


## Summer Reading

As each day passes, I am often left asking the question what more can I/we do about so many issues that seem to only intensify. It can be overwhelming as to what to do. Past summer pleasures now may seem indulgent in the wake of witnessing incarcerated children separated from their parents. Resistance and struggle have existed long before we were here and will be here long after. I find that words can serve as an antidote to fear and anxiety over what we seemingly cannot control.

These times call for action, but that action can be directed by the wisdom of our past and the wisdom of scholars. A quote ascribed to the Prophet Muhammed and popularized by Chicago hip-hop artist Lupe Fiasco states, “the ink of the scholar is more precious than the blood of the martyr.” So, I offer the ink of several scholars to add to your summer reading list as a way to organize our thoughts, galvanize our words, and realize our possibilities for a more just world. Add to the list using this link

(<http://bit.ly/2INyK9g>) and together we can build a resource list that, raises our words, and not simply our voices (Rumi).



Don't be sad! Because God sends hope in the most desperate moments. Don't forget, the heaviest rain comes out of the darkest clouds.

Rumi

### Books/Magazines

Alexander, Michelle. (2012). *The new Jim Crow: Mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness*. The New Press.

Brown, Brene. (2017). *Braving The Wilderness: The Quest For True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone*. Random House.

Chou, Rosalind and Feagin, Joe. (2015). *The Myth of the Model Minority: Asian Americans Facing Racism*. Routledge.

Fadel, Leila. (2018). *How Muslims, Often Misunderstood, Are Thriving in America*. National Geographic.

Kendi, Ibram. (2016). *Stamped From The Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*. Nation Books, NY

### Literature

Whitehead, Colson. (2016) *The Underground Railroad*.

Adieche, Chimamanda. (2014). *Americanah*

Slater, Dashka. (2017). *The 57 Bus*

Thomas, Angie. (2016). *The Hate You Give*

Sanchez, Erika. (2017). *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*

### Media

13th (Netflix)

King in the Wilderness (HBO)

Baltimore Rising (HBO)

[Wetback: The Undocumented Documentary](#) (National Geographic)

Doloras (Independent Lens)

*Mike Manderino*

**HOPE UCC Moderator**

## News & Notes



### **Presentation of GameShow Donations**

This **Sunday, July 8**, HOPE UCC will present the GameShow donations to PADS and 360 Youth Services, two of the charities that were chosen by your vote. Please plan to attend this happy event!

### **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.



### **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.

### **UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS – Save the Dates!**

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!](#)



## **Sharing Joys & Concerns**

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

- † Let us pray for my daughter, son-in-law, and grandson, as they prepare to move to Texas soon. Ryan is already there to start college. (Sally B.)
- † Pray for MaryBeth H. She has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. (Linda J.)
- † Prayers for Jackie. On top of her other health issues, she has a bad case of bronchitis. (Zach)
- † Let's pray for friend, Amy S. So thankful she's recovered from eye surgery. Was helped by friends and acquaintances through her recovery. She is seeing well again. She is moving back to the Midwest and job hunting again. Pray for a permanent/tenure-track position at a university. (Jolene)
- † It was great to have our family reunion recently. I had not seen my sister, Pat from Florida, since September. My sister Kathy was not here, but in the ER with an infection. (Zach)
- † Cousin Marijo W. She finished radiation treatment for cancer with minimal side effects and is starting a new full-time job! She's doing well. We are thankful. (Jolene)
- ☉ On Saturday, we celebrated our 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary...still going strong! (Nello & Mary A.)
- ☉ Happy Anniversary to Mary and Nello! (Melody, Shannon & Regina)

Prayer Requests



## Celebrating Birthdays

07/09 John Kroening  
07/09 Janeen Bradley  
07/11 Jaiden Manderino  
07/14 Tamiie Carter  
07/19 Kristy Revoldt  
07/30 Ian Hankins

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 July 11, by 2 p.m.**

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

**Thanks!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>July 8, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>New Partner Class # 1 @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</b></p>
<p>July 8, 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>July 11, 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>July 12, Thursday</p> 	<p><b>Naperville Band Concert (7:30 p.m.)</b>          A Night at the Oscars! Central Park, Naperville (Between Jefferson &amp; Benton, just east of Washington Street) Come if you can and look for the HOPeRs!</p>
<p>July 15, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>New Partner Class #2 @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</b></p>
<p>July 15, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Ministry Council Meeting (Following Worship)</b></p>
<p>July 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>July 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>July 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>July 22, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>New Partner Class #3 @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</b></p>
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<p>July 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>July 29, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him</b>          (Please see article for more information.)</p>