



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**Hopedale Unitarian Parish's**  
**Monthly Newsletter**

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*From the Minister*

We begin the new year at Hopedale Unitarian Parish with Justice as our theme for worship, spiritual practice and education. Justice is more complicated than most of us realize. It's rare to find anyone who disagrees that Justice is a good thing, yet it can be incredibly difficult to build consensus around what, exactly, constitutes Justice. In classical philosophy and scholastic theology, Justice is "giving each their due." Again, it's easy enough to agree that it's only fair that everyone gets what they deserve, but it's difficult to come to agreement on what is deserved.

All too frequently our culture only discusses justice in terms of punishment: mandatory minimum sentencing, capital punishment, what the criminal deserves. Yet, justice requires that give each their due. Yes, some crimes are horrific and some criminals dangerous, but we also need to consider what society deserves, what those harmed deserve? How can we be just in a way that promotes healing and restoration, instead of focusing only on punishment? And what about including animals and people and systems in our justice calculations? Do animals deserve to be factory farmed? Does our planet deserve to be dirtied and polluted?

We will focus our attention on justice through the lens of three issues very important to contemporary Unitarian Universalism and Hopedale Unitarian Parish: LGBTQ Equality, Racism, and Climate Change. We



**Hopedale Unitarian Parish**  
Come as you are - All are welcome

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Treasurer: Frederick Oldfield III

Collector: Kathleen Schleper

Sexton: Al Gross

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spend some time this month reflecting on how injustices are interrelated, the importance of taking part in our Welcoming Congregation program, the importance of supporting Black Lives Matter, and the crucial and critical need for more action on behalf of climate justice.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Tony

**Join us in making the MLK Holiday a**  
**"Day On" not a "Day Off."**



Hopedale Unitarian Parish is a part of a coalition of faith communities and schools that organize the Hopedale community's participation in the [Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service](#), a project of the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#). Volunteers are matched up with non-profit, educational, and governmental organizations and spend the afternoon helping with various projects that help those groups better serve the community. Following our service we gather for a community meal and then a ceremony where we recognize a member (or organization) in the community with an annual Power of One Award for their extraordinary contribution in the area of community improvement or social justice during the past 5 years.

This year we gather at [Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hopedale](#) for check-in and registration at noon. We will be off to volunteer from 1-4 pm in and around the Hopedale/Milford area. The day will conclude with a community supper at Sacred Heart at 5 pm, followed by the presentation of the annual POWER of ONE award at 6 pm in the Sacred Heart sanctuary.

To submit a work project, request volunteers or sign up to volunteer, please go to the [HUP website](#) for details

## January Worship at Hopedale Unitarian Parish

**January 3** - "Pragmatism in an Uncertain World" Randy Carbo shares some thoughts on Pragmatism, Education, and Ethics. We'll also share Joys and Concerns as the new year begins.

**January 10** - "Liberating Each Other" Rev. Tony reflects on the interrelated nature of all oppression and where our Welcoming Congregation work fits in with and connects other social justice issues. We'll also begin our Valentine Pals program.

**January 17** - "The MLK our Holiday Never Mentions" Rev. Tony reflects on the radical nature of MLK's public ministry for racial and economic justice and why justice requires understanding and supporting Black Lives Matter.

**January 24** - "Restoring Justice" Rev. Tony and Andrea James of Justice for Families share reflections on restorative justice, mass incarceration as social control, The New Jim Crow, and the situation of women, children, and families affected by current sentencing norms.

**January 31** - "All Hands on Deck" Rev. Tony reflects on climate justice, the recent Paris agreements, and the fact that our blue boat home is still sinking. We'll explore why being a Green Sanctuary requires more of us than recycling. This intergenerational service will include stories and interactive elements about taking action for climate justice because there are no passengers on our blue boat home, we are all crew, and we need to work to keep the ship afloat.



**Game Night!**

**Friday, Jan. 22 @ 7 pm**

Come play fantasy games such as Magic the Gathering and Dungeons & Dragons. **All are welcome!** Children under 12 must bring an adult with them. Please contact Tony Alves [tonyhopedale@gmail.com](mailto:tonyhopedale@gmail.com) with any questions.



## FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE January 2016

**January 3** Host : Danielle Lizotte  
Kitchen Support - Chris Grilly

**January 10** Host: Sharyn Johnson  
Kitchen Support - Chris Grilly

**January 17** Host: Parish Board  
Kitchen Support Alice & Tom Jacobson

**January 24** Host: RE Committee  
Kitchen Support - Staci & Steve Luca

**January 31** Host: Kathleen Schleper  
Kitchen Support - Tony & Michele



## FLOWERS & USHERS

### January 3

**Flowers:** OPEN

**Ushers:** The Haynes Family

### January 10

**Flowers:** Given by the Buck and Jacobson family in appreciation for all the volunteers at Hopedale Unitarian Parish.

**Ushers:** Richard & Sharyn Johnson

### January 17

**Flowers:** OPEN

**Ushers:** Randy Carbo and Marcia Matthew

### January 24

**Flowers:** OPEN

**Ushers:** Karen and Tom Swann

### January 31

**Flowers:** Given by Mrs. Barbara Stevens in loving memory of C. Richard Stevens, Robert L. Fisher Sr., Robert Jr., and Jane Fisher Campbell

**Ushers/Greeters:** Judy Oldfield, Fred Oldfield & Alice Jacobson

**Please contact Marge Horton 508-473-3074 if you would like to give flowers on an open Sunday in January.**



### Little Red Wagon Collection:

The Social Action Committee will be collecting items for the Daily Bread Food Pantry **Sunday, January 31**. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, or baby items are welcome. Thank you!



## WELCOMING CONGREGATION

### Upcoming Calendar of Events

**January 10** - (after Sunday Service, soup and sandwiches provided) - Welcoming Congregation Workshop - a. The Common Elements of Oppression – Alice Jacobsen as secondary leadership

**Please note the book club scheduled for January 15 and 16** to discuss Queer History of the United States with Alice Jacobson and Tony Lorenzen has been postponed to February.



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eric DeWolf	10	Steven Earl	12
Brian Perry	14	Shawn Ashby	16
Laura Aldrich	18	Carol Nichols	26
Tim House	28	Ethan Perry	30
John Devendorf	31		

### *Special Thanks!*

We extend special thanks to Bill Gannett for continuing the tradition of having the evergreen tree strung with lights for the season. His gift brightens up the church and Hopedale community.

We thank to Rita and Steven Earl for setting up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. We appreciate the time and effort donated to celebrate the season.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all items for the February newsletter to Valerie in the church office by

**Monday, January 25**



### The Hopedale Boy Scouts Annual Christmas Tree Pickup on Jan. 9 & 10.

Trees & wreaths to be picked up need to be curbside by 8 AM. Suggested donation is \$10 per household.



### Share the Plate

Hopedale Unitarian will begin to “Share the Plate” in January. Beginning January 10, all money collected during a calendar month through the offering plate at Sunday morning worship that is not designated as contributing to a yearly stewardship pledge will be donated to a non-profit agency or organization that works on issues and projects in line with the mission and values of Hopedale Unitarian Parish and Unitarian Universalism.

If the donation you are making on Sunday morning is intended to help fulfill your annual stewardship pledge, please make sure that is noted on a check’s memo line or cash submitted in a clearly marked envelope. All other monies collected will go to Share the Plate.

Rev. Tony will coordinate choosing the recipients, but this is a collaborative process. If you would like to nominate an organization as a Share the Plate recipient, please use the online form on our website or download and print the print the Nomination Form. Forms are also available at the church entrance on Sundays and at any time from the church office.

Criteria for recipient organizations or projects:

Non-profit (501 c 3 preferred), non-partisan organizations focused on issues of social justice and community service, including but not limited to: promoting fair and equal treatment for all; empowering marginalized communities; reducing poverty, racism, and homophobia; improving public education; aiding the hungry, children, and the elderly; reducing violence; preserving the environment; and promoting community health. The recipients must be in line with the values of Unitarian Universalism.

Preference is given to local organizations, and to organizations which already involve Hopedale Unitarian Members or which already have an established relationship with our congregation. We also look for organizations that provide an opportunity for Hopedale Unitarian members to volunteer or provide opportunities for collaboration with other faith communities.

### Snow Cancellation Information

A decision to cancel services will be made by 8:00 am on Sunday. Parishioners may find cancellation information on WBZ TV and Radio, WMRC Radio, the church’s voice mail greeting, Web Site, Facebook page or Twitter feed.

## Deepening the Journey

Are you new to Hopedale Unitarian? Would you like to deepen your understanding of Unitarian Universalism and Liberal Religion? Rev. Tony will facilitate “Deepening The Journey,” an interactive program for new-comers as well as long time members, on Saturday morning January 23 from 9 am to noon in the Parish Hall. The program helps people begin the exploration of their own religious journey, and deepen their thinking about what it means to be a member of a covenanted community. Food, coffee and child care will be provided, but registration is required. Please register for the program before January 20 by calling the church office or emailing Rev. Tony at [revtonyuu@gmail.com](mailto:revtonyuu@gmail.com) or by using the online registration form in the “learning” section of our website.

## Summer 2016 Trip to Transylvania

Are you interested? Rev. Tony is! We are organizing a summer pilgrimage trip to Transylvania to meet Rev. Noémi, her family, her congregation and her village. Plus see more of Transylvania while we are there. Ann Gary will lead the trip. Probable dates: July 1-9. Probably cost: Airfare PLUS about \$700 per person. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Contact the office if you are interested! Or email Ann at [annkgary@gmail.com](mailto:annkgary@gmail.com)

Rev. Tony will lead a group on a pilgrimage to Csekefalva in July 2016. This will be part of a Partner Church Council Trip which will hopefully include visits to other partner churches along with members of the UU churches here that work with them. We will be working to try to raise money and obtain grants to make it as affordable as possible for those who would like to go.

## Announcing our Community Meal Coordinators

A very warm and heartfelt thanks to Jody Buck, Tracy Anderson, and Kathleen Haynes, who have volunteered to coordinate our effort to participate in the free community meal in Milford. Our goal is to gather interested members of Hopedale Unitarian to volunteer on the last Wednesday of each month to help prepare and serve a meal at Trinity Episcopal Church in Milford. If we get enough volunteers, we can work with Trinity Episcopal to find a day where our congregation can be responsible for offering another meal each month. The goal of those involved with the community meal is to eventually have a meal each day of the month. If you would like to be part of this community meal effort and help coordinate our church’s involvement, please be in touch with Jody, Kathleen, or Tracy or use the contact form on the “Community Meal” page of our website under the “Get Involved” tab or click [here](#).



## HOPEDALE UNITARIAN PARISH

**Parish Board:** Kern Buck, Chair, Judy Oldfield, Kate Correa, Mark Dewolf, Patrick Giles, Tina Mustachio, Maryhelen Hibben

Ministry of:

**Finance & Investments:** Tony Alves, Chair, Marge Horton, Kathleen Schleper, Fred Oldfield, Tina Mustachio, Renee DeWolf

**Nominating:** Tony Alves, Chair, Rita Earl, Fred Oldfield

**Outreach & Engagement:** Jody Buck, Chair, Tony Alves, Renee Dewolf, Alice Jacobson, Ben Spear

**Partnership:** Ann Gary, Chair, Tony Alves, Carol Devendorf

**Visiting:** Sharyn Johnson, Peg Theriault, Tina Perry

**Religious Education:** John Martin, Chair, Kate Correa, Renee Dewolf, Rita Earl

**Worship:** Jody Buck, Karen Gehm, Chris Hunt, Fred Oldfield, Rita Earl, Tina Mustachio

**Building & Facilities:** Marcia Matthews, Michele Alves, Tony Alves, Randy Carbo

**Gardens & Grounds:** Marcia Matthews, Michele Alves, Maryhelen Hibben, Chris Grilly, Patrick Giles

**Caring Connection:** Alice Jacobson, Mona Gross, Laura Aldrich

**Music:** Carol Devendorf, Glen Flodin, Peg Theriault, Karen Gehm, Maryhelen Hibben

**Scholarship:** Bill Gannett, Kathy Haynes, Mark Dewolf, Pat Giles

**Historical:** Fred Oldfield, Janet Grant, Sandy Farrer

**Social Action:** Becky Chan, Michele Alves, Kathleen Schleper, Dona Neely, Carol Devendorf, Staci Luca

**Kitchen/Hospitality:** Tony Alves, Tom Jacobson, Michele Alves, Alice Jacobson, Christopher Grilly

**Our minister is an ex-officio member of all committees**

**Alliance** (members at large): Marjorie Horton, Betty Flodin, Paula Touhey

**Choir:** Rob Burke, Glen Flodin, Karen Gehm, Janet Grant, Kirsten McCandless, Judy Michna, Judith Oldfield, Deanna Mustachio, Betty Flodin, Hannah McCandless, Maggie Gehm, Devon Grilly, Robert Gehm, Kathryn Gehm