attendance at these events has been great and our thanks go to those who are providing a range of trips, readings, and activities for the summer. For the last session in June we experienced our virtual attendance at the Sunday worship service held at the annual UUA Convention in New Orleans. We viewed our delegate, Patty Klingenberg, singing in the choir at that event. Our other (off-site) delegate, Genevieve O'Malley-Knight, provided the virtual experience at Hopedale. Our thanks to both of our delegates who represented us for

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By the end of August, we hope to have both the in-hill slide, which is for the older children, and the slide for younger children installed. We have located a very knowledgeable playground provider who is helping to find slides that are in our price range. There will also be the need for help from some of our UU builders to get the slides installed. Russ has been working on many other tasks on the grounds and planning some building tasks for fall. Our new trees are still in need of dedicated watering helpers, especially during the super hot months of July and August. Please contact Judi or Amy if you can join the watering team.

The Communication Committee has the Hopedale Website, which you can access at huuc.org, up and running and now they are working on a policy document that the board will review at their next meeting. Thanks to Derrick Moore who chairs the committee and to the members, Amy West Poley, Liz Woedl, Nancy Eicher, and Nick Wozniak.

The July Board Meeting is the start of our new fiscal year and we welcome Jennifer Blue, Treasurer, Patty Klingenberg, VP for Religious Services, and Nancy Eicher, Secretary, as they start their terms of service. We hope to see you at the summer Hopedale events and we thank those members who are already planning for fall activities!

## RE Looking Ahead

Please start thinking about how you would like to contribute to our Religious Education programming next year. There's room for everyone to participate, and it takes a village! Our 2017-2018 Program Year will run about Labor Day to Memorial Day. Do you want to join our great Children's R.E. teaching teams? Have an idea for an Adult R.E. workshop? Something you want to learn about? Or wish we'd work on as community? Just contact Genevieve at genevieveaok (at) yahoo (dot) com -- with your ideas.

### Free Compost Enrichment Material

FREE compost material at Oxford Coffee Co., 21 Lynn Ave., between the liquor store and La Rosa's. Great stuff for gardens. Bring your own container.

## Happening at Hopedale

**Wednesday Wine** will meet at Cru on **July 12** at 5:00pm.

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**Monthly Potluck** will be held on **July 16th** after Sunday Service.

**Newsletter deadline** is Sunday, **July 16th**. Email items: [hucoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hucoffice@gmail.com)

**2nd Annual Hopedale Campout** at Hueston Woods on **Saturday, July 22nd** at Group Camp #3. See details above.

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