

HOPE

The weekly newsletter of

God is Still Speaking,
HAPPENings

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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“There is no royal road to anything.
One thing at a time, all things in succession.
That which grows fast, withers as rapidly.
That which grows slowly, endures.”

– Josiah Gilbert Holland

News & Notes



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.



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 need AT LEAST 6 MORE ADULTS for this project. Sunday will be the last day to sign up!!**

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 now. If you have questions or materials/equipment we can borrow – please contact Laurie Fosen, lfosen@gmail.com or 630-803-9589.



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



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.



Thanks!!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in last Sunday's Postcard Party. Our enthusiastic artists penned over 50 letters to send out to displaced children in refugee camps - and that does not include the wonderful HOPERS who took blank cards home with them to decorate on their own time!

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 friend's nephew, Joshua, got to have his chest closed after his heart surgeries! Please pray for his continued healing and for peace for his family. (Erin C.)
- † My niece, Whitney, who is ready to delivery her baby any time. If she doesn't deliver soon, she will be induced. (Mark)
- † Pray for our son, Kyren, as his mom is figuring out her life and moving him to Miami. Please pray for Lee and Courtney for encouragement, guidance, and strength during this time. (Courtney)
- † Pray for those in Somalia and Yemen, who are afflicted with cholera, a water-borne bacterium that causes intestinal problems so severe that they can lead to death. (Sally)
- ☺ Thanksgiving for prayers and progress. Our friend, Sue, is finally on the road to recovery after an auto accident three months ago. (Sally B.)
- ☺ Appreciating time with family and the opportunity to help as needed. Also appreciate the love and support of our HOPE family. Thank you. (Marie & Tim)
- ☺ We're celebrating our grandson, Charlie's, 10th birthday and our daughter and son-in-law's 13th Anniversary! (Jackie & Les)
- ☺ My friend, Kevin, who was inducted into the Chicago LGBT Hall of Fame. Congratulations! (Mark)
- ☺ Celebrating 18 months being smoke-free! (Zach)

We Believe In The Power Of Prayer



Celebrating Birthdays

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

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

**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of
HOPE Happenings is July 25, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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 23, Sunday</p> 	<p>Rainbow Faith (1-3 p.m.) HOPE's new ministry 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.</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 13, Sunday</p> 	<p>Rainbow Faith (1-3 p.m.) HOPE's new ministry 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.</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>
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Jesus Seminar



on the Road

All Events at

DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church
1828 Old Naperville Road
Naperville, IL 60563

Sponsor

DuPage Unitarian Universalist Church

Registration

All Sessions

Pre-registration (by Sept 1, 2017)	\$60
Registration (after Sept 1, 2017)	\$75
Student Registration	\$50

Single Sessions

Friday Evening, 7:30-9 PM	\$20
Saturday Morning, 9:30 AM-noon	\$30
Saturday Afternoon, 1:30-4 PM	\$30

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Naperville, Illinois

September 15-16, 2017

God, Process, and Politics

Karen Bray & Hollis Phelps

Western thought and political actions once rested on a three-tiered universe: a powerful God above, humans on earth, and spirits in the underworld.

That universe has been replaced with relativity, string theory, and quantum leaps. We need new language about God that is consistent with our universe. With an emphasis on science, on a deity of limited power, and on an unfolding universe, process theology can change our language about God and the way we understand God and politics.



Karen Bray (Ph.D., Drew University) is an Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Wesleyan College and a candidate for Unitarian Universalist minister. She is interested in how secular institutions and cultures behave theologically. Her work has been published in various academic journals.



Hollis Phelps (Ph.D., Claremont Graduate University) is Assistant Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Mercer University. He is the author of *Alain Badiou: Between Theology and Anti-Theology* and co-editor of *Beyond Superlatives: Regenerating Whitehead's Philosophy of Experience and Religion and European Philosophy*.

