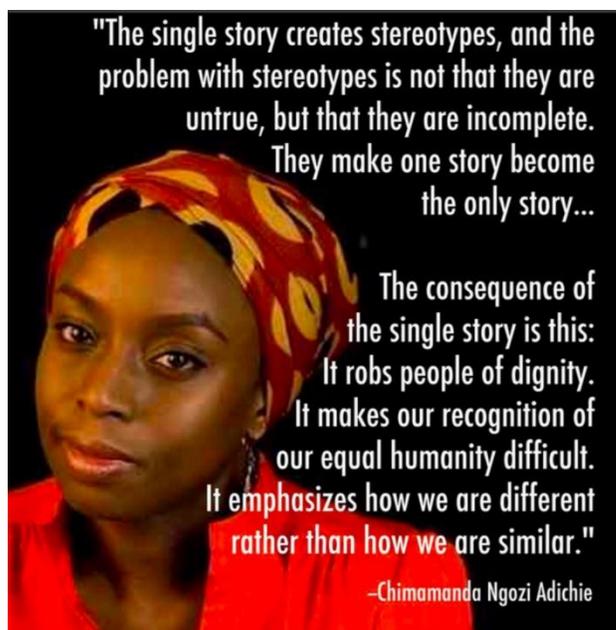


## Dismantling the Single Story

As we at HOPE grow into integrating the four attributes created by the Soaring Team, I want to speak specifically to personal and world transformation. To help guide my thinking on these attributes, I turn to a Ted Talk titled, *The Danger of the Single Story*, by Nigerian writer, Chimamanda Adichie. A simple Google Search will make this 18-minute video readily available to view. I cannot recommend this talk enough to people. Adichie is warm, funny, and deeply insightful about the effects of holding a single view of an individual or groups of individuals. She begins the



talk by sharing how the books she read provided her with a single story of the world despite those books not representing any of her lived experiences. As the talk continues she illuminates how easy it is to create a single story about others individually and collectively.

I show this video in almost every class that I teach, and I always walk away with something new when I watch it. I often have thought about ways to avoid a single story. Ask questions, read, engage in new experiences. These are all excellent ways to broaden our perspectives. These actions help in terms of our own personal transformations. But I think there is more we can do to lead to world transformation. We need to actively dismantle the barriers that prevent the rich tapestry of stories all around us from being told. Men - How do we challenge ourselves to speak less and listen more? To stop mansplaining at work, at home, and in social situations. Parents – How can we insist more strongly that our children need books in school that represent a wide variety of

ethnicities, sexual identities, physical abilities and religious affiliations? White folks – How do we work to become accomplices in the fight for social justice and not make our actions about our own feelings? Straight folks – How do we challenge hetero-normative behaviors that are harmful? Christians – How do we stem the intolerance and hatred toward people of many faiths by learning and sharing their stories?

As we at HOPE strive to work toward social justice, it is not enough to transform our own thinking and individual experiences. The attributes put forth by the soaring team also include world transformation. That may seem nearly impossible and yet I find this example to be tangible. To transform the world, we need to actively work to dismantle the barriers that silence the voices of so many. We don't grant anyone a voice; they already have one. But we can work to create conditions for people to share their voices and their stories. We can work to stop reproducing the conditions that silence individuals at home, at work, and out in the world. For me, personal transformation and world transformation go hand in hand. And in the words of Adichie, "When we realize that there is never a single story about any place, we regain a kind of paradise".

*Mike Manderino*

**HOPE UCC Ministry Council Moderator**

## News & Notes



### Please Help Us Feed These Kids!

The Landing (HOPE UCC's Youth Group) is having a lock-in on August 11, and we are looking for some nutritious snacks to be donated. For example: Popcorn, fruit, veggies, etc. Please drop off your donations at HOPE UCC during office hours (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or drop them off at HOPE on the day of the lock-in, Saturday, August 11, between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Thank you so much!

### It's COUGARS BASEBALL time!

Who doesn't love sitting in the warm night air eating a hot dog and washing it down with a beverage of your choice? **Saturday, August 18**, come see the Cougars play some baseball against Clinton, Iowa. Seat tickets are \$13 (I think) and Trott's going to get 30 tickets, for starters. **Game time is 6:30 p.m.**, but there's more! It's **Super Hero Night** and then **fireworks** after the game. One last thing...The band **Hi Infidelity** (popular rock oldies) is playing before the game out behind the park in center field. They start around 4:45 p.m. There's a signup sheet in the lobby so please let us know your interest in getting tickets and how many. **TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME....** (Sing that in your head. It helps get you in the mood!)



### HOPE Children & Youth Safe Community Training (Nursery, Kid's Quest, & The Landing)

To all HOPE UCC Children & Youth Volunteers (Nursery, Kid's Quest, & The Landing)

Embracing Safe Community training for all volunteers who work with children and youth at HOPE (Nursery, Kid's Quest, & The Landing). If you were not able to participate in the October 2017 training, please plan to attend the session (maximum of one hour) on Sunday, August 12 OR September 2 immediately after the worship service.



**Sunday, August 12 OR September 2 immediately after worship services**

- Required by our insurance policy
- One hour maximum
- Healthy snacks for you and your kids will be provided

Thanks for your commitment to children and youth.

### We Need a Volunteer!!!

Many thanks to Courtney Williams for volunteering to clean HOPE. Unfortunately, she is moving away. As a result, we need someone to join Jolene as one of our cleaning teams. Please contact Nick Dempsey (Cell: 630 235 3042, [ndempsey@aol.com](mailto:ndempsey@aol.com)) or Jolene Fiscella (Cell: 773 510 9672, [j.fiscella@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.fiscella@sbcglobal.net)) if you are interested in volunteering. Thanks!!!



### New HOPE UCC T-Shirts – Get Yours Soon!

Hurry! 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. HOPE UCC Annual Picnic, Aurora Pride Parade, Jesus Has Left the Building, GameShow Palooza, etc.

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## ANNUAL HOPE UCC PICNIC

Mark your calendars. Put it in your phones. This year our HOPE UCC PICNIC will be on **Sunday, September 16**, after service. We will gather again at Herrick Park (west picnic area) for our usual food, fun and games. Details to come.

~ Community Life

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## Please Join Fellow HOPERS at these Ongoing Gatherings

### Women Out to Lunch

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.



**These two groups hold stimulating conversation about current events and topics important to our lives and faith. We love the questions and searching for answers together.**

### Explore Your Faith Breakfast – Wednesdays @ 7:30 a.m.

This group meets weekly at Quincy's Restaurant in Naperville for breakfast. They utilize "The Wired Word" curriculum, which is based on current events, to discuss significant topics.

### Evening Explore Your Faith – First and Third Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.

Meeting twice a month at Jay and Jill Hruska's home, this group holds thought-provoking conversations about current events and other important subjects.

## VOLUNTEER AT THE LAST FLING

Are you looking for something to do over Labor Day Weekend? Then why not volunteer at the Naperville Jaycees Last Fling and earn a donation for HOPE.

Volunteering at the Last Fling gives you the opportunity to serve the community while having a great time and raising money. HOPE will receive a donation from the Jaycees to thank you for assisting with their biggest community fundraiser of the year.

This year's Last Fling festival will take place from August 31 - September 3, 2018 and will feature live music, a carnival, Family Fun Land, Fling mile and the Labor Day Parade. The Last Fling is the Naperville Jaycees' largest annual fundraiser and cannot be done without much needed support from the community. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a44aca623a5f94-2018>



## Sharing Joys & Concerns

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

- † Let us pray for my friend, Alyce, who is facing a biopsy to determine the nature of dark shadows. (Barb Z.)
- † Prayers for my cousin, Danny. He is still in the hospital but making progress. Thanks for the prayers. (Barb Z.)
- † Please pray for more patience, understanding, empathy, and peace in our homes and community, our country, and our world. (Jolene)
- † Let's pray for Anthony. He sees an orthopedist tomorrow. Pray that his wrist is not seriously injured and that it heals quickly so that he can get back to gymnastics as quickly as possible. (Jolene)
- † Prayers for my husband. He is a step or two away from starting a new career and making more money (definitely needed). We will see! (Katie M.)
- † Please pray for Milo, who is starting at a new school in a few weeks. Please pray for an easy transition. (Erin C.)
- † Let us pray for my friend, Michelle, and her family as her dad was put in hospice and will be transitioning soon. (Shannon, Melody and Regina)
- ☺ Very thankful for a wonderful visit of our nephews and our new great niece from California. (Shannon, Melody and Regina)

Prayer Requests



## Celebrating Birthdays

08/11 Regina Ellsworth  
08/24 Maddie Fosen  
08/30 Barb Zigterman

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

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

**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

1701 Quincy Avenue, Suite 27  
Naperville, IL 60540-6684

**The Reverend Lucas King**

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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 August 7, by 2 p.m.**

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

**Thanks!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>August 5, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Gift Card Order for August – ORDERS DUE TODAY!</b> Think back-to-school shopping, and early Christmas shopping...as well as gas, groceries, etc.</p>
<p>August 7, 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>August 8, 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>August 11-12, Saturday-Sunday</p> 	<p><b>The Landing Lock-In (8/11 – 5 p.m. to 8/12 – 9 a.m.)</b> Details will be forthcoming.</p>
<p>August 12, 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>August 15, 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>August 16, 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>August 18, Saturday</p> 	<p><b>Kane County Cougars Baseball Game (Concert @ 4:45 p.m./Game @ 6:30 p.m.)</b> Come see the Cougars play some baseball against Clinton, Iowa. Seat tickets are \$13 and we're going to get 30 tickets, for starters. It's Super Hero Night and then fireworks after the game. One last thing...The band Hi Infidelity (popular rock oldies) is playing before the game starting around 4:45 p.m. There's a signup sheet in the lobby, so please let us know your interest in getting tickets &amp; how many.</p>
<p>August 19, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>HOPE UCC Congregational Meeting (Following Worship)</b></p>
<p>August 21, 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>August 22, 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>August 26, 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>August 29, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b> Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>