

The Sandwich Generation



Many of us are in the “sandwich” time of our lives. The time when we have aging parents and growing grandchildren. A time when we find our roles changing from being a child to being the caretaker – from being the parent to being the babysitter. An emotional time as we watch those we love grow and change.

This last week we moved my 98-year-old mother-in-law to assisted living. She is cognitively sharp and full of humor – but her living situation needs support beyond what we could do in her home. So, after living independently, she is now in a small apartment with cheerful care and watchful eyes – and she is accepting this situation but not necessarily celebrating it. On the other end of life, we have a two-month-old grandson who is beginning to smile, focus on our faces and responding to our voices. Each day brings a newness to the miracle of life and its journey. We are awed by it all.

As I reflect on this spectrum of life’s journey, I realize how many years I am privileged to touch and know. With my mother-in-law’s life, I have been introduced to over one hundred years of relatives and stories. She remembers her grandmother and grandfather and has shared her memories with us. The stories we have shared over the years takes us back to the mid-1800s. We touch a time that no longer exists. With our grandson, he has this connection with her – and we will share those memories with him. And we have the possibility of another 90 years into the future – the potential of the unknown. A span of over 200 years.

We don’t just live in the present – but we connect with the past and with the future. We hold memories and experiences that will live on whether we walk this earth or not. Being in this sandwich time makes me realize how precious these relationships are and how sharing our memories can impact others around us. The past and the future are part of who we are and who we will become.

Becky McCabe

HOPE UCC Past 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 and Trott's got 30 tickets, of which 11 have been sold! Yay! **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.



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- 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.



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 Padooza, etc.

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**



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.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for the family of Chris M., who died suddenly last week, leaving his wife and two children. They are our next-door neighbors. (Mary & Nello A.)
- † After a long week, thank you to all of HOPE UCC for their hugs and smiles. I feel loved and welcomed. (Becky)
- † Prayers for my brother-in-law, George R., admitted to hospice in Oregon with congenital heart disease. (Mary A.)
- † Let's pray for Jackie T. Prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits are welcome. (Zach J.)
- † Please pray for my friend, Barb, having colon cancer surgery. (Linda J.)
- † Prayers needed for my son, Michael, going through some stressful and depressing times. (Linda J.)
- † Let us pray for my uncle, Jack H., who died at 91 years young after a full and active life. (Sally B.)
- † Prayers for my sister, Lana, who is having surgery Tuesday. Praying for a positive outcome. (Jackie P.)
- † Pray for the soul of Dr. S., who lost his battle with cancer this past week. (Mark)
- † Let's pray for Jenny R., who has been having some high pain days and relying on her morphine more. (Erin C.)
- † Prayers for all who suffer from mental illness and addictions. (Anonymous)
- † Please pray for Michelle and her family. Her father passed away this past week. Prayers for comfort. (Shannon & Melody)
- † Continued prayers for our friend expecting triplets. She is 29 weeks and healthy. She needs to at least make it to mid-September. Give her strength over the upcoming weeks. (Antoinette & Carrie)
- † Please pray for my mom, as she continues to heal after eye surgery. (The Zillmers)

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.

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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Librarians	Les & Jackie Pierce
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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 August 15, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>August 11-12</p> 	<p>The Landing Lock-In (8/11 – 5 p.m. to 8/12 – 9 a.m.)</p>
<p>August 12, Sunday</p> 	<p>Resource Ministry Meeting @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship)</p>
<p>August 12, Sunday</p> 	<p>Safe Community Training for Adults Working with Youth (Following Worship) (Please see article for more information.)</p>
<p>August 12, 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>August 15, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>August 16, 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>August 18, Saturday</p> 	<p>Kane County Cougars Baseball Game (Concert @ 4:45 p.m./Game @ 6:30 p.m.) See article for more info.</p>
<p>August 19, Sunday</p> 	<p>HOPE UCC Congregational Meeting (Following Worship)</p>
<p>August 21, 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>August 22, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>August 26, 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>August 29, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>September 2, Sunday</p> 	<p>Safe Community Training for Adults Working with Youth (Following Worship) (Please see article for more information.)</p>
<p>September 4, 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>September 5, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>September 9, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>September 9, Sunday</p> 	<p>Ministry Council Meeting (Following Worship)</p>