

*“For this hour we come to celebrate, to praise, to give thanks,  
To refuse to give up, to steady ourselves – [we are] keepers of hope,  
brave builders of this still-possible world.”*

From “The Bright Thread of Hope,” by Gretchen Haley

**Welcome Song** “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Words: adapted from Rumi; music: Lynn Adair Ungar

**Come, come, whoever you are, wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.  
Ours is no caravan of despair, come, yet again come.**

**Welcome**

Virginia Henthorn

**Lighting of the Chalice and the Advent Candle**

**Holding the Hope for One Another: An Exercise in Caring and Trusting**

**Music for Reflection** “Silhouetten,” Op. 8, No. 2

by Antonín Dvořák;  
Randall Kidder, pianist

**Time for All Ages** *Hope Is an Open Heart,*

by Lauren Thompson

**Sending Song** “Go Now in Peace”

Natalie Sleeth

**Go now in peace. Go now in peace.  
May the spirit of love surround you  
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

**Collection of Slips of Paper**

**Collection of Offerings**

**Offertory** “When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place”

Joyce Poley

**Redistribution of Papers**

**Partners in Hope** *“We hold the hope for you”*

\*Please stand in body or spirit

**Closing Hymn #95** “There is More Love Somewhere,” verse 2 only

in *Singing the Living Tradition*

African American hymn

**Closing Words**

**Announcements**

Facebook Live ends

**Joys and Sorrows/Wheel of Life** (Zoom participants are invited to share, too.)

**Benediction and Extinguishing the Chalice**

\*\*\* **Welcome! We’re glad you’re here!** \*\*\*

Thanks to our childcare staff, **Owen Cejka** and **Levi Weppler**; our tech crew, **Mike Bailey**, **Ralph Olander**, and **Meabh (Maeve) Daly**; our Decor & Decoration team, **Jane Tumas Serna** and **Stephanie “Squish” Rector**; our Coffee Hour volunteers, **Mickianne Henkels** and **George and Gwen Banziger**; today’s hosts, **Darryl and Cynthia Ting**; our pianist, **Randall Kidder**; today’s worship leader, **Virginia Henthorn**, and **Martha McGovern**, who planned today’s service.

If you would like to learn more about membership or participation in FUUSM congregational life, please speak to today’s host.

**Announcements**

**Today**

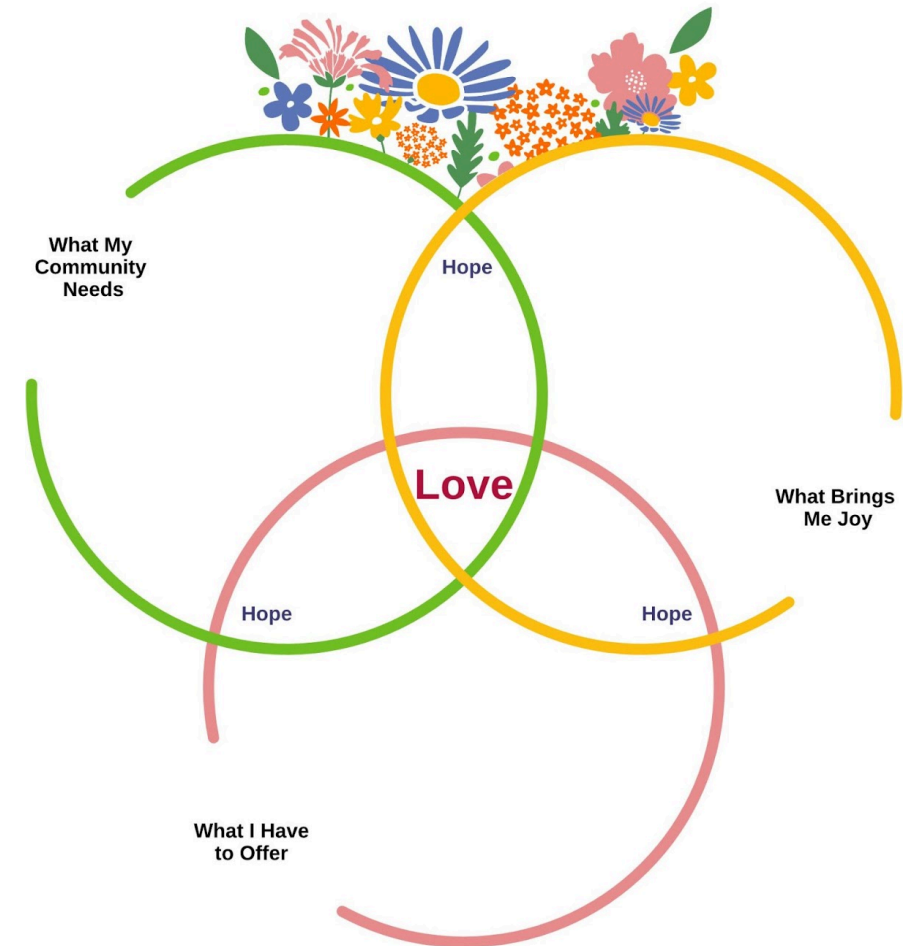
- **Coffee hour**, social hall. **Please help sign holiday cards for local nursing home residents, and/or decorating the sanctuary, and/or decorating the exterior of our lovely building.**
- 12:15 p.m., **Committee on Ministries**, RE parlor.

**Monday, December 2**

- 2 p.m., **Caring Committee** via Zoom
- 6:30 p.m., **FUUSM Board of Trustees**, RE parlor.

Sunday, December 1, 2024

# Keepers of Hope



## First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta

232 Third St., Marietta, OH 45750

*Open minds. Loving hearts. Helping hands.*

### Tuesday, December 3: Giving Tuesday

- 3:30–6:30 p.m., Girl Scout Troop meets in the social hall.
- 6:30 p.m., Shari Ballantyne's game night, social hall.

### Wednesday, December 4

- 5 p.m., **Worship & Music Committee**, RE parlor.

### Sunday, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:30 a.m., **Choir practice**, sanctuary.
- 11 a.m., **Sunday service**, sanctuary. Peace: Ribbon Ceremony.
- 11 a.m., Quaker meeting (MOV Friends), RE parlor
- **Coffee hour!** Social hall. Caring Committee will assemble bags of cheer for our shut-ins.

**FUUSM Office hours:** Mon., Tu., Th., Fri. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (740) 373-1238, [fuusm.office@gmail.com](mailto:fuusm.office@gmail.com). Rev. Hawbaker is available by appointment.

### FUUSM Affirmation

*We, the members and friends of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Marietta:*

- *Support the free and disciplined search for truth as the center of religious community and encourage an acceptance of pluralistic views;*
- *Recognize our Judeo-Christian heritage as well as other traditions and seek lasting values and new insights;*
- *Affirm, defend, and promote the equality, worth, and dignity of every person;*
- *Strive for a world community of love, justice, and peace;*
- *Support the democratic process and mutual respect in all human relationships;*
- *Cherish the universe and its resources and recognize the unity of all life.*