



**HOPE**

The weekly newsletter of

God is Still Speaking,  
**HAPPENings**

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

06/13/2018



This is a Greek word which occurs twenty times in the bible and the meaning is fellowship, sharing in common, and communion. When I think of HOPE UCC I see this in the faces of the smiles and hugs and warm greetings. I see this in the excitement over projects for Jesus Has Left the Building. I feel it when we are indeed a community and words are shared through scripture, preaching and joys and concerns. I look around at everyone and just feel so blessed at the sight of new people coming in and seeing the faces of those who have worked so hard at HOPE UCC to help guide our little church go to where it is today.

For me this has been a chaotic year when I look at what we see and hear on the news and personal issues that have arisen in my life and in the lives of those that I hold dearly. That's when I crave Koinonia, being with those like-minded with a zest for righteousness and zeal for being the church as is written on our wall. I think of those who have needs when we sing Christopher Grundy's song "We pray" because as the song says sometimes we are the lonely one.

In our history of the church, in the summer months, many people are gone on vacation, so it may be difficult to keep Koinonia going. I am grateful for the Community Life team for working so hard to plan events where we can spend more time together getting to know each other better. Let's enjoy our summer and let's include some time for some Koinonia.

Be blessed!

*Zach Jarabeck*  
**HOPE UCC Partner**

## News & Notes

FRONT



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### **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.

### **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.**

### **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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/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.



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

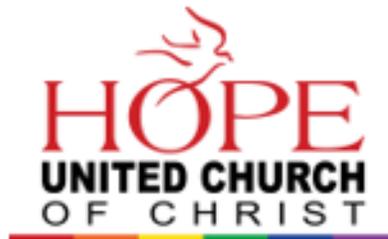
**Inaugural Aurora Pride Parade**

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**

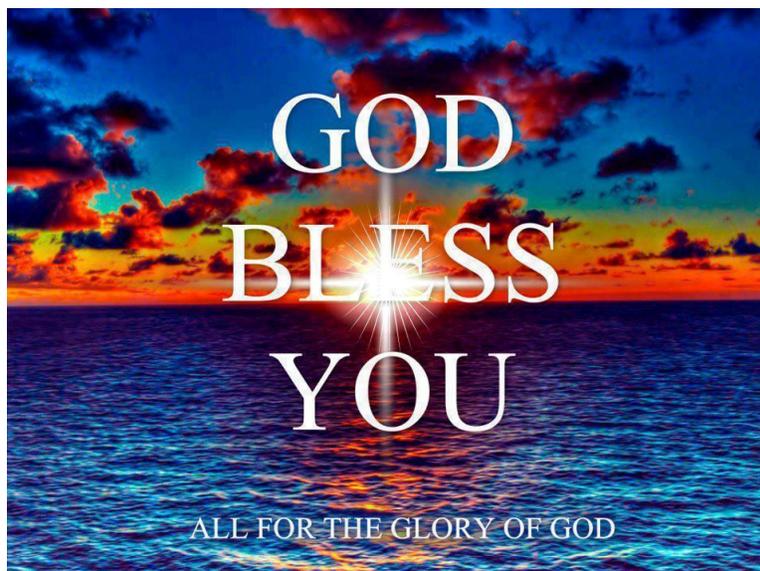
Shannon, Sally and Pastor will lead us in learning more about the physical and mental health challenges and hurdles that are unique to the LGBTQ community.



## **Sharing Joys & Concerns**

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

- † Pray for my friend, Amy, who is still recovering from eye surgery and slowly regaining vision. Pray that her vision returns fully and that she continues to get the support and help she needs. (Jolene)
- † Prayers are needed for Marie's brother, Larry, who had a series of strokes, which have affected his vision and balance. May his recovery be swift.
- † Let's pray for my friend, Deb, who is driving to the east coast this week and back to Florida. (Mark G.)
- † Pray for courage for any person to leave the gun behind when going out in public. (Julie A.)
- † Prayers for Jane D., who has a procedure later this week. May all be well!! (Linda S. and Jackie P.)
- † Let us pray for Les, as he is on his way! Walked 12 miles today and even let down his guard to hitch a 12-mile ride from the police! (Jackie P.)
- † Pray for Lily, as she is coming home! Pray that she continues to feel better, and she can implement the coping skills she has learned. (Danielle)
- † Please pray for Danielle and Rhys, while they travel to Nashville to visit family. Danielle's dad has dementia and lucid moments are getting fewer and fewer. He is starting to forget his kids and grandkids. My mom is also showing early signs of dementia as well. Pray for a good visit and safe travels. (Danielle)
- † Prayers for all who are suffering from mental illness, alcoholism and other substance abuses, and for all who love and care for those friends and family who are suffering. (Anonymous)
- † Let us pray for my niece, Tiffani, who lives in Montana. Her husband is moving to Florida and is demanding full custody of their 11-year old daughter, Presley. (Zach J.)
- † Prayers for Jackie T. for peace and comfort. (Zach J.)
- † Pray for my friend's son, who recently came out to her. Pray that he gets the support he needs and that his family and friends can be supportive and continue to love and accept him unconditionally. (Jolene)
- ☺ Hayes River McCabe was born on June 4 – a month early. He is perfect and doing great. His grandma is very happy! (Becky M.)
- ☺ Edward and David as they are getting married this week. Keep Zachary safe as he travels to Vegas for his dad's wedding. (Mark)



## 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](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

**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 United Church of Christ

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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 June 20, by 2 p.m.**

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

**Thanks!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>June 13, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Mental Health First Aid (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)</b>                  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 &amp; respond to signs of addictions &amp; mental illnesses. Register for the course offered at HOPE UCC. Please see article &amp; flyer for more info.</p>
<p>June 17, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Time Change for Worship – 9:30 a.m.</b>                  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><b>Aurora Pride Parade (Following Worship)</b></p>
<p>June 19, 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>June 20, 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>June 21, 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>June 24, 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>June 27, 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>June 27 – July 2</p> 	<p><b>Pastor Lucas – Out of Office</b></p>
<p>June 28, Thursday</p> 	<p><b>Ice Cream Social &amp; tentative Movie Night @ Jeanne &amp; Trott's House (7-9 p.m.)</b></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!

- 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.)

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## 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