

## “Let it Be”

The last month has been, needless to say, tumultuous - with hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and landfall effecting many southern cities. There have been fires on the West Coast devastating hundreds of homes and destroying the eco-system. We have had a mass-murder issue in Las Vegas that has taken as many as 58 lives and many others wounded. We continue to have turmoil in our political system. We have threats from North Korea and more concern with Iran. It is no wonder there is a feeling of anxiety in the United States and the world at large. These events have a huge impact on many people, short term and long term.



How do we deal with these issues in our personal lives, even if we are not directly involved?

I am reminded of a Paul McCartney authored song, below. Mother Mary is his biological mother who passed away when he was 14 and this is a response to a dream he had later in life. It addresses the facts of life we all face and at its core we are encouraged to deal with the present with a view to look to the future with new beginnings – “Let it be.” Maybe his Mother Mary may also be that quiet inner voice that is speaking to all of us.

**A brief summation “LET IT BE” – John Lennon and Paul McCartney - Be lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC**

Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be  
And in my hour of darkness  
She is standing right in front of me  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be

And when the broken-hearted people  
Living in the world agree  
There will be an answer, let it be  
For though they may be parted there is  
Still a chance that they will see  
There will be an answer, let it be

Yeah, there will be an answer, let it be  
Wisper words of wisdom, let it be

And when the night is cloudy  
There is still a light that shines on me  
Shine on until tomorrow, let it be  
I wake up to the sound of music  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be

**From Paul - 2 Corinthians 4:16-18** - “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.”

*Les Pierce*

HOPE UCC Ministry Council Treasurer

## News & Notes

### **JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING & WE'RE FOLLOWING HIM**



Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him NEEDS YOUR HELP!! We are need of YARDS TO BE RAKED!! Do you know someone with a yard full of trees in the Naperville/Aurora area? Maybe they are not feeling well, expecting a baby, working too much, or could just use a break? If you know of anyone who would benefit from getting their lawn raked – please call or email Laurie Fosen (lfosen@gmail.com; 630-803-9589)

HOPE UCC's next "Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him" will be **Sunday, October 29**. We will be raking leaves for people in need!!! This will be an awesome event that all family members will be able to participate in together!!

We will try to carpool for this as much as possible so that we can have "teams" of people working throughout DuPage County. Bring a rake (or two) if you have one please! After we are finished raking we will all meet for lunch (place TBD). If you have questions please contact Laurie.

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.



### **HOPE Children & Youth Safe Community Training**

Embracing Safe Community training for all volunteers who work with children and youth at HOPE. **Sunday, Oct 22nd** immediately after worship services. Required by our insurance policy. One hour maximum. Healthy snacks for you and your kids will be provided. Thanks for your commitment to children and youth!

### **Gift Cards 2.0 (Previously Manna Gift Cards)**

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 Amazon, Jewel, Meijer, Shell, Speedway, Target, and Walmart.

As you know, for each card we sell, HOPE receives a portion of the sale. A monthly order will be made after the first Sunday of each month. 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.





## 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](https://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](https://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](https://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?

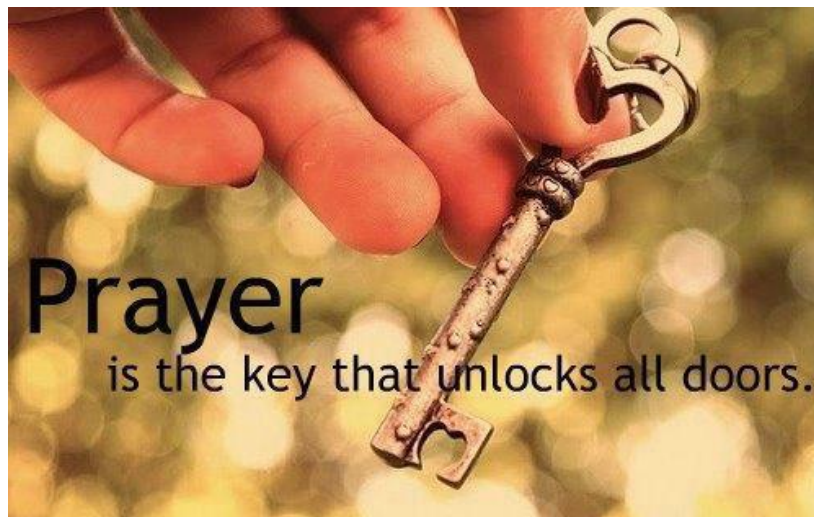
Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."



## **Sharing Joys & Concerns**

### **Please keep these people & events in your prayers:**

- † Lee, on his appeal. He didn't get paid while being out of work after surgery. He did purchase a new car. Yay! (Courtney)
- † Safe traveling home from Kansas for Mark G. (Bea)
- † My friend, Laura. She has been hospitalized for a week with an infection. (Zach J.)
- † Our friend, Susan, who is helping and caring for a friend who was diagnosed with stage 2 colon cancer.
- † My sister, Liz. She is in a new round of chemo. She has lung cancer now. Although this adds to her challenges, her outlook is good. (Barb Z.)
- † Blessings to the Higgins/Kellermeyer family who are gathering for funeral services for Tim's uncle David tomorrow. (Marie)
- ☺ My mother-in-law who turned 76 yesterday.



## Celebrating Birthdays

10/27 Jane Trotta  
10/29 Jay Hruska  
11/03 Ed Hapke  
11/11 Gail Bassett  
11/13 Danielle David  
11/20 Mary Alessandri  
11/23 Jeanne Smith  
11/26 Erin Ley

If we've missed your birthday, please email  
HOPE's Office Manager at  
[HOPE@shareHOPE.org](mailto: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.

# Quest

## ADULT QUEST

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

### HOPE'S Leadership

<b>Pastor</b>	Lucas King
<b>Moderator</b>	Becky McCabe
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<b>Past Moderator</b>	Jeanne Smith
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<b>Pastor-Parish</b>	Tim Higgins/Jay Hruska
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**Office Hours:**







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

**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of  
HOPE Happenings is October 24, by 2 p.m.**

**Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.**

**Thanks!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p><b>October 19, Thursday</b></p> 	<p><b>Women Out to Lunch (Noon)</b>                  Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month. Lively conversation, great food &amp; 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><b>October 22, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Rainbow Faith (1-3 p.m.)</b>                  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: <a href="http://www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/">www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/</a>                  If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact <b>Pastor Lucas</b>.</p>
<p><b>October 25, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>                  Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>October 29, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him</b>                  (Please see article for more info.)</p>
<p><b>October 29 – November 4</b></p> 	<p><b>Pastor Lucas – Out of Office</b></p>
<p><b>November 1, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>                  Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>November 5, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Quarterly Congregational Meeting (Following Worship)</b></p>
<p><b>November 7, Tuesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b>                  Meets at Dempsey's residence, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p><b>November 8, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>                  Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>November 12, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Rainbow Faith (1-3 p.m.)</b>                  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: <a href="http://www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/">www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/</a>                  If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact <b>Pastor Lucas</b>.</p>
<p><b>November 15, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>                  Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>November 16, Thursday</b></p> 	<p><b>Women Out to Lunch (Noon)</b>                  Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month. Lively conversation, great food &amp; 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><b>November 19, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Pledge Sunday (During Worship)</b></p>

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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P.S. Save the date for our **Wake Up Your Spirit Breakfast** featuring Keynote Speaker and former White Sox Player, Eric Soderholm.



*"From a pad on the floor, to a key in the door."*