



HOPE

The weekly newsletter of

God is Still Speaking,
HAPPENings

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

09/20/2017

An Invitation to Gather with the Soaring Team

In the spring of 2017, a small group of dreamers, questioners and realists were called together to be HOPE's Soaring Team. They were charged by the Ministry Council with finding a way for HOPE to discover: 1) Who are we, 2) What is God calling us to be and do, and 3) Who is our neighbor? After several months of meetings, studying, learning, and discovering together, the Soaring Team is ready to share with you what we've learned so far, and to invite your input and wisdom. Your insights and contributions will greatly influence the course of HOPE's future!

It is well known that the people of HOPE are busy! To accommodate hectic schedules, two gathering times are offered and we hope you will choose one to attend. The first gathering will take place this Sunday, September 24th immediately following the church service - a pizza lunch will be provided, and child care will be offered. The other option is to attend will be Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary where we will have light refreshments, though no childcare will be available.



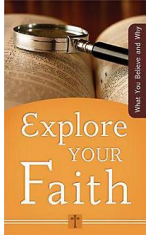
The Soaring Team is excited to share its findings, and gather input from you: HOPE's dreamers, questioners and realists. Just remember it takes a village to SOAR into the Future, and you are part of the village!

Jeanne Smith

HOPE UCC Soaring Team member

News & Notes

HOPE'S Evening "Explore Your Faith" Group



HOPE's Evening "Explore Your Faith" group will be at the home of **Jane and Nick Dempsey**. This fall Evening "Explore Your Faith" will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

Modeled on the format of the group that meets Wednesday mornings, the evening group will similarly discuss a particular current event through the lens of your Christian faith. The current events are selected weekly by the staff of the "Wired Word" which will be emailed to the group's participants prior to each meeting.

To celebrate restarting the group, a light dinner will be provided at the first meeting!!

PLEASE NOTE: You need not commit to attending every meeting to participate. You are more than welcome to attend when you can.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, please let us know.

Nick and Jane Dempsey, 417 S. Julian St., Naperville

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SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE

The children of HOPE have begun a food drive for the month of September. Based on the loaves and fishes story, they have determined that sharing food with those who are in need would be doing the work that Jesus has called us to do.

Every Sunday during September and the first Sunday of October please bring non-perishable food goods to HOPE. We will be weighing what we receive and then when we are finished we will deliver the food to Loaves and Fishes in Naperville.

This Sunday we gave out decorated grocery bags to be filled and returned. We ran out and so will be making more to share with HOPE partners and friends. Feel free to encourage others to give even if they are not connected to HOPE.

We thank you for whatever you can give - and look forward to sharing with others.

For more information about Loaves and Fishes go to:

<https://www.loaves-fishes.org/> or https://www.loaves-fishes.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/LR_needed_items.png

Thanks, from the Kids of HOPE



Nursery Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers to provide childcare for any children under the age of four in our Nursery during our Sunday Worship Service. We are asking for volunteers because the need has been sporadic and the Ministry Council couldn't financially justify paying someone on a weekly basis. To ensure those who volunteer will be able to listen to the Worship Service, we are installing a speaker in the Nursery.

We are looking for two volunteers per Sunday. We are also looking for two types of volunteers – "Scheduled" and "Ad Hoc". Scheduled Volunteers would sign-up for Sundays on a regular basis. "Ad Hoc"

Volunteers would be available to provide childcare should we not have two scheduled volunteers for that particular Sunday.

You should be aware all volunteers need to be trained on the current legalities of childcare. To make this as simple as possible, our Christian Education team is working with Pastor Lucas to incorporate the training into our Worship Service on Sunday, October 22nd. A more detailed training for volunteers will be held immediately after the service. All volunteers would be asked to attend.

A sign-up sheet will be placed on the board in the office. I hope we can count on as many of you as possible to help out. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you in advance!!

Nick Dempsey, Chair, Resource and Operations Committee

Please help me help Ready Set Ride

Hi HOPErs!

For one of my 7th grade classes, I was given the task to do a project about anything I wanted as long as it had a learning goal. I decided I wanted to conduct a bake sale to raise money for Ready Set Ride, the therapeutic riding facility in Plainfield.

I will be making and selling baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes) at several locations over the next couple of weeks in the hopes of raising \$250 for RSR.

This Sunday, September 24, I will be bringing some of my goods to church. Please consider helping Ready Set Ride by purchasing some goodies for yourselves, your family or your friends. See you on Sunday!

Thanks!

Ravinia Zillmer



**Save the Date!
Arriving on December 9!**

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.

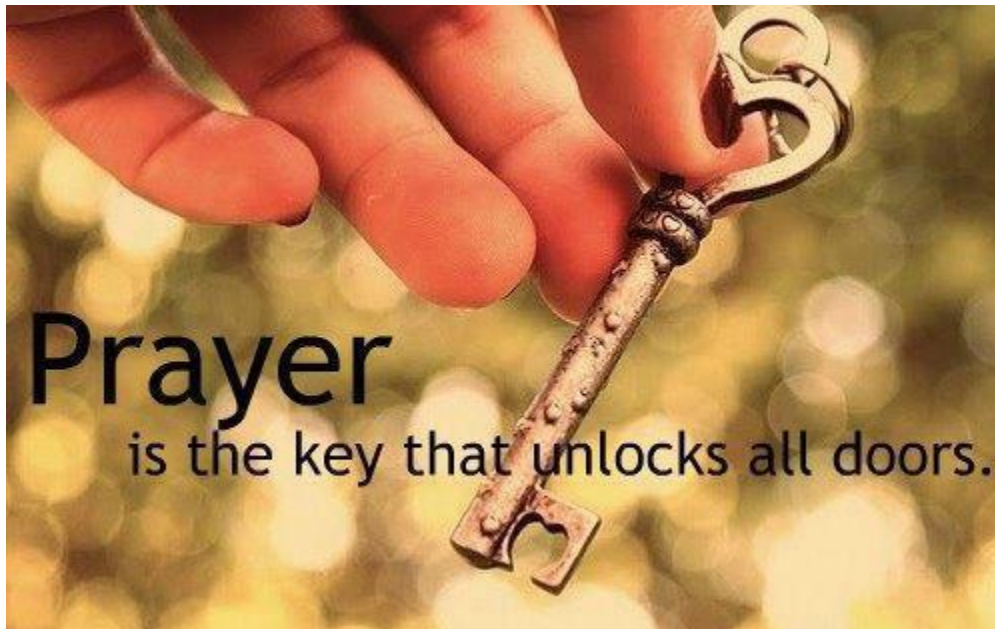
Can I change my charity?

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:

- † Please pray for our family, friends, and everyone impacted by the recent hurricanes.
- † Pray for the family and friends of Lynne Wall, as we mourn her passing after a 10-year battle with cancer. (Robb)
- † My dad, who is recovering from a heart attack he had while out of town over Labor Day weekend. (Chris Lieggi)
- † We are remembering those who have been impacted by Alzheimer's. Tina and I are especially thinking of our Mom, Betty St. Angelo. (Becky and Tina)
- † Pray for Jan in Florida, who lost her house and then lost her sister. (Jackie)
- † Please pray that I get a part-time job. (Jackie)
- † Pray for my brother-in-law, Tom, in Florida. He survived the hurricane and the next day while walking his dogs, a pit bull attacked and killed Baxter, their wonderful Bichon. (Zach)
- † The survivors of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Thank you for all your prayers for my in-laws. They are great and no damage at all. (Michael & Terry Foster-Hulbert)
- ☺ With all our trials and just daily busyness, it's great to have HOPE UCC! (Nicole)
- ☺ So grateful for the music and children's voices that fill this place! (Becky)



Prayer
is the key that unlocks all doors.

Celebrating Birthdays

09/20 Jill Hruska
10/01 Dave Zillmer
10/10 Jane Dempsey
10/13 Linda James
10/27 Jane Trotta
10/29 Jay Hruska

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

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| 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 – Resumes on September 10!

Adult Education Classes meet at 9 a.m. in the HOPE library. This year we will enjoy some lessons on the Gospel of John by Bishop John Shelby Spong.

These lessons were given recently at Bob and Martha Selby's church in Florida and provide some unique insights regarding this difficult Gospel. All are welcome; grab a cup of something hot and join in the conversation.

~ Les Pierce - Adult Ed Facilitator

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 September 26, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

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| September 21, Thursday  | 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. |
| September 24, Sunday  | Soaring Team Conversation (Following Worship) See Article for more information. |
| September 24, Sunday  | 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 . |
| September 26, Tuesday  | Soaring Team Conversation (7 p.m. @ HOPE UCC) See Article for more information. |
| September 27, Wednesday  | Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville. |
| October 1, Sunday  | Neighbors in Need Special UCC Offering (During Worship) |
| October 3, Tuesday  | Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Meets at Dempsey's residence, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month. |
| October 4, Wednesday  | Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville. |
| October 8, Sunday  | 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 . |
| October 11, Wednesday  | Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville. |
| October 15, Sunday  | Ministry Council Meeting (Following Worship) |
| October 17, Tuesday  | Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Meets at Dempsey's residence, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month. |
| October 18, Wednesday  | Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville. |
| October 19, Thursday  | 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. |