



The weekly newsletter of

HAPPENings

God is Still Speaking,

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

01/06/2021

****ALL HOPE-RELATED, IN-PERSON EVENTS ARE CANCELLED/POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****

Please check our website for all information regarding HOPE's response to the coronavirus pandemic: www.sharehope.org/COVID19. On this new website, you will find encouragement, pertinent information, and valuable resources for you and your family during difficult times.

Please check back frequently for updates.

COMMUNITY E-GATHERINGS

**NOTE: ALL HOPE ZOOM GATHERINGS ARE PASSWORD PROTECTED.
IF YOU NEED THE PASSWORD PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR LUCAS.**

SUNDAY MORNING – January 10

Adult Quest (9a-10a)

Click to attend the Adult Quest Zoom Gathering

To join via phone, call: (312) 626-6799, enter meeting ID: 657 750 010, press # to skip the participant ID prompt, and then enter the meeting password. Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.

We will be continuing the topic: Paul the Apostle

Click here to access the curriculum and videos and scroll to session #6

Worship (10:10a)

Click to attend the Worship Zoom Watch Party

To join via phone, call: (312) 626-6799, enter meeting ID: 828 704 987 press # to skip the participant ID prompt, and then enter the meeting password. Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.

You can also watch the video anytime after the service on our [Youtube Channel](#) or on our [Facebook page](#).

Coffee Hour (11:30a)

Click to attend the Zoom Coffee Hour Fellowship Time

To join via phone, call: (312) 626-6799, enter meeting ID: 771 693 401, press # to skip the participant ID prompt, and then enter the meeting password. Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.

Rainbow Faith on 2nd and 4th Sundays each month (1pm)

Second Sunday: **Click to attend this MeetUp Group for LGBTQ+ Christians**

Fourth Sunday: **Click to attend this MeetUp Group for LGBTQ+ Christians**

More info about the group visit: www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/

Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.



Annual Congregational Meeting – January 24 (Following Worship)

SAVE THE DATE!!

HOPE will be having its Annual Congregational Meeting on January 24th following the worship service! This year's meeting will be held via Zoom (link forthcoming). Please join us to hear the latest church news and see the visions for HOPE in the new year!

Health and Wellness (HOPE UCC Community Life Event)

Are you one of those to go into a new year hopeful and excited about positive changes you'd like to achieve? Maybe in the past you've done great for a week and then found your way back to old habits. If you are ready to get serious about discovering a more energetic and healthier self please join this inspiring and informative event brought to you by community life. Join Carrie Miller a certified personal trainer of 6 years. Hear a little of her story and what helped her lose weight, change her eating habits and mindset shifts that helped her to live a healthy life the last 6 years consistently. She will provide some tips, healthy snack ideas, perspectives, and easy nutrition educational info anyone can understand that will set you up POWERFULLY for a new year! Join a quick and informative little workout at the end if you choose. If you cannot attend this night and would really like to we are happy to do this event another night. See you next Friday night!

HOPE United Church of Christ is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Health and Wellness Time: Jan 8, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81878676924>
Meeting ID: 818 7867 6924

**Health & Wellness
Zoom Event**
*Friday January 8th
7:00pm*

Join Carrie as she gives tips and tricks on taking baby steps to have a healthier 2021!

- *Helpful quotes/motivation/ mindset
- *Goal setting
- *Healthy snack & meal ideas
- *Basic Nutrition lesson
- *Question & Answer section
- *At home workout ideas for everyone at the end!

Carrie has been a certified personal trainer for 6 years!

Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him – January 31, 2021



Happy New Year, HOPers, and welcome to your very first Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him of 2021!

Our workshop planned for January 31, 2021, has everything you could want in a JHLTB project: Service! Love for your neighbors! And the most ambitious challenge your planning team has made yet!

This month we will write affirming, thankful letters and cards to essential front line hospital staff at Edwards Hospital and provide snack baskets for the same workers. It's no secret that our front line healthcare workers have been experiencing challenges and strain that we can barely imagine. We want to show them our thankfulness, not only by wearing our masks and protecting ourselves and our neighbors with social distancing, but also by letting them know that they are valued and loved for their work.

Now, what makes this the most challenging project yet? This month we are aiming for 100% participation from our HOPE partners! We want every single HOPE family to provide at least one letter OR one snack item OR one monetary donation. We have no doubt that HOPers will rise to the challenge - especially because your team is planning a SURPRISE REWARD if we can meet this goal!

Keep your ear to the ground and your eyes peeled for more details coming to you SOON!

HOPE Hang Out - Weekday Zoom Gathering, Every Wednesday @ 7:30pm



Click on the link below at the designated time to be connected to Zoom fellowship. Each gathering will have a HOPE facilitator present, so you're guaranteed to make a connection and not feel alone.

[Click to attend the HOPE Hang Out](#)

To join via phone, call: (312) 626-6799, enter meeting ID: 848 8296 6416, press # to skip the participant ID prompt, and then enter the meeting password. Contact Pastor Lucas if you need the password.

Thank You HOPE UCC!

On behalf of Mutual Ground's Board, staff, volunteers and the people we serve, thank you for your generous in-kind donation of new fleece tie blankets and new winter boots. It was wonderful for you to think of us and our clients - we are very grateful!

Your continued support allows us to provide education, awareness, and life-changing services that empower individuals, families, and communities to end the cycle of domestic and sexual violence. We thank you for making our world a healthier, safer and stronger place!

For more information on Mutual Ground's programs and services, upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at mutualground.org or email us at info@mutulaground.org.

With gratitude,
Michelle Meyer
Executive Director



SAD NEWS! Game Show Palooza, HOPE's FUNdraiser, POSTPONED!

Gameshow Palooza is sadly postponed yet again. We will be changing it from May 2021 to Fall 2021 (hopefully) but yet to settle on a date. We'll let you know as soon as possible, but we're trying for October 2021.



Your gifts are valued and needed!

HOPE still needs the support of your time, talent and treasure! If you have pledged financial gifts to HOPE for 2020 and are still able to fulfill that pledge, please make use of our online or text-based giving platforms.

ONLINE BANK TRANSFER GIVING

Visit sharehope.org/resources/give to give a one-time electronic bank transfer donation or easily set-up recurring gifts.

You can use this website to make a donation in general support of HOPE's ministries or specifically to the Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him Fundraiser.

TEXT-BASED GIVING

To donate to HOPE by text message, simply text the amount you want to give to **630-521-3256** (Example: 20)

To donate specifically to the Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him Fundraiser, simply type the amount you want to give, add a space, then add the code JHLB. (Example: 20 JHLB)

The first time you do so, a secure registration link will be sent back to you for you to enter your information.

Visit sharehope.org/text for more details and information.

After registering, to give again, just text a donation amount to the same number.

Your donation will be immediately processed using the credit/debit card you previously entered.

To manage your account simply text the word *edit*.

A secure link will be sent to you where you can change your personal information, update your credit/debit card number, see a summary of your giving, and edit recurring transactions.

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We will be checking Voicemail & Email during our shutdown.