



# HOPE

The weekly newsletter of

# HAPPENings

God is Still Speaking,

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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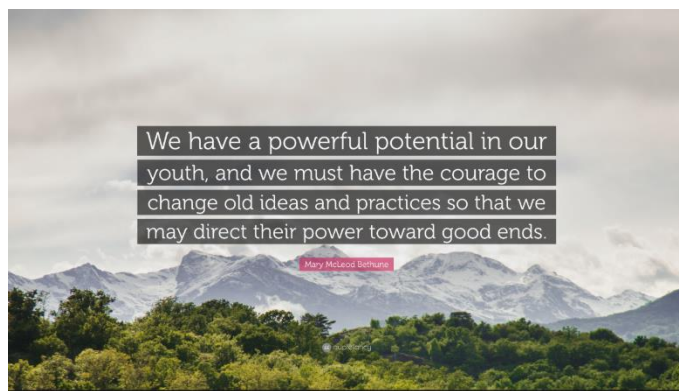
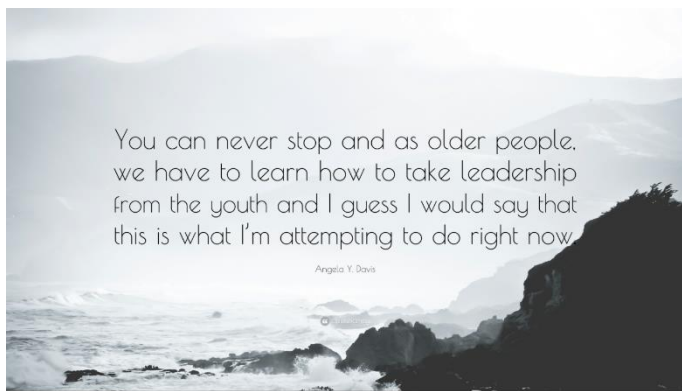
## Hope Springs Eternal

In the midst of Easter week, we visibly see the signs and hear the sounds of spring. We also see a rebirth of activism nationwide, by young people. Youth have always been at the forefront of activism. From the American revolutionaries to civil and women's rights activists in the 60s and 70s, young people have led the fight for change. And today that same drive for change is led by youth. Like the rebirth of spring, the rebirth of activism happens with each generation and is led by young people.

As an educator, I have always been energized and amazed by what young people do. While the most vocal may capture headlines, there are countless others in our communities that create a more just world for generations to come. Not only do they lead marches, they become journalists, and teachers, and doctors, and lawyers, that fight for justice. I have had the good fortune to see my students become all these things and more.

For all of the energy that has come from the marches, we must also not forget that youth have been here before. Birmingham, 1963 (Birmingham Children's Marches). East Los Angeles, 1968 (Chicano HS Walkouts). Tinker v. Des Moines (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment rights in schools). The Bronx, 1977 (Birth of Hip Hop). Chicago, 1963 (Willis Wagons protests). The lists go on and on.

In the Spring of 2018, however, we are inspired in this moment. Because like seeing the first blooms again after a long cold winter or celebrating the resurrection story again, it strikes us anew. We know flowers will bloom again. We know the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. But we wonder and marvel anyway. Just like we know, young people will lead the fight for a better tomorrow. And we marvel with each action taken, because it gives us hope in what is yet to be.



This Spring, check out some prominent youth organizations such as Black Youth Project 100, Dream Defenders, [M.E.Ch.A. - Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan](#), or Campus Pride. A more comprehensive list with links to each organization can be found here: <https://www.speakoutnow.org/resource/links-youth-and-student-organizations>

*Mike Manderino*

HOPE UCC Ministry Council Moderator

## News & Notes

### Holy Week Events



The worship team would like to invite you to two Holy Week Events. First, we will host a soup supper at **6 PM on Maundy**

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**. We will follow dinner with a ritual mirroring Jesus washing the disciples' feet and communion. Please sign up so that we can provide enough soup. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

Secondly, on **Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM**, there will be a Tenebrae service – also known as a service of shadows. We hope you will be able to join us.

### **JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING & WE'RE FOLLOWING HIM** **will be in the AFTERNOON!!**



HOPE UCC's next "Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him" will be **Sunday, April 29**. We will be helping clean the kitchen at First Congregational UCC in Naperville. For this project we will working from **12 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

We will have jobs for all ages and ability levels to participate in! Please put the date and TIME on your calendar! Look for sign-up sheets and more information in the coming weeks!

### **Keep in Touch Time!**

In search of college-aged HOPers for Keep in Touch. If you have a college student in your household, please contact Linda James (630-877-7943 or [ldj7900@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ldj7900@sbcglobal.net)).

She will be sending a gift to those students very soon!



### **GAME SHOW PALOOZA**

**GameShow is right around the corner!** Saturday, April 14; doors open 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Downers Grove. Tables are \$200 for eight people. If you haven't gotten your registration in yet, click [HERE](#) for the form and



payment can be sent to HOPE UCC. If you don't have a full table and you would like to play, there is a sign-up board at HOPE, or email the office with your info and Gail will get it on the board. We'll do some matchmaking, because we really want everyone to attend. If you have a complete raffle basket, please bring it to church. If you have a silent auction item, also bring it, or if it's a service of sorts email to [janetrota@gmail.com](mailto:janetrota@gmail.com). Please include who, what, where, when, and how and very importantly, value of item.

Thanks everyone! We're headed into the home stretch. Hope you're working on your table themes and planning those snacks!

**Pictures of HOPE are needed for Game Show Palooza. We are in need of Jesus Has Left the Building, and other Mission, Social Justice, Youth Group, Polar Express, Bobby Jo Valentine, Quest, and any other activities that represent HOPE. We need the pictures ASAP to allow time to put a presentation together. Please notate what event is pictured and email to Jenn Revoldt @ [jennrevoldt@gmail.com](mailto:jennrevoldt@gmail.com). Thank you!**

## Kids Quest Challenge

57 Cents

On February 11, the message of Kids Quest was Mark 12: 41-44, which is the story of the widow who gave two copper coins to her synagogue. Although comparatively small in value, this was a huge sacrifice for her, because it represented a gift of everything she had to give.

We also heard the story of Hattie, a young girl who could not attend Sunday School at her church because the church was too small to accommodate all of the children who wanted to attend. Upon Hattie's death at the age of 8, her mother gave the pastor of the church 57 cents that Hattie had saved for use toward a new Sunday School building. The pastor took the 57 cents back to his congregation, and Hattie's story so inspired the people of the church that they soon raised enough money to build a new building with plenty of room for all of the children.

These stories are particularly appropriate as we enter the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many people decide to give up something of personal value – to sacrifice something – to better connect with the sacrifice Jesus made for all of us. Other people decide to take on something new as a way of carrying forward Jesus' message of service to others. Getting our own inspiration from Hattie's story, during Kids Quest we decided to try to bridge both the sacrifice and the service. And we need your help. We would like each HOPE family to consider setting aside 57 cents per day during Lent (40 days plus 6 Sundays) in collection boxes the kids made during the Quest time. Boxes are available at the entrance to the worship area for anyone who did not get one on February 11. On Easter Sunday, we will gather the collections as contributions toward HOPE's missions. The Kids Quest kids will offer recommendations to the Missions Ministry for how to use the funds that are raised.

Your sacrifice of 57 cents per day – or whatever lesser amount you can afford – between now and Easter Sunday will translate into service for our community. Please consider participating in this Kids Quest effort.

**Do you have a reflection to share with the Soaring Team  
or just want to share your gratitude for their hard work?**

**Email: [soaringteam@sharehope.org](mailto:soaringteam@sharehope.org)**

# **Sharing Joys & Concerns**

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

- † Grateful my brother, Wally, listened to his body and called an ambulance. He ended up having two stints successfully placed in his heart – blocked 95% x 2. (Zach J.)
- † Let us pray for Aunt Pauline. They were in the process of moving into their new home when she collapsed and is hospitalized. (Zach)
- † Prayers for Michael's gram, Carolyn, who is recovering from pneumonia, dehydration, and now MRSA. (Michael & Terry)
- † Let's pray for Jennifer A., who was diagnosed with breast cancer. She is recovering from a double mastectomy and waiting on pathology results. (Michael & Terry)
- † Continued prayers that Little Man Z stay with Michael and Terry. God please help those in power see what a positive environment he is in. (Michael & Terry)
- † Let us pray for my friends, Amy and Damian, who finally got to adopt their second and third children! Prayers for their continued joy and connection. (Erin C.)
- † Prayers for Milo's old teacher, Lauren K. Her husband has a rare form of cancer that affects the limbs and has been placed in hospice. (Erin C.)
- † Prayers for Jackie T., who is in the hospital after being diagnosed with an aortic aneurysm. (All of HOPE UCC)
- † Let's pray for Abigail Anne and Emma Anne, twin girls born at 29 weeks. (Linda J.)
- † Prayers for Lia S., they have found that she has developed a serious blood disorder. This is her 4<sup>th</sup> pregnancy. (Linda J.)
- † Pray for Kara S., who has a hip problem due to a car accident. (Linda J.)
- † Prayers for all the travelers. May they renew, refresh, and enjoy! (The Zigtermans)
- † Let us pray for all the youth and adults who marched Saturday morning. Hopefully, we can inspire true change in the world. (Courtney)
- † Praise to the students of the world for the courage to speak truth to power. (Les & Jackie P.)
- ☺ Two Joys! Shannon has completed radiation, and Barb T. is out of hospital at rehab and doing well. (Lela & Tanya)
- ☺ Prayers of Thanks, as my son Derek's film got into Sarasota Film Festival. (Anna)
- ☺ Thanks for the opportunity to raise our voice for what we believe. (The Zillmer Family)



## Celebrating Birthdays

04/10 Les Pierce  
04/12 Harper Revoldt  
04/12 Quinn Revoldt  
04/13 Anthony Lieggi  
04/17 Tony Ozzauto

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

<b>Pastor</b>	Lucas King
<b>Moderator</b>	Mike Manderino
<b>Des. Moderator</b>	Erin Cooley
<b>Past Moderator</b>	Becky McCabe
<b>Treasurer</b>	Les Pierce
<b>Secretary</b>	Julie Hapke
<b>Registrar</b>	Jane Trotta
<b>Community Life</b>	Shannon Lane
<b>Education</b>	Marie Higgins
<b>Pastor-Parish</b>	Tim Higgins/Jay Hruska
<b>Marketing &amp; Communications</b>	Jenn Revoldt
<b>Missions</b>	Jolene Fiscella
<b>Resource &amp; Operations</b>	Nick Dempsey
<b>Worship</b>	Mary Kroening
<b>Librarians</b>	Les & Jackie Pierce
<b>Photo Archive</b>	Anna Ahonen
<b>Webmaster</b>	Jenn Revoldt

# Quest

## ADULT QUEST – 9 a.m. @ HOPE UCC

"Come join us as we explore a variety of topics that impact our lives.  
Bring some ideas that you would like to discuss."

~ Les Pierce - Adult Quest 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**

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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 April 4, by 2 p.m.**

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

**Thanks!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>March 29, Thursday</p> 	<p><b>Maundy Thursday Soup Supper @ HOPE UCC (6 p.m.)</b>                  Sign up in the HOPE UCC Lobby. Please see article for more information.</p>
<p>March 30, Friday</p> 	<p><b>Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ HOPE UCC (7 p.m.)</b>                  Please see article for more information.</p>
<p>April 1, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Easter Sunday Worship Service @ HOPE UCC (10 a.m.)</b></p>
<p>April 3, Tuesday</p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b>                  Meets at Hruska's residence, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p>April 4, 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>April 8, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</b></p>
<p>April 8, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (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>April 11, 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>April 14, Saturday</p> 	<p><b>Game Show Palooza! (6:30 p.m.)</b>                  Please see article for more information!</p>
<p>April 17, Tuesday</p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b>                  Meets at Hruska's residence, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p>April 18, 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>April 19, 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>April 22, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</b></p>
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# SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

DOORS OPEN at 6:30 pm

GAMES BEGIN at 7:00 pm

AMERICAN LEGION HALL POST 80

4000 Saratoga Avenue

Downers Grove, IL

**Teams of 8 players (21 and older only)  
will compete in a mash up of classic  
game shows!**

**The cost of a table (team) of 8 players is \$200.**

So invite your friends, family and co-workers and put together  
a team to compete against other HOPE teams!

- Theme your table to promote camaraderie.
- Bring snacks for your table to keep your energy up!
- Beer, wine, cocktails, soda and water will be available for purchase.
- Raffles and a great Silent Auction along with fun and fellowship!!!

**Please turn your registration  
form with full payment in by  
SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018**

# GAME SHOW PALOOZA!

## A FABULOUS FUNDRAISER

to support the Life and Ministry  
of HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*There are only 28 tables available so be sure to secure your spot today!*

## HOPE UCC GameShow - Palooza Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain (contact person): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Team Registration/8 people (\$200.00)

I have \_\_\_\_\_ people (at \$25.00/person)  
I need some help to compete my team.

Can't make the event but would like to  
give a donation.

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form (WITH FULL PAYMENT) by APRIL 8th to Jeanne or Trott at Worship or  
mail with checks payable to: HOPE UCC at 1701 Quincy Ave., Suite 27, Naperville, IL 60540.**

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