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Hopedale Community News

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Sunday Services

September 3: The Three Haftas. Russ VieBrooks joins us again this year for a Labor Day Service. Service Leader: Linda Amspaugh.

September 10: In this service, in celebration of **Grandparents Day**, service leader Doris Bergen will focus on traditional roles that grandparents have played in their grandchildren's lives; recent trends in grandparents' roles due to societal changes; and possible future trends in such involvement. Service leader is Patty Klingenberg.

September 17: The Poetic Cure: Reflections on the Birthday of William Carlos Williams. William Carlos Williams, who worked as a doctor by day, and wrote poetry at night, wrote, "It is difficult to get the news from poems, yet men die miserably every day for lack of what is found there." On this 134th birthday of a distinctive American literary voice, come join Diane Wright and service leader Peter Carels as we look at the Williams' example of doing, observing, and writing, and see what lessons that example carries for us today.

September 24: The Spirituality of the Poet, Mary Oliver. Muriel Blaisdell and Cynthia Kelley will join us in this Sunday's exploration of Mary Oliver's poetry. Service leader Linda Amspaugh.

Children's RE

Sept. 3: Activity Day - Start of the New Year!

Friday, Sept. 8 5:00pm - Parents, Teachers & Friends of R.E. Organize the Classrooms Night. Bring a dish to share

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)**Sept. 24:** Class Day

Hopedale's Children's Religious Education is starting its new program year this month! We will have three classes again this year: Pre-K/Kindergarten, Elementary (1st-4th grades), and Middle School (5th-8th). Parents please be on the lookout for R.E. registration materials coming soon! Celia and Genevieve will lead an all-ages Activity Day on September 3 (Labor Day Weekend), and we'll start our usual every-other-week class schedule on Sunday, September 10th.

Crop Walk

The annual CROP walk is upon us. It will be held Sunday, September 17, at 12:30 pm, beginning and ending at Oxford's Uptown Park. Although this walk is supported as a Greek Week event, the walk is important to the community as well. 25% of funds raised are contributed to the Oxford Community Choice Pantry. Hopedale members Ann Fuehrer and Steve Dana will be walking. We'd appreciate your support by 1) joining us in walking, and/or 2) sponsoring us with a check made out to CWS/CROP--contributions are tax deductible. You may donate by contacting us at Hopedale on Sunday mornings through September 17. If you'd like more information about the CROP walk, go to crophungerwalk.org.

Message from the President, Doris Bergen

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The Hopedale regular service year started off very well with interesting speakers and the annual water ceremony. Our choir is active again and this year Patty Klingenberg is the choir director with Wayne Copenhaver continuing as music director. Religious Education classes will begin in September and we look forward to seeing all our children back for another good year of classes and activities. Thanks to all who participate in the RE planning and activities.

A group of people will be getting together on Friday evening, September 8, to clean up the basement before the RE classes start on the 10th so if you are available to help, that would be great. Just let Adriane and Drew Ruther know. They will be there at 5:00 p.m. and hope to have dinner outside in the yard before they start the cleaning up. Some other people also plan to be there at 5:00 p.m. but if you can't come until later, just come when you can and bring a dish if you will get there during the dinner hour.

On Saturday, September 9, Hopedale is hosting the UU Council of Greater Cincinnati and will be having workshops on Social Justice as well. The Council will meet at 9:00 for breakfast and the meeting will begin at 9:30. Thanks to those Hopedale members who have agreed to provide food for the breakfast. And of course, thanks to Liz Woedl, our representative to the Council, who is coordinating the entire event.

The children's outdoor play bin and materials were cleaned and the wasp nest that had settled in one area of it was removed by Drew, so it is ready for the children. We are still awaiting news of our slide delivery but since we are getting it at a low cost, we must wait until the donor is ready to bring it. Russ has plans to get the outside painting of the playground climbers and other outdoor equipment completed with the help of a group of Miami students this fall. Our hope is that all will be ready in early fall so the playground can be enjoyed.

Judi, Patty, Genevieve, and I met to discuss ways to meet the needs of Miami U. students who may want to be more connected to liberal religion and this group is

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There are many other activities discussed in this newsletter. We are looking forward to a busy and productive fall at Hopedale.

Circle Dinner

Circle dinner will be at Doris Bergen's house on **Sunday, September 10, at 6:00**. Please contact her if you plan to attend.

Congregational Life

Happy, happy September everyone!

Cars are starting to clog the streets of Oxford, students are filling up the sidewalks, and dozens of people including, I hope, YOU, are making their way to Hopedale!

All the Hopedale board members have jump-started our autumn Sunday morning hospitality teams by signing up to help *us* with greeting and after-service food. But we need YOU to fill out the teams. PLEASE check your calendars and sign up for a month to help as with greeting and after-service food. We understand not everyone can commit to all the Sundays in a month, so if you must sign up for a week or two at a time, that's OK! We need all the help we can get, whenever we can get it!

You should have been contacted by a care team member to see if your Hopedale directory entry needs to be updated. If you have not responded, please do ASAP! If you were not contacted, we still want you in the directory. (It doesn't matter if you are a member or a friend.) Please send the names of the folks in your household, your mailing address, e-mail and preferred phone number to hucoffice@gmail.com. Or look for the directory proof – with spaces for additions and corrections – after the service on Sunday, September 3rd.

Hopedale has many different ways we build community. This autumn we will be experimenting with a Chalice Circle and a Women's Group, two activities asked for in the latest congregational poll. Look for sign-up sheets on Sunday morning, or contact me at juhetric@yahoo.com.

And speaking of community, Genevieve and I joined our colleagues with Oxford's Religious Communities Association in staffing a table at Miami's summer new- student orientation sessions. It was great to make the acquaintance of dozens of new students and their parents. Several of us are looking for ways to reach out to Miami students this fall.

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Hopedale Helpers Needed

An outdoor workday is planned for **Saturday, September 16th** from 9:30am until 2:00pm, weather permitting. Tasks will include painting our shed and playground equipment, and weeding and mulching the flower gardens. Hopefully we will be assisted in these efforts by volunteers from Alpha Phi Omega, as Jordan Perry has been most accommodating to our need to schedule around the weather.

If the weather is too bad on the 16th, we'll try again the following Saturday, September 23rd. And thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Russ VieBrooks
Stewardship VP

Social Justice Committee

It is time to plan our focus for this Community Year. Generally, the Social Justice committee meets on the second Sunday following the service. I have a commitment for this date in September, so I would like the September meeting to be after the potluck on the third Sunday. (We can have our dessert downstairs while we meet.) Hope to see everyone September 17.

Libby Earle

Happening at Hopedale

RE Clean-up will be held on **Friday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m.** All are welcome to help out.

Circle Dinner at Doris Bergen's on **Sunday, September 10th at 6:00 p.m.**

Wednesday Wine will meet at Cru on **September 13 at 5:00pm.**

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HUUC Outdoor Workday is planned for **Saturday, September 16th starting at 9:30 a.m.**

Monthly Potluck will be held on **September 17th** after Sunday Service.

Social Justice Committee Meeting will be held after Sunday Service on **September 17th.**

Newsletter deadline is Sunday, **September 17th.** Email items: hucoffice@gmail.com

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