

What Does the Resource Ministry Do?

During the next few months we will be highlighting the work that our various committees do here at HOPE UCC. We hope you find them informative and helpful, as there are many hands at work to make our church a positive organization.

HOPE UCC's Resource and Operations Ministry

The purpose of HOPE's Resource and Operations Ministry is to oversee HOPE's financial systems and vitality and the physical plant. Some key financial responsibilities include annual budgeting and budget reviews throughout the year, accounting system updating, bank account reviews, stewardship campaign, weekly offering collection and counting. Regarding the church building, the Committee interfaces with the landlord as required, oversees the maintenance of the phone and internet systems, and manages our Partners who volunteer to be on our cleaning teams. It should be noted that much of the actual day-to-day work is done by HOPE's Office Manager, Gail Bassett. That said, Pastor Lucas and Les Pierce, HOPE's Treasurer, are integral members of the Committee.



Currently we are in the initial phases of preparing for our fall Stewardship Campaign, our 2019 budget and seeing how we can integrate the findings of our Soaring Committee into what we do as the Resource and Operations Committee.

Members of the Resource and Operations Committee include:

Nick Dempsey, Chair

Linda James

Molly Hankins

Lela Lauricha

Les Pierce, Treasurer

Rev. Lucas King

Becky McCabe

HOPE UCC Past Ministry Council Moderator

News & Notes

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, September 2 immediately after the worship service.



Sunday, 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.



Annual HOPE UCC Picnic – Sunday, September 16

After service, please come to Herrick Lake West Pavilion for food, fun, and laughs. HOPE provides the hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, and desserts. You all bring the side dishes. This year, BYO beverage. Water will be provided. There's a little change to the Bingo game. If you plan to play, please bring a WRAPPED item. The item must be 1 pound of something. One pound of anything! Of course, there will be other activities for all.

There is a sign-up sheet purely to give Community Life an idea of roughly how many are able to attend.



HOPE UCC Mission Project

DuPage PADS 14th Annual Run 4 Home 2018
Ending Homelessness One Step at a Time
10K & 5K Run and 5K & 1K Walk



Saturday, September 15th, 2018 – 8:00am
703 West Liberty, Wheaton

Join HOPE UCC's team **"Welcome Home!"** as we run & walk together to raise funds for our mission partner DuPage PADS. It's sure to be a fun event for a great cause. Wheelchairs are welcome, and strollers/baby joggers are welcome in the 5K & 1K walk.

REGISTER to join HOPE's team "Welcome Home" or **DONATE** to team "Welcome Home!" online at:

<https://dupagepads.org/run-4-home-2018-10k-5k-run-walk-dupagepads-wheaton/>

You may register online through September 13th.



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.

Please Join Fellow HOPERS at these Ongoing Gatherings

Women Out to Lunch

Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month at noon. 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.

HOPE UCC 2018 Highlights

In case you missed the Congregational Meeting on August 19, here are some of the highlights of HOPE UCC and all that we do:

- HOPE UCC was able to donate to three charities this year – Mom's Building Bridges (\$1,456), 360 Youth Services (\$2,072), and DuPage PADS (\$2,072), due to our successful fundraising event – GameShow Palooza.
- We continue to enjoy our Sunday Morning Gatherings and our children!
- HOPE UCC celebrated Pride Month by participating in the Aurora Pride Parade, special music during Sunday morning gatherings, and visiting speakers from Transcend.
- Mental Health First Aid Training was sponsored by HOPE UCC.
- We have enjoyed several Community Life gatherings – Naperville Band Concert, Movie Night, and a Cougars baseball game.
- Our youth ministry, The Landing, had a lock-in, which was a great success!
- We helped Ready Set Ride, a therapeutic horse stable, during our Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him in July.
- Our congregation will welcome six new partners in August and September this year.
- HOPE UCC hosts Rainbow Faith on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. HOPE UCC is a safe place for LGBTQ participants to explore their faith.

WHAT WE DO

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let's pray for Wes – He starts college tomorrow! (Molly)
- † Prayers for Courtney & Lee, who were married this past week. Keep them in your prayers as they travel to their new home in Georgia to start their new journey together. (Mark G.)
- † Please pray for the Carter family as they travel to their new home in Alabama to start their new life. (Mark G.)
- † Let us pray for my friend, Emily. She lost her battle to depression and anxiety. Please send love and peace to her family. It is always okay to seek help. If you are suffering, please reach out. You are safe here and surrounded by love and acceptance. (Tanya)
- † Prayers for Morgan, who went into hospice on Friday for a brain tumor. Prayers for Morgan's family and friends who are still mourning the death of Morgan's dad, who passed away in June. (Ed & Julie H.)
- † Let's pray for niece-in-law, Kelly, and her mom. Mom has a lung infection and has been in ICU for over a week on a vent, trying to heal what ails her. Pray for healing and strength. (Lela & Tanya)
- † Please pray for strength and healing for our former trainer Misty's mom, Sherry. Her cancer is back. Just finished first round of chemo.
- † Prayers please. I'm in need of a new job. Current job is negatively impacting my health (making it even harder to job hunt). (Jon C.)
- ☉ Praise for the loving and accepting community at HOPE UCC.
- ☉ Happy 17th anniversary to our big princess from her little (getting bigger) princess, Ravinia, and her knight, Dave.
- ☉ Had a fabulous time having silly fun and getting to know HOPE folks a little better at the ballpark yesterday. Thanks, guys!

Prayer Requests



Celebrating Birthdays

08/24 Maddie Fosen
08/30 Barb Zigterman
09/01 Ellen Brady
09/01 Conner David
09/03 Robb Winder
09/08 Nick Dempsey
09/15 Mia McCabe
09/20 Jill Hruska

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
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

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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 29, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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>
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<p>September 12, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>September 16, Sunday</p> 	<p>HOPE UCC Annual Church Picnic (After Worship) We'll gather again at Herrick Park (west picnic area) for our usual food, fun and games. Details to come.</p>
<p>September 18, 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 19, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>September 20, 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>
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<p>September 30, Sunday</p> 	<p>Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him More details to be announced.</p>