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The Reverends Reflection



Hope United Church of Christ has begun a journey of discovery as we explore who we are as a congregation, what is important to us and our ministry and how we want to thrive in the future. We have begun a strategic discernment process with the Florida Conference. We want to make a difference in the world and create God's kin-dom here. As we ask questions about priorities and gifts, one thing I know for certain is that Hope UCC cares about equality and diversity.

This summer the book club is joining churches all over the country in the United Church of Christ's "all church read" by reading, How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi. We will have discussions together during Theology on Tap, 6:30 on Wednesdays beginning July 12th.

The all church read, the discussion questions and prayers are initiated by the UCC's "Join the Movement".

This is an important book. It talks about racism in new ways that help to dispel myths and find ways to work together to make a better world. Here are a few quotes from the Preface to the paperback edition:

Being antiracist is a journey, not a destination.

(The book) seeks to magnify, define, and clarify the complexities and forms of racism and antiracism... It replaces the fixed binary of "not racist" *or* racist with the peelable descriptors of antiracist *and* racist.

(The book) focuses on readers of color and White readers: on individual transformation for societal transformation—because powerful forces are still striving to conserve racism.

Being antiracist, to liberate humanity from the clutches of racist power. Being antiracist, to construct an equitable, habitable, and just society.

Sounds like the kin-dom of God to me! May we all have the courage to *be the church* and bring God's kin-dom near!

Christian Education News

Christian Ed. has some exciting news coming in August. For those who signed up for the Prayer Bead class, we will be starting our first official class on Sunday, August 6th after church between 11:15-11:30. If possible bring a lunch as our first class will probably be 1-2 hours long.

Christian Ed's. Youth Celebration was a great success. We had a wonderful turnout. Three of our High School graduates attended the celebration in their honor along with several youngsters who have moved up another grade level. Thank you all for showing our youngsters that they are important to Hope Church.

Coming real soon, Christian Ed. will hold their annual Back to School Supply collection. Please stay tuned as we gather supply lists from our own Hope teachers and students.

Thank you for your love and support as Christian Ed. moves forward to new and exciting educational ideas to promote towards our congregation and community.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Cotton



Raiseright Gift Card Fundraiser



Stewardship will be sponsoring our next collection of gift cards at the end of July and will give the cards out in August. So, think of family heading off to college that could use a card while on campus getting settled, or a family movie night out. There are lots of options to choose from: Grocery, Clothing, Gas, Entertainment, Hotels, and more.



Hurricane Assistance

Hurricane season is here. The Helping Hands group and the Care Team are asking if you might need help in some way due to an approaching hurricane. Do you need transportation to a safe place? Do you need help preparing your residence - closing shutters, placing sandbags, etc? If you anticipate needing help, we would like you to register with the church so that we can be ready to help. Please call the church office at (321) 636-0250 and tell the office what kind of help you might need or contact any member of the Helping Hands group or the Care Team.

Contact Julie Becker for Helping Hands at (631) 512-1034 or Jean Hawkes for Care Team at (321) 243-5287.



Dear Hope Church +
members -

Thank you so much
for all the inspiring
words and prayers.
I am very grateful to
have such a wonderful
church filled with such
loving members!

Love,
Gabriela

Dear Hope Church,

Wow! Thank you all for
the letters and kind words!
I will be attending Florida
Tech and playing semi-pro
soccer for Brevard Fire.

Love,
Petro





Zoom Mtg. ID. for Worship Services
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- 7/1 - Justice & Witness Meeting
- 7/2 - Worship & Hymn Sing
- 7/6 - Christian Ed Meeting
- 7/7 - Happy Seekers
- 7/9 - Worship
- 7/11 - Church Council
- 7/12 - Care Team Meeting
- 7/14 - Happy Seekers
 - Hope 'n Heart Thrift Shop
- 7/15 - Hope 'n Heart Thrift Shop
- 7/16 - Worship
- 7/20 - Deacons Meeting
 - Stewardship Meeting
- 7/21 - Happy Seekers
 - Hope 'n Heart Thrift Shop
- 7/22 - Hope 'n Heart Thrift Shop
- 7/23 - Worship
- 7/25 - Growth & Development Mtg.
- 7/28 - Happy Seekers



- 7/1 - Sally Rood's Birthday
- 7/6 - Dorothy Lee's Birthday
- 7/8 - Tonia Patterson's Birthday
- 7/9 - Rev. Eileen & Giles Norrington's Anniversary
- 7/12 - Diane Schnellhammer & Gerry Adams' Anniversary
- 7/31 - Betty Capaldo's Birthday
- 7/31 - Lori Lindow's Birthday
- 7/31 - Julie Johnson's Birthday

Ongoing Events at Hope

Happy Seekers

Fridays at 10:00 am

Zoom Mtg. No. 875 1767 3994

Coffee Hour

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am

Zoom Mtg. No. 425 599 5598

Theology on Tap

(beginning July 12th)

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Zoom Mtg. No. 321 636 0250

Hope UCC Ministry for the Sharing Center



In June we collected 195
grocery items and \$100
for the

Central Brevard Sharing Center.

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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10 am Justice & Witness
2 10am Worship	3	4 7 pm Trustees	5	6 7 pm-Christian Ed	7 10:30am Happy Seekers 10 am—2 pm Thrift Store	8 10 am—2 pm Thrift Store
9 10am Communion Worship	10	11 6:45pm Council	12 10:30 am Care Team	13 7 pm Stewardship	14 10:30am Happy Seekers 10 am—2 pm Thrift Store	15 10 am—2 pm Thrift Store
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30 10am Worship	31					