

## What's Your Mission?

This is a very exciting time in the life of our church as I feel we are being regenerated by a new direction led by a still fairly new pastor and the addition of many new HOPE partners. I think if I were to go around the room and ask everyone what they think HOPE's mission is I would probably get a host of different answers.

You are all familiar with Jesus Has Left the Building led by Lori Fosen, and also our PADS Meals project led by Nick Dempsey. There are other projects that we contribute to such as Feed My Starving Children. On July 16, Erin Cooley is hosting a Postcard Writing Party so we can write to send comfort and love to children in refugee camps.

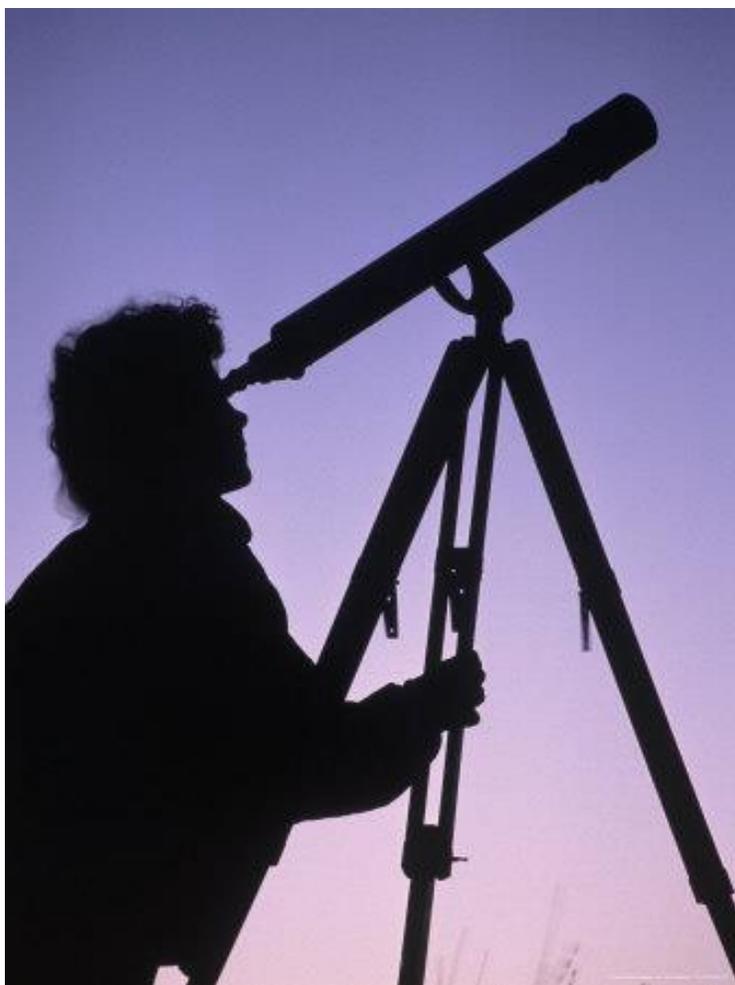
There are so many other opportunities where we as HOPERS can make an impact, and that is why I am very excited to extend an open invitation to EVERYONE to attend the Missions meeting after church on June 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be a brain storming session to gather ideas and bring them to life. You are welcome to be an observer, a participant and even jump on the bandwagon. Please bring your passion and ideas and let's see where all of our ideas take us. Even if you are unable to commit to joining the team, come with an idea or a vision. Just because you have an idea or a vision does not mean that you will need to head up a project unless you wish to do so.

I encourage everyone to think out of the box. I look forward to seeing where we will go.

Be blessed.

*Zach Jarabeck*

HOPE UCC Missions Ministry Chair



# News & Notes

## Manna 2.0

HOPE has rolled out a new scrip gift card program and we are so excited as it will now be even easier for you to financially support HOPE through your everyday shopping! Instead of doing individual ordering of gift cards, we will have on hand gift cards of various denominations ready to sell from these retailers:

Amazon  
Fandango  
Jewel  
Meijer  
Panera



Shell  
Speedway  
Subway  
Target  
Walmart

As you know, for each card we sell, HOPE receives a portion of the sale. If there is a brand card that you're interested in purchasing, but we do not have it on hand, we are happy to order it for you! Click [HERE](#) to access the complete list of retailers. Please contact Gail for more information about these special orders at 630-922-0470.

Thank you for your patience as we all adjust to this new program and figure out how to help you support HOPE UCC.

## What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.



### How do I support HOPE when shopping on AmazonSmile?

Click the link: [smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4179063](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-4179063) to link your account to support HOPE.

### How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

### How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

### Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

### Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

### Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."

## Missions Ministry Meeting – June 25

Please join the Missions Ministry on Sunday, June 25, after church for brain-storming and planning. All are welcome!



## HOPE UCC Postcard Party – July 16



Artists and wordsmiths and everyone in between, join us in spreading HOPE throughout the world!

William Scannell IV once heard a story from his father about how people used to send letters to “any soldier” to provide soldiers with comfort and encouragement during wartime. In 2014, 10-year-old William decided to do the same for refugee children. William, along with his school and church communities, wrote handmade postcards with messages of love and courage and sent them out to children in refugee camps throughout the world.

Eventually the program was adopted by the Jesuit Refugee Service, and to date the organization has delivered thousands of postcards to refugees from many different countries.

Pack yourself a brown bag lunch and join us after service on **Sunday, July 16 from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM** for a letter writing party! We will provide blank postcards, some art supplies, and stamps so that we can send HOPE and compassion out into our worldwide community.

Please feel free to bring friends and additional art supplies and postcards if you have them. A sign-up sheet will be put up in the lobby so we can get a rough head count.

Feel free to contact **Erin Cooley** with any questions. More information about the Any Refugee program can be found at <http://anyrefugee.org/>



## Feed My Starving Children Event – July 22

Come one, come all and help participate in a group event that is fun, but also truly makes an impact around the world. On Saturday, July 22, we will be packing food for refugees at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. Our time slot is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and I have reserved 20 spots. A signup sheet will be available in the lobby. If you have any questions, please visit the Feed My Starving Children website or ask Zach Jarabeck at [Jarabecks@gmail.com](mailto:Jarabecks@gmail.com) or by cell at (630) 946-9649.

## Welcome to the SUMMER OF HOPE!



This summer, Community Life is offering three "outings" in the spirit of getting together, staying connected, hopefully being easy on the wallet, and tossing in a little bit of outreach into the mix. We have selected outings where you can gather your family and friends and join other HOPERS in enjoying some of the activities offered by our surrounding communities. The thought is attend if you can, and look for the HOPE group to hang out with. There won't be sign-up sheets. It's just a "come if you can."

Tuesday, July 25, **OUTDOOR MOVIE IN THE PARK, "SING."** Movie time approx. 8:30 p.m. at Lisle Community Park, 1825 Short Street. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic if you'd like and enjoy the animated movie "Sing." Bring the kids, bring the kids' friends, bring your friends! It's perfect for all ages.

Thursday, August 10, **NAPERVILLE MUNICIPAL BAND.** 7:30 p.m. at Central Park near downtown Naperville, 104 E. Benton. Come listen to the sounds of the NMB Big Band, Joint Jazz Concert. Our very own Linda Ley has been bringing her musical talents to this group for years. Again, bring a chair, some beverages, and we can sit under the stars listening to great music. (Points for embarrassing Linda?)

We may toss in a couple of other pop up outings as the summer progresses so stay tuned, but definitely later this summer, look for the announcement for our annual HOPE UCC Picnic. Details to come.

If you can make one, two, or all three, come hang out with the HOPERS, bring some friends, and let's enjoy the outdoors as much as possible.

## HOPE's New Ministry

HOPE is launching a new ministry in July to support those in the LGBTQ+ community who are looking for a place to wonder and explore their faith. Find out more at:

[www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/](http://www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/)

If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact **Pastor Lucas**.



## Now Hiring – Childcare Provider

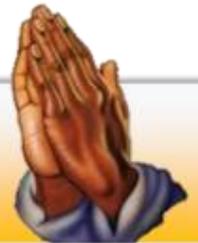
We are in the process of searching for a childcare provider. If you know someone who would be interested in applying, please take a business card from the front desk and have the applicant contact **Pastor Lucas** with a resume.

## **Sharing Joys & Concerns**

### **Please keep these people & events in your prayers:**

- † Our friend, Sue C., suffered a setback after her car accident three months ago, but has come home now and mostly needs extra support. (Sally, Sharon, Shannon & Melody)
- † Shannon M., dear friend, just diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for healing and strength during this time. (Tanya & Lela)
- † Denise, who worked with Ellen and me. Her mother passed away this week. (Ellen & Mark)
- † Pray for the family of my co-worker, Michael W., who died this week. (Robb)
- † Pray for all those suffering as a result of the shooting in Virginia this past week. (Sally)
- † Pray for our family as we mourn our Shelley, who we lost after her short, brave cancer fight. We are happy that she is free from pain. (Erin C.)
- † Pray for all the past, present, and future fathers and those who stepped into that role. (Mark G.)
- † Pray for my cousin, Dawyn, who leaves for a three-year teaching assignment in England. Keep her in your prayers as she flies today. (Mark G.)
- ☉ Happy 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Nick and Jane Dempsey! (Linda Smith and the HOPE Family)
- ☉ Congratulations and many blessings to the new Mr. & Mrs. Mik Dempsey!! What a celebration! (HOPE Family)
- ☉ Lee turning 29 on Tuesday. Safe travels for Hollis, as he is visiting us for a couple of days. (Courtney)
- ☉ The birth of my grand-niece, Emma Catherine Knowlton, born Friday, June 18! (Barb & Bill Z.)

*We Believe In The Power Of Prayer*



## Celebrating Birthdays

06/24 Marie Higgins  
07/01 Liliana Halder  
07/03 Canaan Halder  
07/09 John Kroening  
07/09 Janeen Bradley  
07/11 Jaiden Manderino  
07/14 Tamille Carter  
07/19 Kristy Revoldt

If we've missed your birthday, please email  
HOPE's Office Manager at  
[HOPE@shareHOPE.org](mailto:HOPE@shareHOPE.org).

### HOPE LIBRARY

You may reserve items (books, videos or tapes) by calling HOPE's Office Manager at (630-922-0470) during office hours; by checking them out at HOPE UCC any time it is open; or by calling **Les & Jackie Pierce**, HOPE Librarians, at (630) 369-0485.

### HOPE'S Leadership

Pastor	Lucas King
Moderator	Becky McCabe
Des. Moderator	Mike Manderino
Past Moderator	Jeanne Smith
Treasurer	Les Pierce
Secretary	Julie Hapke
Registrar	Jane Trotta
Community Life	Shannon Lane
Education	Marie Higgins
Pastor-Parish	Tim Higgins/Jay Hruska
Marketing & Communications	Jenn Revoldt
Missions	Zach Jarabeck
Resource & Operations	Nick Dempsey
Worship	Mary Kroening
Librarians	Les & Jackie Pierce
Photo Archive	Anna Ahonen
Webmaster	Jenn Revoldt

# Quest

## ADULT QUEST – Sundays @ 9 a.m.

For the next few weeks Adult Ed will be exploring the Gospel of John the Baptist with Bishop John Shelby Spong. He has a unique view of this Gospel and his interpretation is anything but main-line. See how progressive Christianity views scripture in the matrix of the time when it was written.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Sunday, June 25 will be the last Adult Quest before summer break. Adult Quest will start again in September.**

## KID'S QUEST – Sundays during Worship

### HOPE United Church of Christ

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#### The Reverend Lucas King

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Pastor Lucas' Email – [pastor@sharehope.org](mailto:pastor@sharehope.org)

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Website – [www.sharehope.org](http://www.sharehope.org)

#### Office Hours:

**Tuesday - Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of  
HOPE Happenings is June 27, by 2 p.m.**

**Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.**

**Thanks!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p><b>June 21, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Dinner (7 p.m.)</b> Meets at the Dempsey's residence, 417 S. Julian St., Naperville.</p>
<p><b>June 25, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Missions Ministry Meeting (Following Worship)</b></p>
<p><b>June 28, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b> Meets at Quincy's, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
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<p><b>July 4, Tuesday</b></p> 	<p><b>HOPE UCC Office – CLOSED – Independence Day</b></p>
<p><b>July 5, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b> Meets at Quincy's, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
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<p><b>July 12, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b> Meets at Quincy's, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>July 12, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Dinner (7 p.m.)</b> Meets at the Dempsey's residence, 417 S. Julian St., Naperville.</p>
<p><b>July 16, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Postcard Party (Following Worship)</b> (Please see article for more info.)</p>

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(This is the spot to share your personal announcements.  
Submit items to the HOPE UCC Office by Tuesday, 2 p.m.)**