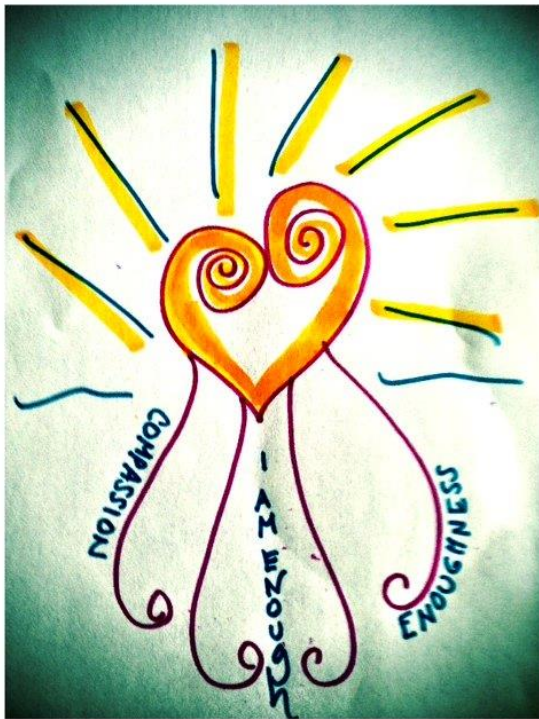


ENOUGH... ENOUGHNESS...



A bit of context is needed, first, I think. Some of you may remember that some time ago Pastor Lucas preached a sermon in which he coined a word to convey a subtlety of meaning. Several months later, and several months ago, now, I had the following dream. (True - ask the Wednesday morning people. I told them about it at the time.)

There were three of us in the surgical waiting room. (I've been in enough of them to know one when I see one.) Teresa's mother; a young girl, alone, 8 or 9, -- who is not Teresa; and me. I didn't know them, and hadn't spoken to either of them, but, in the way of dreams, that's who they were.

Teresa's mom -- 40-ish, was knitting a beautiful something. All soft colors and an intricate pattern. I can only crochet. --- I wish I could knit like that.

Not-Teresa was drawing a picture - chalk, I think, and brilliant colors. A striking thing for a young girl - for anyone. As I grew from child to teen to adult, I perfected stick figures. --- I wish I could draw like that.

I was reading; And came across that rare thing - a perfect sentence. Perfect in structure, in word flow, in mood. I read it over and over, admiring it. --- I wish I could write a sentence like that.

Now here it comes. I didn't hear it - and I didn't see it, but again in the way of dreams, above and just to my rightENOUGHNESS. What????? The oddity of it woke me up - there would be no explanation in the dream. On reflection, though, I think if it means anything, it says THAT'S ENOUGH measuring and comparing oneself against others. We are either found wanting and left feeling negatively about ourselves, or we measure up positively, and can assume a false (and annoying) superiority. Neither is a desirable outcome. Another possibility is that we need to recognize that we are and have ENOUGH. That we can happily enjoy the skills and talents of others, and freely share our own.

And anyway, if we're making up words. I prefer ENOUGHITUDE.

Mary Alessandri
HOPE UCC Partner

News & Notes

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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.

Summer Event – Ice Cream Social & Movie Night – June 28

Who likes ice cream? Who likes movies? Who likes being outdoors in the summer? If you're any of these three things, why not come to Jeanne & Trott's house on Thursday, June 28 for the **ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MOVIE NIGHT**? We'll provide the venue, the ice cream, and the movie "COCO" outdoors under the stars. You bring your favorite ice cream topping to share and a lawn chair. What's easier than that? We'll start the ice cream



around 7:15 and get the movie started around 8:15 – 8:30 depending on darkness. If you can't stay for the movie, still come for some ice cream. Let's see how creative we can get with our ice cream creations! Address: 6675 Wheatfield Street, Woodridge. Phone: 630-269-3069 (Jeanne) 630-310-2413 (Trott)

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.



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:

- + Please God, keep all your LGBTQ brothers, sisters, friends, and fellow HOPers safe as we celebrate our first Aurora Pride Parade, Chicago's Pride Parade, and all around the world, as we celebrate Pride, either out and proud, or in silence to avoid persecution. (Mark G.)
- + Prayers for Julie – She's at Good Sam again with shortness of breath and chest pain. Tests show no heart problem and no blood clots, but they don't know what's wrong. (Nello & Mary A.)
- + Let us pray for our friend, Tyson, who lost his battle with alcoholism this past week and passed away. We hope he is at peace. Also, prayers for his wife and two kids that he leaves behind. (Julie & Ed H.)
- + Please pray for my dad, Thomas, as he is seeking help from the strongholds in his life. (Courtney)
- + Let's pray for immigrant children in former Walmart stores and tent cities. Protect them, comfort them, and reunite them with their families.
- © Let us pray in celebration of our son and daughter-in-law's first wedding anniversary!! (And Janie's & my 46th!) (Nick D.)



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.

HOPE'S Leadership

Pastor	Lucas King
Moderator	Mike Manderino
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Past Moderator	Becky McCabe
Treasurer	Les Pierce
Secretary	Julie Hapke
Registrar	Jane Trotta
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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

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

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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 27, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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>
<p>June 24, 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 27, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>June 27 – July 2</p> 	<p>Pastor Lucas – Out of Office</p>
<p>June 28, Thursday</p> 	<p>Ice Cream Social & Movie Night @ Jeanne & Trott's House (7-9 p.m.) Please see article for more info.</p>
<p>July 3, 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>July 4, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>July 8, 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>July 11, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</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!**

