



It's time for the HOPE UCC ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC!

On **Sunday, August 27** (yes, a couple weeks earlier than usual), right after service, let's all head over to **Herrick Lake West Shelter** and enjoy food, drink, and games. Here's what to do.

- ✓ Pray/meditate for good weather and pray away the bees.
- ✓ Bring a side dish to share with all and if you want to drink something other than lemonade or water, you'll need to bring that too.
- ✓ Bingo players (the 1st game as you are arriving), bring a white elephant gift.

HOPE UCC will provide burgers, hot dogs, and the fixins', lemonade, water, and Community Life will bring the desserts. As you may know, Jeanne will probably come up with some interactive games for all ages. So, come prepared for FUN! If you'd like to bring someone, please do. The more the merrier.

There will be a signup sheet at HOPE just so we can get a general idea of how many will be there (for our food prep, etc.) Shannon will have directions the day of the event.

Thanks all, and let's end summertime with a bang!

~ HOPE UCC Community Life Ministry

News & Notes

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."

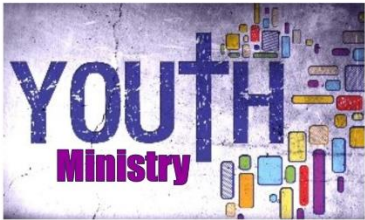
Thursday, August 10, **NAPERVILLE MUNICIPAL BAND**. 7:30 p.m. at Central Park near downtown Naperville, 104 E. Benton. Come listen to the sounds of the NMB Big Band, Joint Jazz Concert. Our very own **Linda Ley** has been bringing her musical talents to this group for years. Again, bring a chair, some 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.



Have you heard, yet?



We're starting a youth ministry at HOPE! Right now, there are a half-dozen youth in middle school and high school who are connected to HOPE and we want to create a space for them to grow, learn, build relationships, and thrive as a part of our community. Launch date for this ministry is January 2018

Join us after worship on September 10 for a special lunch to learn more about the values and mission that are driving this exciting adventure! All are welcome to stay for lunch.

Antoinette Evans, Ellen Brady, Genna Hankins, Marie Higgins, Mark Geiger, and Pastor Lucas

~ Youth Ministry Planning Team

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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.

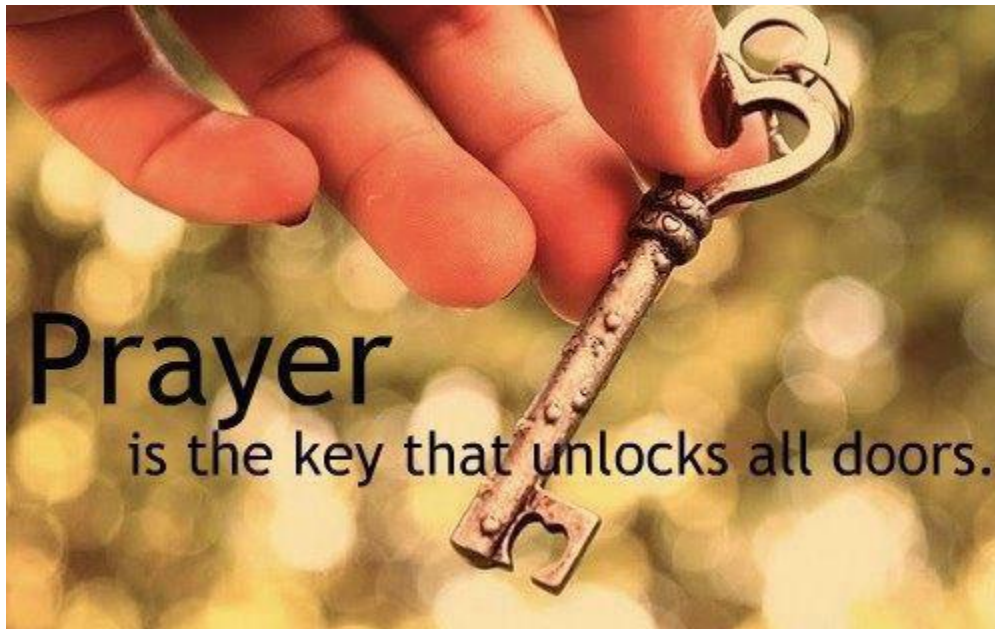
Can I change my charity?

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:

- † Eva, who was with her mom as she passed on. (Mark)
- † My mother, who has been admitted to the hospital for the second time in two weeks. Prayers for her thyroid and blood pressure to level and remain level, as they have been damaging her kidneys. (Antoinette E.)
- † Courtney and Lee for encouragement and guidance during a very stressful time. (Courtney)
- † Edward, who is home sick and questioning his decision to move, and as he starts a new school year in a new school. (Mark)
- ☺ Shawn and Benjamin whose adoption day came through. Congratulations guys! God bless the new addition to your family. (Mark)
- ☺ Asher Alexander – My sister-in-law's new grandson. Big brother, Will, is happy so far. (Ellen)



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
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

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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 15, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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>
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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>
<p>September 10, Sunday</p> 	<p>Youth Ministry Luncheon (Following Worship) Please see article for more details.</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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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*.

