



The weekly newsletter of

# HAPPENings

God is Still Speaking,

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

04/11/2018

## Delicious Ambiguity

Thanks to Becky McCabe for her wonderful allegorical lesson to our young partners about life viewed through a glass of water - half full or half empty. This perception is how some of us participate in life. From an engineering point of view, you add more water until it is full -or- empty it out completely. Engineers don't like ambiguity, nothing to chance, so to speak.

Ambiguity is something that is a part of who we are at HOPE. Sometimes we question where we are now and where we are going as individuals. Doubt is also a part of human essence. But when it comes to the basics of what HOPE stands for, there is no ambiguity or doubt. It is very clear there are two key components that make us who we are - LOVE and RESPECT.

"I WANTED A PERFECT ENDING.  
NOW I'VE LEARNED THAT SOME  
POEMS DON'T RHYME, AND SOME  
STORIES DON'T HAVE A CLEAR  
BEGINNING, MIDDLE, AND END.  
LIFE IS ABOUT NOT KNOWING,  
HAVING TO CHANGE, TAKING  
THE MOMENT AND MAKING THE  
BEST OF IT, WITHOUT KNOWING  
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NEXT.  
DELICIOUS AMBIGUITY."

GILDA RADNER

With LOVE and RESPECT as the basis of life, in important matters, ambiguity disappears.

*Les Pierce*

**HOPE UCC Treasurer**

## News & Notes

### **JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING & WE'RE FOLLOWING HIM will be in the *AFTERNOON*!! Come Join us in "Workshop"**



What: Brunch & **Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him**

When: **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

JHLTB - 12:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

Pre-Workshop Brunch - 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Where: **Brunch - Courtyard Banquets**

3S200 Rt. 59, Warrenville, IL

Ample parking is available.

Buffet Style meal. Cost is \$12.95 per adult and \$8.95 per child plus tax and gratuity

**Jesus Has Left the Building "Workshop" – First Congregational Church**

25 E. Benton, Naperville, IL

The church is located in downtown Naperville. It is just east of Washington Street.

There is a parking lot directly behind the church, and the kitchen door opens to the parking lot.

#### **Please Sign Up Today!**

\*Indicate if you will be joining us for brunch. Courtyard Banquets will set up a large table for us.

\*Please let us know if you would like a job assignment that can be done seated or is less labor intensive.

**Look for more details in the HOPE Happenings later this month or see Laurie Fosen or Jolene with any questions!**



#### **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!

#### **Thanks!**

The kids and teachers of Kids Quest would like to thank all the HOPE partners who supported the Kids Quest Lenten mission collection. The inspiration for this effort came from 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 eight, 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.

Because Lent is a time when many people decide to sacrifice something to better connect with the sacrifice Jesus made, while other people decide to take on something new as a way of carrying forward Jesus' message of service, the kids decided to try to bridge both the sacrifice and the service. And, thanks to your efforts, \$471.50 was collected, which will be split equally among the following three Naperville organizations selected by the kids:

- ✓ 360 Youth Services
- ✓ A Special Place
- ✓ Animals Deserving of Proper Treatment (A.D.O.P.T)

Thank you, again, for your generosity!



# Sharing Joys & Concerns

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

- † Let us pray for Sandra S. – The results of her PET scan showed a growth of the cancer by over 25%. (Mark G.)
- † Prayers for Ross N., who lost his battle with leukemia. (Mark)
- † Let's pray for Cousin Marijo W. – She recently lost her job and healthcare and received a cancer diagnosis this week. Pray for healing, courage, and strength for Marijo. We pray that she is able to get affordable health insurance ASAP, too. (Jolene)
- † Prayers for the family of Belinda S. Belinda passed away after a long illness with cancer. (Linda J.)
- † Please pray for the family of Mark T., who passed at age 25 from a drug overdose. (Linda J.)
- † Let us pray for Norman P. – Low white cell counts and tumor on the brain. The doctors don't know how to treat his condition. (Linda J.)
- † Pray for Aunt Pauline, as she remains hospitalized and is just not getting any better. (Zach)
- † Let's pray for Robb and his friend, Dan. Keep them in your prayers. (Ellen & Mark)
- † Prayers for my mom, Barbara, that she gets stronger, and will walk again without assistance. That her brain and memory are strong cognitively. (Leeza L. – Lela & Tanya's friend)
- † Let us pray for cousin Joe D. and all his children and grandchildren. Joe's wife, Donna, passed away yesterday after a long, long illness. Pray for comfort and peace for them. (Jolene)
- † Continued prayers for Jackie Thurston for restoration of health and spirit. She is still home and would welcome phone calls or cards and much prayer. (Zach J.)
- † Let us pray for a close family member and her husband and children. They are going through a difficult time right now with divorce. Pray that they get through this as smoothly as possible and get the support that they need. (Jolene)
- † Pray for all people who struggle with mental illness and the people who care for them, as well as their families. (Courtney)
- † Prayers for the niece of Phyllis K., who discovered three lumps in her chest. She is scheduled to see the doctor in a week. Prayers for good results. She has already had a mastectomy. (Phyllis)
- † Let us pray for our country – for stability, peace and diversity. (Sally)
- † Continued prayers that Little Man finds a permanent home with his foster dads, Michal and Terry. (Michael & Terry)
- † Prayers for Carolyn Hulbert, who celebrated her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. Continued prayers for her recovery. (Michael & Terry)
- ☺ Thank you for all your prayers for Jack. We saw the vet and he is almost completely recovered. God is good! (Zach)
- ☺ The joy of friendship. We are blessed with a wonderful group of friends. We hope that all in the community are able to find the treasure of friendship. (The Zigtermans)
- ☺ Anthony L. turns ten years old this week! We are so thankful for him. He brings so much joy and happiness to our family. (Jolene)
- ☺ Thank you, God and HOPE, for taking me away from atheism. Please help me keep my faith during difficult months ahead. Thanks for my new car! (Bea P.)



## Celebrating Birthdays

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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Pastor Lucas' Email – [pastor@sharehope.org](mailto:pastor@sharehope.org)

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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 18, by 2 p.m.**

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

**Thanks!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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>
<p>April 22, 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 25, 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 29, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him</b></p>
<p>May 1, 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>May 2, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b> Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>

# 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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