

Is this for Us?

The Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, wow this sounds like something for which HOPE UCC should be a founding member. Who/what is this group and why are we not a part of it?

I heard about this group when my daughter-in-law marched in the Pride parade with her church. Her church had only four members in the parade, but they marched with this group and became a small part of a large voice.

This coalition was founded in August 2000, at the WOW2000 conference, they are made up of 60 churches and affiliates from around Chicago. They are active in many programs, the largest is their presence at the Pride parade. The coalition known as CCWC provides publicity, programming support, a listserv and common calendar on their website; they have representatives available for in-house speakers.

CCWC website states they are a collaboration of more than 70 churches and other ministries in the Chicago metro area which welcome and affirm people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. They have two goals:

- To spread the message of our members' LGBTQ-inclusion across the Chicago metro area, mindful that a positive message about sexual and family diversity is a gift to all people.
- To connect the leaders, members, and guests of our partner churches for fellowship and education, enabling support and resource-sharing for the practices of faithful welcome.

Reading the website: chicagowelcomingchurches.org is exciting, and encouraging to know this group is available. I encourage everyone to read more about the group and ask yourself: Are we ready to make a small step forward in our outreach? I feel this group may help us grow and learn in several areas. We are 20 years strong, yet we remain a great Naperville church. Can we be more?

Are there opportunities for us to reach out and become stronger? Most important are we ready to try being part of this group?

I urge everyone interested to learn more, think and pray about this and let the leadership team know how you feel. We would want to have one or more people to act as our reps to this group and keep us connected and informed of opportunities available.

Again, I ask are we ready to be involved with the CCWC? Please reach out and let our Leadership Team know how you feel.

Thank you and happy reading.

Barb Zigterman
HOPE UCC Partner



News & Notes

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

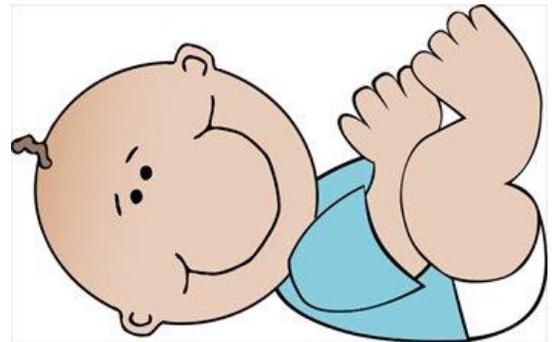
Come one, come all and help participate in a group event that is fun, but also truly makes an impact around the world. On Saturday, July 22, we will be packing food for refugees at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. Our time slot is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and I have reserved 20 spots. A signup sheet is 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 or by cell at (630) 946-9649.

You're Invited to a Baby Shower!

We are welcoming our newest little one at HOPE, Rhys Edward David. Please join us for a baby shower reception on **Sunday, July 23** following worship. Join us for cake, punch and congratulations. If you are unable to attend, but want to get in on the well-wishes, feel free to leave your cards, etc. at the church and we will make sure they get them.

Danielle and Dan are the proud parents of baby Rhys. They are registered at Buy Buy Baby and Babies R Us.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of Community Life-- Shannon Lane, Tony Ozzauto, Mark Geiger, Tim Higgins, Trott, Jeanne Smith, or Nicole Hammerstad.



Evening Explore Your Faith Group – UPDATE

The Evening Explore Your Faith gatherings have suspended meeting for the summer. We will start again September 19th with a different format. Please look for our announcement in early September. Thank you!

~ Nick and Jane Dempsey

ANNUAL HOPE UCC PICNIC

Mark your calendars. Put it in your phones. This year our HOPE UCC PICNIC will be on Sunday, August 27, after service. We will gather again at Herrick Park (west picnic area) for our usual food, fun and games. Details to come.

~ Community Life



JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING & WE'RE FOLLOWING HIM

HOPE UCC's next "Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him" will be **Sunday, July 30**. We will be painting a two-bedroom apartment for 360 Youth Services!! We are in need of 10 to 12 adults to help with this project.

If all of the spots fill for this project, we will have additional projects available at the church for more people to participate in.

We are in need of painting supplies such as brushes, rollers and drop cloths. We are also looking to borrow carpet cleaning machines for the morning.

There are sign-up sheets available for all projects on Sunday. When signing up, please take into consideration that painting for 360 Youth Services is our priority project. If you have questions or materials/equipment we can borrow – please contact Laurie Fosen, lfosen@gmail.com or 630-803-9589.

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/

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.

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
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 to link your account to support HOPE.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to 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 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 on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."

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.

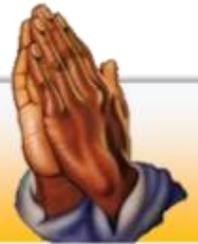
If you can make one, two, or all three, come hang out with the HOPERS, bring some friends, and let's enjoy the outdoors as much as possible.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † My boss, Susan K., who is in Good Shepard Hospital with an abscess. (Me)
- † My friend, Jose's nephew. He was born early with a congenital heart defect, and has been on and off life support. Pray for his healing and peace for his family. (Erin C.)
- † Let's pray for everyone with a blanket prayer, because no matter who you are we are praying here. (Nicole)
- † Pray for ridding our household of illness (coughing, aches, pains, and fever) and restore our energy to enjoy the rest of summer. 😊 Thanks! (The Zillmers)
- † Pray for the people of California who are affected by the wildfires. Keep them and all the firefighters safe. (Mark)
- ☺ Janeen Bradley, who is celebrating her birthday.
- ☺ Prayers of thanks for Derek's safekeeping in the UK and gratitude for the wonderful theatrical and film experiences he continues to receive. (Anna)
- ☺ Peace, Love, Hope for the future. For the first time in 10 years, I will be performing in public with the accordion at Skokie French Market next Sunday. (Bea)
- ☺ Thankful for our amazing HOPE family! We are so blessed with all the love and support shown by everyone, especially those that provided meals while we adjusted to our newest family member! (Dan & Danielle)

We Believe In The Power Of Prayer



Celebrating Birthdays

07/14 Tamille Carter
07/19 Kristy Revoldt
08/11 Regina Ellsworth
08/23 Dana Boileve
08/30 Barb Zigterman

If we've missed your birthday, please email
HOPE's Office Manager at
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 – On Summer Break

Adult Quest will resume in September.

KID'S QUEST – Sundays during Worship

HOPE United Church of Christ

1701 Quincy Avenue, Suite 27
Naperville, IL 60540-6684

The Reverend Lucas King

Pastor Lucas' Cell – 720-378-2858
Pastor Lucas' Email – pastor@sharehope.org

Office Phone – 630-922-0470
Office Email – hope@sharehope.org
Website – 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 July 18, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>July 16, Sunday</p> 	<p>Postcard Party (Following Worship) (Please see article for more info.)</p>
<p>July 19, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>July 20, Thursday</p> 	<p>Women Out to Lunch (Noon) Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month. Lively conversation, great food & warm fellowship is waiting for you at Giordano's Restaurant at 119 S. Main Street, in downtown Naperville. Parking is available in the lot across from the restaurant or the Van Buren Parking Building.</p>
<p>July 22, Saturday</p> 	<p>Feed My Starving Children Event – July 22 (Please see article for more information.)</p>
<p>July 23, Sunday</p> 	<p>Baby Shower for Rhys David! (Following Worship) (Please see article for more info.)</p>
<p>July 26, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>July 30, Sunday</p> 	<p>Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him We will be painting a two-bedroom apartment for 360 Youth Services!! Please look for sign-up sheets and more information next week!</p>
<p>August 2, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>August 9, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>August 16, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>August 17, Thursday</p> 	<p>Women Out to Lunch (Noon) Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month. Lively conversation, great food & warm fellowship is waiting for you at Giordano's Restaurant at 119 S. Main Street, in downtown Naperville. Parking is available in the lot across from the restaurant or the Van Buren Parking Building.</p>
<p>August 20, Sunday</p> 	<p>Ministry Council Meeting (Following Worship)</p>
<p>August 23, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>August 27, Sunday</p> 	<p>HOPE UCC Annual Picnic (Following Worship) More details will be announced.</p>