

Checking in...

This week I lost the use of my cell phone for two days. In doing an update, I made the mistake of not plugging in my phone – and so it ran out of power and froze up. Because of some other issues, I was unable to “unfreeze” it until I went to the Apple Store – which they fixed within an hour!

As you can imagine, not having a phone meant that my daily work and interactions changed. I didn’t panic, but became very frustrated. It also gave me a look into my life with a cellphone. My first worry was not having access to family and emergency services. We no longer have a land line and so there was no consistent back up. I realized that having my cellphone means I can call 911 immediately. I haven’t had to – but knowing that there is this safety net helps me to not worry.

Without my phone, I had to carefully work out when I would take my husband’s phone – so he wasn’t left without access. Our conversations about access wasn’t the quick – “do you have your phone” but rather if you need to reach me, call this person who will be nearby me or I will be at this place so you can drive over to find me. It took more planning on our part. Do you remember how you had to leave a phone number so your parents would know who to call? Or having cash so you could call from a phone booth? (a phone booth – what is that?)

I was pleased with myself that I didn’t miss the games or news that I constantly use – I didn’t miss Facebook or other social media. I knew that once I got my phone back I would catch up. A break from the constant media bombardment meant I talked to my husband more – read more – and played actual Scrabble (not Words with Friends).

However, what I missed the most was the texting that kept me connected to my family and friends. Texting provides me a quick check on how people are doing – or what their plans are – or messages about what is going on. Texting saves time and keeps me in constant communication with the people who mean the most to me. Without my phone, I couldn’t find out if my son got home okay, or who was coming to dinner, or how was Grandma Ginny feeling. A friend’s father died and it took a couple of hours before we knew because we didn’t get the text. Those quick little messages that keep me up to date with other people’s lives also gives me peace of mind. In the days of land lines, I had to have the time to call, to be in a place where the phone was located – and the person had to be on the other end to pick up the phone. Catching up took hours rather than seconds – and often we missed important things because we weren’t near a phone. It was what it was – but now not being immediately connected is very frustrating – and worrisome.

Cellphones can be a pain and have changed our daily lives. We have obviously embraced the use of cellphones – you can see it everywhere: people with their heads down looking at their phones in every situation. We have lost some important interactions because of our cellphones – face to face conversations, meeting strangers while waiting in line, staying focused to our kids or our parents. But we also now have ways that keep us connected to each other.

On reflection about not having my cellphone, I was reminded again how important it is to me to be connected with those I love. I hope that you don’t have to lose your phone usage to reach out to that friend, family or acquaintance who could use a quick text that says, “just checking in.”

Becky McCabe

HOPE UCC Ministry Council Moderator



News & Notes



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

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.



JHLB Follow-Up and THANK YOU!

Last Sunday, July 30, twenty of HOPE UCC friends & partners participated in our "Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him" event. This month we had two projects going on at the same time. One group painted a two-bedroom apartment for 360 Youth Services. The apartment looked like it had a "make over" when this group was finished. The tenants of the apartment were so grateful – they were particularly happy about the vacuum cleaner that the group fixed!!

Our other project took place at HOPE UCC where some people sent hope and love via post cards to refugee children. While others did some much-needed cleaning at HOPE. ALL of the carpets were cleaned and the old and faded "All our Welcome" sign in the front window was removed.

It was a very productive and successful day. Everyone worked very hard and made a huge difference. A BIG THANK YOU to ALL who participated in these projects!!

HOPE UCC's next "Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him" event will be at the end of October. If you have suggestions for this event or for more information about the JHLB&WFH program, please contact Laurie at lfosen@gmail.com.



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.

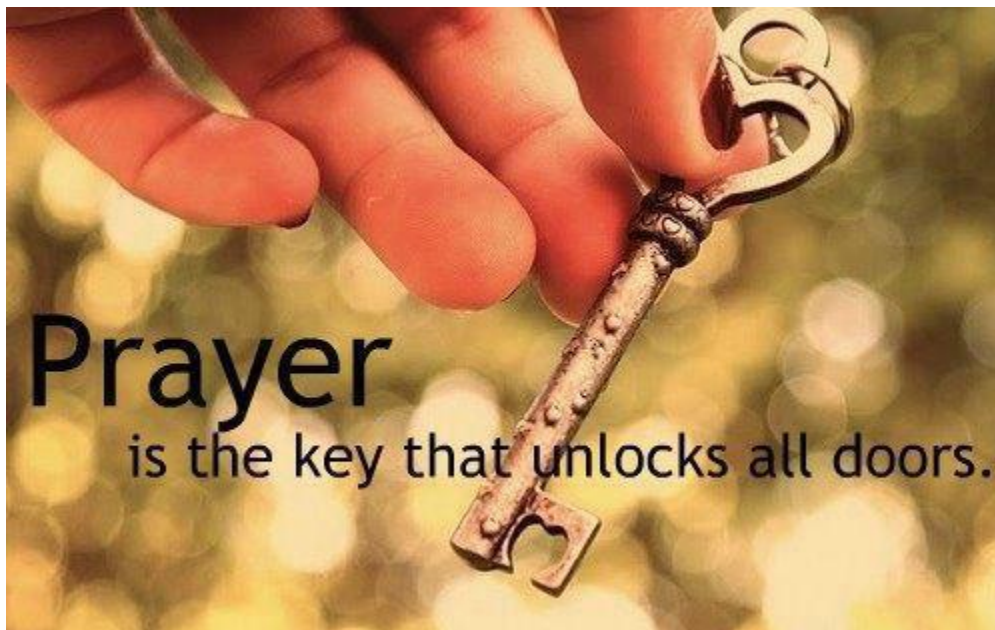
Can I change my charity?

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."

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)



Prayer
is the key that unlocks all doors.

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
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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 August 14, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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 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 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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<p>August 30, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>September 6, 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

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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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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*.

