

## **Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him December 31 – Work-ship instead of Worship**



New Year's Eve is on **Sunday, December 31** - and is the 5th Sunday of the month. Therefore, we have a Jesus has Left the Building event at Ronald McDonald's in Winfield. There will be NO worship at HOPE UCC that morning. We will be cooking and serving brunch to the families staying there while their child is hospitalized at Central DuPage Hospital. Ronald McDonald house provides a place for families to call home so that they can stay close to their hospitalized child. This helps make it easier for families to focus on their child and keeps them all closer together. Providing food for these families is a very humbling and rewarding experience!

We already have the 10 VOLUNTEERS needed to help us prep and cook food that morning. More detailed information to come to those who signed up to help. Contact Becky McCabe if you have questions. Becky's email is [becky.mccabe1@gmail.com](mailto:becky.mccabe1@gmail.com).



## News & Notes

### **HOPE UCC Office Hours during Christmas/New Year's**

Wednesday, December 27 – Gail in Office - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, December 28 – Office Closed

Please note that Pastor Lucas will be out of the office December 25 – 28.

### **HOPE's Got Talent/Open Mic Night – January 20, 7-9 p.m.**

Calling all singers, dancers, comedians, writers and other great talents! We are looking to showcase you and your gifts. Sign up for your opportunity to perform. We provide the mic and a piano, you provide your preferred media. Performers need to be 8th grade and up. The event will cost \$5 per person, or \$15 per family. Snacks, coffee and water will be provided. Please sign up on the clipboard in the lobby.



### **Annual Congregational Meeting (Following Worship on January 21)**

Following Worship on January 21, HOPE UCC will hold its Annual Meeting. During this meeting, the HOPE partners will vote on the 2018 Council nominees, and the 2018 budget. We will also receive a report from the Soaring Team. We will list the nominees in the January HOPE Happenings.

## **Sharing Joys & Concerns**

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

- † Let us pray for Nate. He was hit by a car and is still recovering in the hospital. He already lost one of his legs, but still has a smile on his face. (Courtney & Lee)
- † Please pray for my friend, Gale, who passed away. Also pray for my friend, Oscar, to heal him and protect him. (Alexander)
- † Pray for my sister, Liz, as she continues her treatments. We hope to see positive results. Continued prayers are appreciated. (Barb Z.)
- † Our first Christmas with our little one. Please continue prayers to bring him into our home permanently.
- © Molly's brand-new niece, born at 7:25 Christmas Eve morning. Her name is Eleanore Ren.



## Celebrating Birthdays

01/04 Ravinia Zillmer  
01/08 Anna Ahonen  
01/18 Jackie Pierce  
01/25 Bill Zigterman  
01/27 Becky McCabe

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.

### 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 – 9 a.m. @ HOPE UCC

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Adult Quest on December 31.  
Quest will resume on January 7, 2018.

We will watch a short video and then discuss the idea of Science and Spirituality. All are welcome to explore who we are and where we think we are going. You may be surprised by what you hear about yourself.

~ **Les Pierce** - Adult Ed Facilitator

## KID'S QUEST – Sundays during Worship

### HOPE United Church of Christ

1701 Quincy Avenue, Suite 27  
Naperville, IL 60540-6684

**The Reverend Lucas King**

Pastor Lucas' Cell – 720-378-2858  
Pastor Lucas' Email – [pastor@sharehope.org](mailto:pastor@sharehope.org)

Office Phone – 630-922-0470  
Office Email – [hope@sharehope.org](mailto:hope@sharehope.org)  
Website – [www.sharehope.org](http://www.sharehope.org)

**Office Hours:**












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

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

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

**Thanks!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>December 25 – 28</p> 	<p>Pastor Lucas – Out of Office</p>
<p>December 31, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him</b>          (Work-shop instead of Worship) Please see article for more details.</p>
<p>January 2, Tuesday</p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b> <b>Note: Change of Venue for January &amp; February</b>          Meets at Hruska's residence, Naperville, this week.</p>
<p>January 3, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>          Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>January 10, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>          Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>January 10, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>PADS Dinner @ First Congregational, Naperville (6 p.m.)</b></p>
<p>January 16, Tuesday</p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b> <b>Note: Change of Venue for January &amp; February</b>          Meets at Hruska's residence, Naperville, this week.</p>
<p>January 17, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>          Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>January 18, Thursday</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>January 20, Saturday</p> 	<p><b>Open Mic Night (Details TBA)</b></p>
<p>January 21, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Quarterly Congregational Meeting (Following 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.)

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

“I’m so grateful to DuPagePads and their supporters.

Having a home has given me peace to build my family and begin to follow our dreams again.

You gave us hope and that hope is powerful.”

- Diana, with 5 year old son Gabriel

Scan here for full story or visit our blog:

[www.dupagepads.org](http://www.dupagepads.org)



*Did you know? Over the past 2 years DuPagePads reduced the average length of stay from 57 days to 45 days, a 21% reduction.*

*\* Save the date for our 12th Annual Taste of Hope event on March 1, 2018, 6pm - 9pm at Drury Lane.*