

One Word

A few weeks ago, Jeanne did a Kids' Time and spoke about the book, "One Word". For a couple years, she's been urging me to pick a word to be my mantra through the year. I fought and fought, but she finally wore me down. I've chosen the word accomplish for 2018. Let's give it a try, I said. Well, she jumped all over it and has even asked me "what have you accomplished today?" Taking barely a second to think about it, I said "not much, just work stuff."



As I write this article on the 5th day of January, there really hasn't been too much time for me to accomplish anything big, but you know what? I realized I have accomplished some things. These things are things that may have sat for a couple more weeks (procrastinating) just weighing me down. I actually completed them, small things, little tasks, things that others may not think twice about, but I did it. Done. Now I can move on to the rest of the week, month, and year and hopefully accomplish more.

I'll tell you, this actually feels good (but don't tell Jeanne). I don't know yet what my next accomplishment will be, but whether it's big or small, I know it will feel good. Try it everyone. What's the worst that can happen? You can always work on your same 'one word'..... next year.

Jane (Trott) Trotta

HOPE UCC Registrar

News & Notes

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 and there are only **14 performance slots available**, so sign up early! 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 an upcoming January HOPE Happenings.

Hey hey! Ho ho! It's time for the 2018 Women's March in Chicago!

Some of us have been talking about participating in the 2018 Chicago Women's March, "March to the Polls" on Saturday, January 20th.

There will be video and music downtown Chicago beginning at 9:00 a.m., and the rally begins at 11:00 a.m. More information about the March is available at www.womens121marchonchicago.org

If there's enough interest, we thought it would be fun to organize a group to go downtown together. Everybody is welcome - women, men, kids, even friendly dogs marched last year! After the March we might be ready for a meal together and then the HOPE talent show.

Please RSVP to me (Jolene Fiscella) at j.fiscella@sbcglobal.net or text/call me at 773-510-9672 to let me know if you would like to attend the Chicago March ASAP and which Metra stop you would prefer to meet at. If there's enough of us, we can plan to meet at a Metra stop. If it's a small group, we can consider other options. (Last year I drove part way and took the "L", some local action groups have chartered buses.)

I'm looking forward to hearing from several of you. It will be an amazing day! Let's get out there and be seen and heard!



**Women's March
Chicago**

SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY



Stay after church service Sunday, February 4th for HOPE's Annual Souper Bowl lunch. Bring a crock pot of soup to share, purchase Super Bowl Squares (it's a mini fund raiser for HOPE), and bring cans of soup to donate to Loaves and Fishes. It's the 52nd annual NFL Super Bowl, and HOPE's goal is to collect 52 cans of soup to donate! This event is sponsored by the Community Life Ministry.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Prayers for my Dad, Thomas W., who had heart surgery and is in recovery. And for our son's mom, may she find some stability in her life. (Courtney)
- † Prayers for Terry and Michael and Little Man to guide the courts to keep them a permanent family. God, please give this incredible new soul an opportunity to grow in love.
- † Let us pray for Carolyn H., Michael's 95-year-old grandmother, who was hospitalized with low hemoglobin and heart concerns. She still has too much to offer. (Michael)
- † I am moving the last weekend of this month. My sister and family will be coming up to help me. Please watch over all of us. (Nicole H.)
- † Let us pray for Wendy, who is having back problems. Keep her and Lori in your prayers. (Ellen & Mark)
- † Pray for Eric, husband of Dave's boss, who went in for a routine colonoscopy and came out with a diagnosis of Stage 4 liver cancer. (Zillmer Family)
- † Please pray for my friend, Lino, whose dad passed away recently. Prayers for the family for peace and comfort. Prayers for Lino as he travels back to Mexico this week. (Shannon)
- † Prayers for the family and friends of Jennifer B., who died December 26. Jennifer is the loving husband of David and mother of Sarah and David. They are lifelong Camp Worship & Wonder friends of Sean and Colin. (Tim & Marie)
- † Let us pray for my friend, as she lost her teenage daughter to a heroin overdose last week. (Zach)
- ☉ Thanksgiving for a new granddaughter named Acadia Evangeline, 9 lb. 1 oz., born to Damon and Ali B. on December 28. (Sally B.)
- ☉ Joy for good test results for my sister. One lung is a 90% improvement. Thank you...the prayers are working. Please continue! We thank you. (Barb Z.)
- ☉ Celebrations for a new teenager in the house! Happy Birthday, Bug! (Mom and Dad Z.)



Celebrating Birthdays

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.

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

We will explore the Christmas Story through a new lens - Who was JOSEPH? What happened to JOSEPH? How do we need to understand the role of JOSEPH in this story? ALL ARE WELCOME for this discussion topic.

~ **Les Pierce** - Adult Quest Facilitator

KID'S QUEST – Sundays during Worship

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**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of
HOPE Happenings is January 16, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>January 10, Wednesday</p> 	<p>PADS Dinner @ First Congregational, Naperville (6 p.m.)</p>
<p>January 16, Tuesday</p> 	<p>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Note: Change of Venue for January & February Meets at Hruska's residence, Naperville, this week.</p>
<p>January 17, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>January 18, 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>January 20, Saturday</p> 	<p>Open Mic Night (7 p.m.) Please see article for details.</p>
<p>January 21, Sunday</p> 	<p>Quarterly Congregational Meeting (Following Worship)</p>
<p>January 24, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>January 31, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>February 6, Tuesday</p> 	<p>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Note: Change of Venue for January & February Meets at Hruska's residence, Naperville, this week.</p>
<p>February 7, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>February 8 – 14</p> 	<p>Pastor Lucas – Out of Office</p>
<p>February 13, Tuesday</p> 	<p>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Ash Ritual (6 p.m.) More details will be forthcoming.</p>



Save the Date for Game Show Palooza,
HOPE FUNdraiser, April 14, 2018, event
time 6:30 p.m. For more information, see
Jeanne Smith or Jane Trotta.

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

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