



Tidings of Hope



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Thoughts from our Moderator

CHURCH INFORMATION MEETING

Would you like to know more about the United Church of Christ and our wonderful Hope church? We are planning a gathering next month and all are welcome. Is this the church you would like to join? Anyone can attend and there is no commitment to join. It will just be a chance to gather, have a light lunch, meet the leaders of our church, and have a question time. A date is not set yet however if you think you are interested please sign up in the narthex so we will have enough food to share.



There are so many ways to help out your Hope Church family. We have been announcing the committee openings and we would welcome you on those committees. Trustees have one opening, Christian Education has two openings, and Stewardship has one opening. There are many ways you can share your time and talents that doesn't involve a long term commitment. Do you like to do yard work? Our Memorial garden is always in need of love; the weeds are so generous in blessing us but we like to keep them out. Our refreshment times after church are an opportunity to network and chat. If you would like to bring in something to share check out the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Let us know if you want to bring a special treat that Sunday. We strive to be a very welcoming church and an important part of that mission is our greeters on Sunday morning. If you think this is something you would like to do, we will train you! We will be providing an orientation gathering soon so you can learn what this important mission is. We will have a sign-up sheet available for this too.

These are just some ways that you can bless our church. If you want to know more about these opportunities, you can talk to me about how you can help.

My contact information is Tonia Patterson, cell # 321-394-6287 text or call, and email toniabandit@aol.com. I look forward to talking to you about ways you can help!

Hope UCC Hosting a Blood Drive: September 30, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 12 noon

The Growth & Development Committee has set the second of two 2023 blood drives with the OneBlood organization for Saturday, **September 30** from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon. The Big Red Bus will be parked in the circle in front of the church.

There is an urgent need for blood donations at this time. You can sign up on oneblood.org/donate, sign up on the sheet in the narthex, OR you can contact Betty Capaldo at bcapaldo31@gmail.com and let her know your time preference. OneBlood always provides a thank you gift to donors, as well as their wellness check that includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.
Give the gift of life! Thank you!



Hope 'N Heart Thrift Shop

Hope 'N Heart Update

Hope 'N Heart, your church thrift store, is looking for your help. We have fun opportunities available for volunteers.

Learn to be a cashier, a bagger, and a shelf stocker. Really, it's a lot of fun. Easy, peasy volunteering.

We chat, we train, we laugh, we engage with our customers.

Hours are between 10-2. E-mail Melanie at Mellgoff@aol.com or text at 321-480-8434. Try it, you'll like it!!!



Happy Seekers/Wired Word

Christian Ed is asking everyone to provide input for the Wired Word. You can print, answer, and mail surveys back to the church office, or submit answers via email marked Wired Word in subject line to cyn.leonard@yahoo.com.

The Christian Ed committee is seeking the congregations interest in continuing the Happy Seekers program. Please consider and answer these questions sincerely, so we can provide programs that are of interest and meaningful.

Do you currently read the Wired Word articles? _____

Have you attended the Happy Seekers sessions? _____

If Happy Seekers was at a different time, might you participate? _____.

If yes, what would be a better time? _____

The sessions are held Friday mornings, is there a different day that is better for you? _____.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to help Christian Ed serve you better.





**Get
well
soon**

**We want to see you healthy
and bubbling with life again
so you can bring laughter
and joy to our hearts...**

For
Reverend Karen Curtis-Weakley

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.

Book Club September 2023

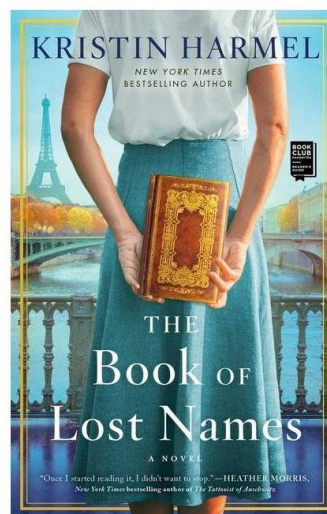
For the month of September, the Hope Book Club will read and discuss *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel.

Although this book is fiction, it is inspired by an astonishing true story from World War II.

This novel follows Eva, a young woman who uses her talent for forgery to help hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis. But Eva decides she must find a way to preserve the real names of the children, who are too young to remember who they really are. When Eva becomes a semi-retired librarian in Florida, she sees a photograph in the *New York Times*. It's an image of a book she hasn't seen in 60 years. The accompanying article describes the looting of libraries by the Nazis across Europe during World War II. The book contains a code but researchers don't know where it comes from, or what the code means. Eva holds the answer.

We hope you will join us as we begin a new church year of reading thought provoking books, many of which are taken from the Reading for Renewal list of the Florida UCC Women.

We will meet on Zoom, on Tuesday, September 26th at 1:30 pm. The meeting ID will be: 845 6868 2100.





HOPE Book Club Reading List 2023 - 2024

September	<u>The Book of Lost Names</u> - Kristen Harmel
October	<u>The Fight of Our Lives: My time with Zelensky, Ukraine's Battle for Democracy and what it means for the world</u> Iuliia Mendel
November	<u>Dusk, Night, Dawn</u> - Anne Lamott
December	<u>You Don't Know What War Is: a diary of a young girl from Ukraine</u> - Yeva Skalietska
January	<u>Master Slave Husband Wife: an epic journey from slavery to freedom</u> - Ilyon Woo
February	<u>The Daughters of Madurai</u> - Rajasree Variyar
March	<u>Learning to Pray: a guide for everyone</u> - James Martin
April	<u>While Time Remains: a North Korean defector's search for freedom in America</u> - Yeonmi Park
May	<u>The Water Dancer</u> - Ta-Nehisi Coates



Zoom Mtg. ID. for Worship Services
321 636 0250

- 9/2 Justice & Witness
- 9/3 Communion Worship
- 9/5 Trustees
- 9/7 Christian Ed Meeting
- 9/8 Hope 'n Heart Thrift Shop
- 9/9 Hope 'n Heart Thrift Shop
- 9/10 Worship
- 9/12 Church Council
- 9/13 Care Team Meeting
- 9/15 Hope 'n Heart Thrift Shop
- 9/16 Hope 'n Heart Thrift Shop
- 9/17 Worship
- 9/21 Stewardship Meeting
- 9/24 Worship
- 9/26 Book Club
- 9/26 Growth & Development
- 9/28 Deacons Meeting



- 9/1 Margie Wilson's Birthday
- 9/2 Elaine Flynn's Birthday
- 9/11 Mark & Julie Johnson's
Anniversary
- 9/13 Polly Gardiner's Birthday
- 9/16 Terrell Elam's Birthday
- 9/19 Yolanda Rogers' Birthday
- 9/22 Janet Rupp's Birthday
- 9/25 Paul Capaldo's Birthday
- 9/26 Annette Almaguer's Birthday
- 9/27 Giles Norrington's Birthday
- 9/28 Sherilyn Woods' Birthday
- 9/29 Giaus Garcia's Birthday

Ongoing Events at Hope

Coffee Hour

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am
 Zoom Mtg. No. 425 599 5598

Theology on Tap

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
 Zoom Mtg. No. 321 636 0250

September 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10 am Justice & Witness
3 10am Communion Worship	4	5 7pm Trustees	6	7 7 pm- Christian Ed	8 10 am—2 pm Thrift Store	9 10 am—2 pm Thrift Store
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