

PRIDE

Happy Pride Month, HOPE! This is such an exciting time, with many opportunities to celebrate and learn and practice what it means to be joyously, faithfully Open and Affirming of our LGBTQ+ global family – both as a congregation and as individuals!

- HOPE will be celebrating Pride as we gather together each Sunday in June. On **June 10** we are excited to welcome members of Transcend, a group for trans and non-binary teens, who will help us discuss what faith communities can do to be allies to the trans community. On **June 17** HOPE will celebrate Aurora's inaugural Pride Parade as both attendees and participants! And on **June 24** some of our HOPE family will lead a discussion to help us learn more about the particular health issues that LGBTQ+ people face.
- There are, obviously, a wealth of excellent books celebrating Pride and the LGBTQ+ community. Here are a few choices from my bookshelf:
 - [This Day in June](#) by Gayle E. Pittman: A fabulous picture book for all ages that welcomes readers to experience a pride celebration and share in a day when we are all united.]
 - [Julián is a Mermaid](#) by Jessica Love: A sweet book for young readers about self-love and acceptance.
 - [Transgender History: The Roots of Today's Revolution](#) by Susan Stryker: A guide to American transgender history since the 19th century.
 - [How to Write an Autobiographical Novel: Essays](#) by Alexander Chee: An excellent collection of essays revolving around the author's identities as a son, a gay man, a Korean American, an artist, an activist, a lover, and a friend.
- I'm relatively new to the podcast game, but these are some of my favorites, perfect for Pride Month!
 - Nancy: Stories and conversations about the queer experience today.
 - LGBTQ&A: An interview podcast with members of the LGBTQ community – all races, genders, sexualities, and everyone in between.
 - Black Girl Dangerous Podcast: Intersectional analysis on your favorite moments and current events. (Sadly, this podcast is no longer producing new episodes, but you can still find the previous episodes online!)

What did I miss, family? What ways are you celebrating Pride?

Erin Cooley

HOPE UCC Designated Moderator

News & Notes

FRONT



BACK



New HOPE UCC T-Shirts Have Arrived!

Get yours today! Our new shirts look fabulous! A variety of child and adult sizes available for a suggested donation of \$15 to HOPE UCC. T-shirts are great to wear to all HOPE UCC events, i.e. Aurora Pride Parade, Jesus Has Left the Building, GameShow Palooza, etc.

HOPERs Out to Lunch – June 10

Join us on **June 10** for lunch after worship at California Pizza Kitchen on Diehl Road in Warrenville for good food and conversation. Double bonus is that it will be a food fundraiser. CPK will give back a percentage of the totals to HOPE UCC. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby.



Worship Schedule Change – June 17

On **June 17**, HOPE UCC will be participating in the Aurora Pride Parade, which begins at noon. So that partners and friends of HOPE may participate in the parade, we are going to shift our Sunday morning gathering in the sanctuary from 10 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Our time together will also be a bit shorter to give people time to get organized into carpools and be over to the parade staging area by 11 a.m. We will have a few designated folks already over at the parade staging area with our parade vehicle starting at 10 a.m. as required by the parade organizers.



Please mark your calendars – Worship on June 17 will begin at 9:30 a.m. We hope to see you at church AND the parade.

June is LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

so we have some special events
planned for Sunday mornings!

June 3

Pride Celebration

Join us as we gather to celebrate the history of HOPE as an Open and Affirming community and rededicate ourselves with great joy to this justice issue.

June 10

Faith Communities as Trans Allies

Special guest speakers from Transcend a drop-in support group for trans and non-binary teens. The youth will share how they wish to see faith communities be allies to the trans community.

June 17

Inaugural Aurora Pride Parade

We will gather at HOPE from 9:30-10:15am for some worshipful time before carpooling over to downtown Aurora to march in the Pride Parade as a faith community.

June 24

LGBTQ Health Issues

Shannon, Sally and Pastor will lead us in learning more about the physical and mental health challenges and hurdles that are unique to the LGBTQ community.



SAVE THE DATE for Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him

What: Jesus Has Left the Building and We Are Following Him

July's "workshop" project will be led by HOPE's youth group, The Landing! The youth have chosen our next JHLTB project. It will be at Ready, Set, Ride: Therapeutic Horseback Riding for Children with Special Needs



When: Sunday morning, July 29th

Where: Ready Set Ride, [13056 Essington Rd., Plainfield, IL 60585](#)

Stayed Tuned: Details and more information is coming in the HOPE Happenings & announcements on Sunday mornings. We hope to have both physical & non-physical workshop opportunities for HOPers of all ages & abilities. There will be a sign-up sheet available soon for JHLTB as well as a post workshop gathering for lunch.

Dear Friends, the Children of HOPE United Church of Christ,

Thank you so very much for your thoughtful and generous donation of \$157.16. It is because of your kindness and compassion toward our animals that we are able to carry out our mission to improve the quality of life of animals and to place them in loving and permanent homes.

A.D.O.P.T. is proud to be a No-Kill shelter and we remain committed to developing and maintaining programs to improve the quality of life for the animals within our community. Thanks to the support of caring people like you we are able to help so many animals.

Again, we truly appreciate your support and help in making a difference for the homeless animals who come through our doors.

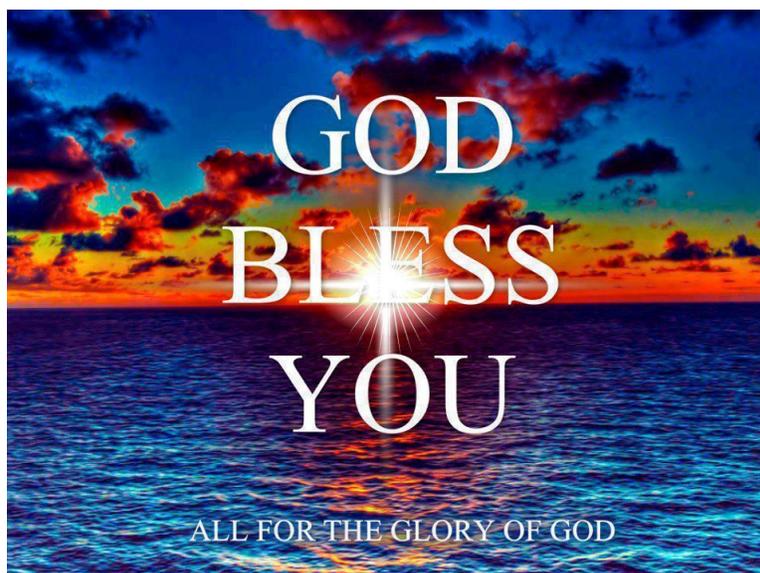
Sincerely,
Chris Stirn, Executive Director



Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † In honor of the 50th Anniversary of Robert Kennedy's assassination, we pray for those who put themselves at risk in the cause of peace and justice. (Nello, Mary, and Julie Alessandri)
- † Let us pray for Thomas W., my father, as he continues to seek guidance in life. (Courtney)
- † Prayers for all the children and other victims of gun violence in the United States this year. (Sally B.)
- † Please pray for Jolene's friends, Mark & Michelle, whose daughter Colette was born at 24 weeks and lived just nine days. They are devastated. (Zach)
- † Let's pray for my niece, Tiffani, in Montana. Her former husband is trying to take full custody of their daughter, Presley, as he leaves Montana to move to Florida. (Zach)
- † Prayers for a fellow PADS worker at First Congregational UCC. He is on 24-hour watch for a double lung transplant (Agent Orange/Vietnam). (Les)
- † Please pray for my brother, Mark, who passed away. May he rest in peace. (Frank C.)
- † June is Alzheimer's awareness month. Prayers to families dealing with this disease and to the caregivers. (Tina & Becky)
- † Let us pray for Karen M., who will soon have breast biopsies. (Linda J.)
- † Prayers for Patrik L., our friend at Wednesday breakfast, as he transitions to retirement.
- † Please pray for my sister, Alexia, just diagnosed with an auto-immune muscular disorder similar to MS. (Robb)
- † Lily needs your prayers! She is struggling with severe depression and is currently at Linden Oaks in Naperville. We are unsure when she will be able to come home. (Danielle)
- † Let us pray for Denis H. – Mother has to be moved to assisted living. She has become caregiver for her downs syndrome sister. (Linda J.)
- † Please pray for Les P. and his friend, Joop, as they embark on another pilgrimage. (The Zillmer Family)
- ☉ Celebration for Tim! He had his last day of middle school! We celebrate his much-loved teaching career filled with the joy of learning, curiosity, and time with young people. (Marie)
- ☉ Prayers for Elizabeth and Billy, who were married this past weekend. Congratulations! (Mark G.)
- ☉ Congratulations to Max P., who is graduating and will be attending Michigan State in the fall. (Mark G.)
- ☉ Pray for Kim Ann and Larry W., who celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary! Congrats! (Mark G.)



Celebrating Birthdays

06/20 Melody Ellsworth
06/20 Kathy Carter
06/24 Marie Higgins

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.

Quest

ADULT QUEST – 9 a.m. @ HOPE UCC

Please note: Adult Education is on Summer Break until September. A start date for Adult Education will be published in August 2018.

KID'S QUEST – Sundays during Worship

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
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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 June 13, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>June 6, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Mental Health First Aid (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. The training helps you identify, understand and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses. Get involved and make a difference. Register for the course offered at HOPE UCC. Please see article and flyer for more information.</p>
<p>June 10, Sunday</p> 	<p>HOPeRs Out to Lunch (Following Worship) California Pizza Kitchen, Diehl Road, Warrenville. See article for more info.</p>
<p>June 10, 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>June 11, Monday</p> 	<p>Mental Health First Aid (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.) This is an 8-hour course that teaches you how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. Helps you identify, understand & respond to signs of addictions & mental illnesses. Register for the course offered at HOPE UCC. Please see article & flyer for more info.</p>
<p>June 13, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
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<p>June 17, Sunday</p> 	<p>Time Change for Worship – 9:30 a.m. Due to HOPE UCC's participation in the Aurora Pride Parade, Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. to allow time for participants to get to the parade. (See article for more info.)</p>
<p>June 17, Sunday</p> 	<p>Aurora Pride Parade (Following Worship)</p>
<p>June 19, 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>June 20, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>June 21, 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>

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

Just show up if you can! Look for the HOPeRs! More details will be forthcoming...keep an eye on the HOPE Happenings!

6/28 (Thursday) - **Ice Cream Social & possible Movie Night** @ Jeanne & Trott's House (7-9 p.m.)

7/12 (Thursday) - **Naperville Band Concert** - A Night at the Oscars! @ Central Park, between Jefferson & Benton, just east of Washington. (7:30 p.m.)

8/01 (Wednesday) - **Motown Concert** @ Fishel Park, Downers Grove (7 p.m.)

8/18 (Saturday) - **Cougars Game** vs. Clinton - Hi Infidelity playing prior to the game

8/26 (Sunday) – **HOPE UCC Annual Picnic!**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Save the Date!

Join HOPeRs Anna Ahonen, Sally Bice, Ellen Brady, Erin Cooley, Danielle David, Mark Geiger, Daniel Keil and Robb Winder as we venture...

Out of the Pages: Readings From LGBT Literature



Saturday, June 16, 2018

3:30 to 4:30 pm

Santori Public Library

101 South River Street

Aurora, Illinois

Room 125/126