



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

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*From the Minister*

**"Transformation is the process  
as much as it is the result"**

Our spiritual theme for April is transformation. My friend and Harvard Divinity School classmate Mary Hess is a professor of religious education at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. For as long as she's kept a professional website, she's had this quote about transformation from educator Robert Keegan on her home page:

*"The emotions and the experience, the gratitude or the terror, associated with transformation are very different from what transformation actually is."*

Transformation is thorough and dramatic change in form or appearance, metamorphosis, something becoming something else. We tend to think of transformation being quick and easy, even instantaneous. We think of a magician turning a prince into a frog, or whipping coffee and milk into a frothy latte, but transformation is rarely so rapid a process. A caterpillar transforms into a butterfly, but the process can take weeks. The process that transforms students in physicians or therapists or ministers takes years.



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

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Transformation is not an event so much as a journey. Along the road we learn, make mistakes, learn again. We try and fail and try again. We are very active and we have times of inactivity. We engage life and yet at other times we seem to just exist day to day. Our experiences and our emotions, the joy and the terror, that are ours during the journey are not transformation. Transformation is the sum total of all the changes wrought in us through our engagement - with a course of study, a relationship, a spiritual program, a diet and exercise regimen, or life itself.

**The Installation of Rev. Tony Lorenzen**

The Board of Trustees of Hopedale Unitarian Parish encourages all our members and friends to join us on Sunday, April 3 at 3:30 p.m. here at the church as we formally install Rev. Tony as the 16th settled minister of our congregation. UU ministers from around New England and around the country will be with us to celebrate, along with local community leaders. Immediately following the ceremony there will be a reception in the parish hall. Child care will be provided as it is on Sunday mornings.

## April Worship at HUP

**April 3** - “Not What You Think It Is” Rev. Tony Lorenzen explains that transformation is not what we think it is. Transformation is allowing the process and the journey to change you- the way you think, the way you feel, the way you see the world.

**April 10** - “Taking In Strangers” Rev. Tony Lorenzen reflects on how radical hospitality and welcoming the stranger transforms not only the guest, but the host. We welcome new members and Diane Fitzmaurice of the Ascentria Care Alliance speaks to us about refugee resettlement.

**April 17** - Rev. Colin Bossen preaching while Rev. Tony is out of the pulpit.

**April 24** - “Turn the World Around” Rev. Tony Lorenzen and Dona Neely reflect on the global climate crisis and how what seem to be small changes in our individual and group behavior can truly turn the world around for the better and help to heal our damaged planet.



### Share the Plate

The money you put in the offering plate this month will provide a kind, compassionate welcome to refugees fleeing violence and war. Your donation to our plate this month will help Ascentria Care Alliance find foster homes for unaccompanied refugee children. Your donation will help provide basic necessities, legal services, and more for new immigrants as they rebuild shattered lives.



**Food for Thought** - Food for Thought has been discontinued due to low attendance.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit items for the May newsletter to Valerie in the church office by **Monday, April 25.**



### Game Night!

**Friday, April 15 @ 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

## Important Events

**April 10 - New Member ceremony during Sunday worship**

**April 12 - UU Mass Action Advocacy Day - Tuesday, April 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Join Rev. Tony and UU's from around the state in Boston to tell legislators about our UU priorities! We will begin by meeting at the Arlington St. Church in Boston and sharing worship together. This will be followed by our keynote speaker, a briefing on each issue area and lunch. We will then walk to the State House together at 12:45 PM and meet with our legislators then reconvene for a debrief at the State House. More detail will be provided in UU Mass Action Newsletter. If you're not signed up for this, go to our home page: <https://uumassaction.org> and provide us with you email address (click: "sign up for email") Worship Leader: [Rev. Sarah Stewart](#), First Unitarian Worcester.. Keynote Speaker: [Senate President Stan Rosenberg](#) D-Amherst. Senator Rosenberg is a champion on many of our core social justice campaigns. He was unanimously elected to the position of Senate President in January 2015. To Register, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uu-advocacy-day-tickets-21568069677>



### Little Red Wagon Collection:

The Social Action Committee will be collecting items for the Daily Bread Food Pantry **Sunday, April 24.** Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, or baby items are welcome. Thank you!



### Nancy Gannett Scholarship of the Hopedale Unitarian Parish

Seniors wishing to apply for the Nancy Gannett Scholarship of the Hopedale Unitarian Parish should contact Valerie in the church office (via phone or email) to obtain an application. This scholarship was created in the 1982-83 church year. It is funded by a portion of the Nancy Gannett Memorial Fund established at the time of her death in 1965. Please return completed applications to the church office by **April 30.**

# Religious Education News

As we are getting ready to start our April theme of transition I can't help but reflect on some of the transitions we have coming up in RE. The Coming of Age kids will be finishing up their year of exploration and reflection in April and they will start to plan their Coming of Age Sunday (May 22). In this last month they will have the opportunity to do a homeless simulation where they will be sleeping in cardboard boxes with limited funds with which to purchase food for the night and the following morning. They will be in a safe area behind the Marlborough Hudson Church with several adult chaperones, which is more than we can say for the people they will meet later in the month when we go to YSOP in New York. I'm very proud of what this group of kids has accomplished and the connections they have made, not just with each other but the youth from the other churches we partnered with this year.

As you might have heard or read I had several meetings with parents discussing the future of Religious Education and I want to start by saying thank you to those of you who were able to fit the meetings into your schedule. I would like to personally thank Karen, Mark, Chris, Sean, Steve, Mary, Sandy, Kate, Becky, Randy; thank you very much for your input and ideas. The result of these meetings is that we are going to continue the one room school house model of RE with different activities and extensions planned for our older kids. Please keep your eyes out for the possibility of an extended summer worship schedule including Religious Education and well as a potentially different worship/religious education model starting in the fall.

It has not gone unnoticed that we have a larger number of teens attending on a regular basis, I would like to set up a time that we can all get together to start planning activities for next year and hopefully one or two this year before the end of June. If anyone would like to work with me on this and help get our youth group reestablished please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Thank you for continuing to support our awesome religious education program.

Have a wonderful, wonder filled day,

Kelly



## WELCOMING CONGREGATION

### The Welcoming Congregation Movie Program Continues on..

**April 16 with Hannah Free** – a lifelong love



affair that also addresses nursing home living and family opinions. Fictional. 86 min.

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Free movie starts at 6:45 pm.

Discussion follows the movie.

- ✚ Movie is not rated so we recommend them only for mature viewers.
- ✚ The movie is open to the public.
- ✚ Snacks, desserts and beverages will be provided, but you may bring your own.
- ✚ Child care will not be available.

**Book Group discussion April 29 & 30 @** at 10 am  
Lesbian Fiction: an Anthology edited by Elly Bulkin. Isbn 0930436113, available on Amazon for 1 cent plus shipping. There will be one copy in the office for sharing with other people.

Description: The twenty-eight stories in this 1980 anthology include writers whose names are today familiar to most readers: Dorothy Allison, Audre Lorde, Jewelle Gomez, Elizabeth Lynn, Jane Rule, etc. But those names were not well known when Elly Bulkin created this incredibly valuable book. As wonderful as most of the stories are, and they really are wonderful, the introduction Bulkin wrote (27 pages long) is worth the price of the book. It is a brilliant work of scholarly recovery, literary history, and the very best kind of analysis.

### Generation Next:

#### Talking with Our Youth - April 24

Hopedale Unitarian Parish hosts conversation with GLBTQ students from Hopedale and Milford. Plan to come to this facilitated town-hall discussion with local high school students from Hopedale and Milford on Sunday, April 24 at noon in the parish hall

This conversation with teens (who may identify as ally, gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender) about their views and how they compare and contrast to other generations is part of the congregation's work in learning how to be better allies as individuals and as congregation. Because this is an important issue for the entire community, the congregation invites everyone to join them in this discussion. The event is free and open to the public.

## HeartSong Wellness Community Invites you to Our SPRING OPEN

**HOUSE Thursday, April 7, 7-8:30 pm**

We are celebrating World Health Day with a night of wellness for you!

Come in to... Meet our practitioners, sample what they have to offer, learn about HeartSong's vision for the Milford Community and its connection to Community Supper, check out our space and our programs, contribute your thoughts and ideas, and leave with tips, recipes, and other treats.

Raffles and light refreshments will be available.

HeartSong Wellness Community

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### FLOWERS & USHERS

**April 3**

**Flowers:** Given by the Parish Board in celebration of Rev. Tony Lorenzen's installation as the settled minister of the Hopedale Unitarian Parish

**Ushers:** Alice Jacobson and Ann Rule

**April 10**

**Flowers:** Flowers are given by Richard and Sharyn Johnson in memory of their parents, Fred and Alice Johnson, and John & Helen Doyle

**Ushers:** Richard and Sharyn Johnson

**April 17**

**Flowers:** Given by Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Gross and family in memory of loved ones.

**Ushers:** Alice Jacobson and Randy Carbo

**April 24**

**Flowers: OPEN**

**Ushers:** Michele and Tony Alves

Please contact Marge Horton if you would like to give flowers 508-473-3074.

### FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE April 2016

**April 3** Host : Alice & Tom Jacobson

Kitchen Support - Alice & Tom

**April 10** Host: Sharyn Johnson

Kitchen Support - Tony & Michele

**April 17** Kitchen Support Chris Grilly

**April 24** Host: Kathleen Schleper

Kitchen Support - Steve & Staci Luca



### HOPEDALE UNITARIAN PARISH

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

Ministry of:

**Finance & Investments:** Kathleen Schleper, Chair Tony Alves, Marge Horton, 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