

FINALLY! GOOD WEATHER!

Who hoo! You know it snowed only like 12 days ago, right?

For Jeanne and me, it's like new life. It begins a whole new set of guidelines or fresh new outlook. All of a sudden, cleaning that closet or painting that wall gets put on a back burner for the time being because life just changed. How you say?

1. Yardwork – Some may not like that idea, but for me, it's a way to unwind after work. I beat Jeanne to the first mow, so for me that's a win. Time to wage war on the weeds. We can't wait to dig up the dirt and start planting the veggies and flowers. The lawn chairs and water hoses also start making their way out of the shed.
2. Food – All of a sudden, the summer foods come into play. Fresh salads. Lighter meals. Ice tea on the patio. Outings to your fave ice cream establishment.
3. Neighbors – We have a tight neighborhood and the cold weather has a natural tendency to separate us. But now, everyone's exiting their houses, looking up at the sky, and talking about things like when we're going to have our first neighborhood party. Our neighbors couldn't wait to migrate to someone's driveway hearing about Jeanne's gold medal performance in Florida or when school lets out. The boy next door, grabbing a juice and just sitting with me telling me about how worms poo dirt and trying to figure out if they have mouths. (Hanging with the kids can be educational.)
4. Outside local events – Yes, your HOPE UCC Social Ministry is planning to lay out a series of outside events where HOPERS can bring a lawn chair, meet up with others, and enjoy a free concert, movie, or hike and enjoy the weather. Look for said events in the coming HOPE Happenings.



Alright everyone, time to shed those layers of clothes and hurry up to watch the tulips bloom, listen to the summer sounds, and just generally, be outside.

Jane "Trott" Trotta
HOPE UCC Registrar

News & Notes



Movie Night @ HOPE UCC

Ladies and gentlemen, children of almost all ages, join us **Friday, May 11** for a fantastic movie night. "The Greatest Showman" (Rated PG) will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring a comfy chair, something to drink and your imagination. We will supply the popcorn. No cost, no kidding!

PADS - Feed the Homeless!!

HOPE'S ANNUAL STEAK FRY - PLEASE HELP!!!

Next **Wednesday, May 9**, HOPE will be holding its annual Steak Fry for our May PADS dinner for the 12th year in a row!! Originally organized by Barb and Bill Zigterman, the PADS Steak Fry has become a much-anticipated event for our homeless guests. To make it special, we will be grilling Ribeye steaks, marinated chicken breasts, Portabella mushrooms (for vegetarians), and hotdogs for children. Baked potatoes, green beans, sautéed mushrooms, salad and dessert will complete the meal. We need your help to make it happen!!

If you are able to assist, we will need:

- 🕒 3 Volunteers to purchase and sauté 2 pounds of sliced mushrooms
- 🕒 2 Volunteers to purchase and bake 20 medium-sized Russet potatoes
- 🕒 1 Volunteers to purchase and bake 20 medium-sized sweet potatoes
- 🕒 4 Volunteers to "Adopt a Dessert" (Dessert kits will be available at HOPE this Sunday)
- 🕒 1 Volunteer to purchase 10 two-liter bottles of caffeine-free soda or fruit juice
- 🕒 Many large and small donations to help defray the cost of the meal and to support HOPE's Missions!!



TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE EMAIL/CALL/TEXT Nick Dempsey (pndempsey@aol.com or Home: 630 357 5434, Cell: 630 235 3042) or SIGN UP AT HOPE this Sunday.

Note: Those volunteers preparing the sautéed mushrooms, baked potatoes and desserts may either deliver your food to HOPE during the day on Wednesday, March 9th by 2 p.m. or to First Congregational Church, 25 E. Benton, in downtown Naperville by 6:30 p.m. that evening.

Please let me know if you have any questions. THANK YOU!!!

Nick Dempsey

Please Help to Keep HOPE UCC Clean

Would you please help us all to make HOPE fit for guests by volunteering to clean HOPE once or twice or more (or even get into the rotation and clean about every 6 – 8 weeks)? It only takes about an hour if you have a partner and is usually done between Thursday and Saturday, so it looks nice for Sunday morning. There are many flexible ways of doing it.



You can:

- Do it as a couple or small group.
- Find a partner and either do it at the same time or divide the chores and clean based on your personal schedule. It only needs to be done by Sunday morning, so HOPE looks nice for all of us, our guests, and anyone coming to visit looking for a church.
- Get your family together, pick a date (or dates) and do it!
- Do it as an individual as your schedule allows.
- Any combination of these or others we haven't thought of!!

Cleaning consists of vacuuming, disinfecting the bathrooms and kitchen area, wiping tables, taking out the garbage and recycling and generally fixing any messes you might see.

We will provide a mentor to get you started, a simple outline of what needs to be done, show you where the cleaners and cleaning equipment are stored, and a key to get in the door so you can clean at your convenience. Also, if you can't make an assigned week, one of the other teams will trade with you so you have flexibility in scheduling.

If you would be willing to help, please contact me at pndempsey@aol.com, Home: 630 357 5434, or Cell: 630 235 3042.

Thank you in advance!

Nick Dempsey

Resource and Operations Committee

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Lift up the McCabe family, as their Naperville family home will be demolished. Built in 1898, it holds lots of memories. (Becky M.)
- † Pray for all those in the world living with mental health issues. (Lela & Tanya)
- † Let us pray for Chris' cousin, Ella, and her husband Tony and especially their new baby, Clara, who was born two months early. Pray baby Clara grows stronger and comes home soon. We are thankful baby Clara is tiny, but strong and healthy. (Jolene & Chris)
- † Prayers for our cousin, Marijo W., as she begins treatment for cancer. (Jolene & Chris)
- † Please pray for Joyce C., Mother of Kathy & P.J., who fell in rehab and cut her head. It has been a long journey trying to recuperate. (Sally B.)
- † Pray for Jeanne, who's roughing it in sunny Naples, Florida right now getting ready to play in the U.S. Pickleball Open. Good luck to her...and her teammates. 😊 (Trott)
- ☺ Delany Karl (one of HOPE's former childcare workers) wanted me to thank HOPE UCC for the Keep in Touch gift card, and also wanted to say she misses HOPE people and all the kiddos. (Trott)
- ☺ Prayers for Jenny S., who was pinned yesterday! Congratulations Nurse Jenny. Also, keep Zachary and Kaleb as they fly home from Florida. (Mark G.)
- ☺ Happy Birthday to Lela and Zach, who recently celebrated their birthdays.
- ☺ Joy! Our friend, Barbara T., will be coming home from rehab after her strokes. Also, big bro came home from the hospital after his heart surgery. (Lela & Tanya)



Celebrating Birthdays

05/02 Mike Manderino
05/10 Rhys David – **Happy 1st Birthday!**
05/17 Ava Manderino

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	Mike Manderino
Des. Moderator	Erin Cooley
Past Moderator	Becky McCabe
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	Jolene Fiscella
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

"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
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The Reverend Lucas King

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

**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of
HOPE Happenings is May 9, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>May 6, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>May 9, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>May 9, Wednesday</p> 	<p>PADS Dinner @ First Congregational UCC, Naperville (Please see article for more information.)</p>
<p>May 11, Friday</p> 	<p>Movie Night @ HOPE UCC (7 p.m.) Join us for a fantastic movie night. "The Greatest Showman" (Rated PG) will begin at 7:00 p.m. Bring a comfy chair, something to drink and your imagination. We will supply the popcorn. No cost, no kidding!</p>
<p>May 13, Sunday</p> 	<p>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (1-3 p.m.) 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: www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/ If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact Pastor Lucas.</p>
<p>May 15, Tuesday</p> 	<p>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Meets at Hruska's residence, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p>May 16, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>May 17, 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>May 20, Sunday</p> 	<p>Strengthen the Church Special UCC Offering (During Worship)</p>
<p>May 20, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>May 23, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>May 27, Sunday</p> 	<p>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (1-3 p.m.) 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: www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/ If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact Pastor Lucas.</p>
<p>May 30, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

(This is the spot to share your personal announcements.
Submit items to the HOPE UCC Office by Tuesday, 2 p.m.)



**OF ADULTS HAVE
A MENTAL HEALTH
CONDITION**

About Open Door

We are a regional, patient-centered health care organization providing education, prevention, diagnosis and treatment services to those who have or are at risk for Sexually Transmitted Infections, including HIV/AIDS, in addition to the greater LGBTQ community.

We provide trustworthy, stigma-free care in English and Spanish including, but not limited to:

- Primary adult medical care
- Behavioral health & substance use
- STI testing & treatment
- HIV specialty medical care
- PrEP HIV prevention medication
- Hormone administration & monitoring

For more info visit www.odhcll.org

FREE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS

EVERY FRIDAY IN MAY • 1 - 4pm

May 4, 11, 18 & 25, 1-4pm
Open Door's Aurora Health Center
157 S. Lincoln Ave. Ste. K, Aurora

Open Door's Elgin Health Center
1665 Larkin Ave., Elgin

Walk-ins welcome but appointments appreciated. Please call the Health Center closest to you for an appointment or for info.

**It's OK to talk.
It's OK to need help.**





360 Youth
Services™

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April 25, 2018

The Reverend Lucas King
HOPE United Church of Christ
1701 Quincy Avenue, Suite 27
Naperville, IL 60540

Dear Reverend King,

Thank you for your donation of \$157.16 to 360 Youth Services. Our mission is to change lives and inspire hope in young people. We do so by working alongside teenagers who are experiencing homelessness; by engaging youth about the dangers of substance use (drugs, alcohol, etc.); and by providing counseling to students at a sliding scale so that no teen is turned away if they need help. We are also actively engaged by providing on-site resources to high school students who need additional support/guidance.

We commonly tell folks that we will "meet students where they are." For many, that could be a scary, overwhelming and sometimes chaotic world. For us, that's where we need to be, and that's where we are our best. We are very proud of the work that we do, and your important investment will enable us to continue our endeavor to make the world a little better for our young people.

Thank you again for your support. We extend best wishes to you for many successes in the coming year and beyond.


Harley Jones
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you!


Jason Altenbern
Development Director

Since no goods or services were provided to you in exchange for this gift, the entire amount of your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The FEIN for 360 Youth Services is 36-2936229. Please keep this letter as your receipt, and again, many thanks to you.