



HOPE

The weekly newsletter of

HAPPENings

God is Still Speaking,

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*We may think we are nurturing
our garden, but of course it's
our garden that is really
nurturing us.*

-Jenny Uglow



This quote really touches me – I realize how much I gain from the work I do in my garden(s) – and not just the flowers and vegetables. Planting and tending the garden gives me opportunities to think, listen, be outside, and exercise. I feel great satisfaction at completing the work and knowing that the time was worthwhile. I like being able to turn around after working and see what I have accomplished. There is also a great calmness that happens when I realize that my time made a difference – it wasn't wasted. I do get pleasure from the results but I also receive much in the process.

As we hit mid-summer time – and again have a “Jesus Has Left the Building” Sunday, I am struck at the way HOPE is planting and growing. Even during our busy summer days, we are connecting with events, conversations and outreach. The relationships continue to bloom as folks join in and we work together. We continue to find commonalities and connections with each other –

which in turns strengthen our faith community. We find joy in the work and the process – as much as we do in the results. Our work may be good for HOPE – but the work also nurtures us to be better people in our faith and in our love.

May you feel the nurturing power of HOPE this week – and take a minute to reflect on how the work has really impacted your spirit.

Becky McCabe

HOPE UCC Ministry Council Moderator

News & Notes

JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING & WE'RE FOLLOWING HIM

Painting Supplies Needed for this Sunday, July 30!



We will be painting a two-bedroom apartment for 360 Youth Services as part of Jesus has Left the Building and We're Following Him this coming Sunday. We are in need of painting supplies such as paint brushes, rollers, pans, drop clothes, tape, etc. If you have any of these supplies that you would be willing to loan/donate please contact Laurie Fosen (lfosen@gmail.com or 630-803-9589) by **FRIDAY**. It would be VERY helpful to know what can be borrowed/donated before we purchase new supplies.

More painters are always welcome to join us on Sunday! Contact Laurie Fosen for address/time. If you have questions or materials/equipment we can borrow – please contact Laurie, 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.

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 "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."

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 later this summer, look for the announcement for our annual HOPE UCC Picnic on August 27, following worship. More details to come.

If you can make it, come hang out with the HOPErs, bring some friends, and let's enjoy the outdoors as much as possible.

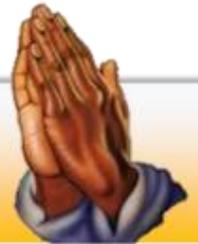


Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Pray for Cheryl, who had a large mass removed from her ovary. (Nicole H.)
- † Easy resolution to health issues. (Anonymous)
- † New relationships and old relationships. Please let them be healthy. (Emily F.)
- † Pray for two family members dealing with mental illness – for openness to treatment, for finding the right treatment, and for patience, understanding, and love from all of us. (Shannon)
- † Pray for Kaleb, who is making a life-changing decision. Keep him in your prayers. (Mark)
- † Mary Low, who is having surgery on Friday. (Mark)
- † Prayers for continued success for nephew, AJ, to get healthy. (Anonymous)
- † Lee, who is in hospital after a car accident. Keep him and Courtney in your prayers. (Mark)
- ☉ Taylor and Whitney who had their baby, Kemper, last week. (Mark)
- ☉ Thank you, Lord, for bringing us home safely from all our summer travels! (The Zillmers)
- ☉ My sister, Lynn, her birthday tomorrow. (Mark)
- ☉ Prayers of thanks for my son, Derek's, works in theatre and film. May this next month in Edinburgh, Scotland, and his upcoming film find positive recognition. (Anna)

We Believe In The Power Of Prayer



Celebrating Birthdays

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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The Reverend Lucas King

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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 August 7, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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 read article.</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>
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<p>August 10, Thursday</p> 	<p>NAPERVILLE MUNICIPAL BAND (7:30 p.m.) 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.</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>
<p>August 27, Sunday</p> 	<p>HOPE UCC Annual Picnic (Following Worship) More details will be announced.</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

Naperville, Illinois

September 15–16, 2017

God, Process, and Politics

Karen Bray & Hollis Phelps

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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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*.

