

"Where did the time go?"

I can't believe it's already the dreaded "after Labor Day" season. Where did the summer go? Seems like just yesterday, I was just thinking of all the things I was going to do this summer. At the same time, Community Life was also planning the fun summer activities for HOPE. We all know summer plans can be difficult with everything that pulls us all in different directions.... family, vacations, etc. So now here we are asking, "Where did the time go?" I know I had planned on a few other things this summer that never happened and not sure they will happen in September and October either.



So now what? I guess we can use "after Labor Day" season as a new beginning. Maybe we do get that room painted, that shed fixed, or still run to visit someone we've been trying to get to all summer. Hopefully it won't be super humid anymore and the leaves will stay on the trees just a bit longer. We can still ride bikes in the fall, right? Take that hike. I know pickleball is still an outside sport until the snow flies. Just because hockey starts for me this month, doesn't mean the snow is flying just yet.

Here's a start, a kickoff, if I may. Come to the HOPE Picnic on September 16 and let's make some early fall memories we can reminisce about throughout the "after Labor Day" season.

Jane "Trott" Trotta

HOPE UCC Ministry Council Registrar

News & Notes

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.

JESUS HAS LEFT THE BUILDING & WE'RE FOLLOWING HIM

Please mark your calendar!! HOPE UCC's next "Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him" event will be **Sunday, September 30**.

We will be painting **TWO APARTMENTS** for 360 Youth Services!! Since we are painting two apartments, we will be needing a lot of volunteers!! Please look for sign-up sheets at church this week!! See Laurie Fosen or Jolene Fiscella for more information.

Are you new to HOPE UCC and wondering what "Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him" is all about?

At HOPE UCC, we value social justice and putting our faith into action. Whenever there is a month on the calendar with a 5th Sunday, instead of gathering at HOPE for Sunday morning worship, we head out into the community for a Sunday morning "workshop" project at a local non-profit agency or community organization. Typically, we volunteer from 9:00 a.m. until noon, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Whenever possible, our "workshop" project involves an assortment of tasks so that people of all ages and abilities can participate.



Creating Safe Spaces: Mental Health Support in Faith

Featuring award winning author, Amy Simpson, this event will focus on providing faith leaders and other partners the practical resources and programs needed to address the mental health needs faith communities encounter. Event will feature a series of presentations from people who have experience with spiritual support groups for persons with mental illnesses. For tickets and more information - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/safe-spaces-mental-health-support-in-faith-communities-tickets-46450154663>

Wednesday, September 19

Registration & Light Refreshments 8-9am

Meeting time 9am-3:30pm

Elmhurst Hospital
155 E Brush Road
Oak Room
Elmhurst, IL 60126



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.

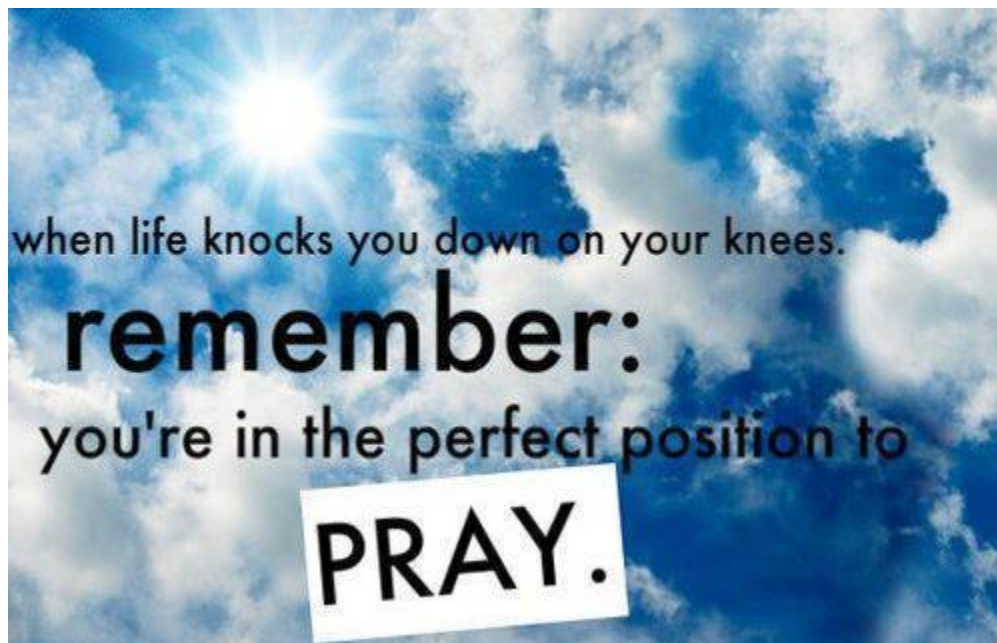
Evening Explore Your Faith – First and Third Tuesdays @ 7 p.m.

Meeting twice a month HOPE UCC, 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 Dee, as she travels to Missouri to help her dad prepare for the next phase of his life. Also, for Ravinia as she trains Dad to be Mr. Mom this week. (Zillmer Family)
- † Please pray for Nathan as he recovers from injury and prepares for his marathon in two weeks. (Erin & Milo)
- † Prayers for my friend, Esteban, and his family in Nicaragua as the unrest there gets worse. (Erin C.)
- † Prayers needed for a friend whose husband just found out he has third stage lung cancer. Prayers for guidance as they decide their next steps toward healing. (Antoinette)
- † Our niece-in-law, Kelly, thanks HOPE UCC for prayers. Mom is off the vent and moved from ICU. Yeah! (Lela & Tanya)
- † Let us pray for granddaughter, Kristina J. She flew to L.A. yesterday to start her search for a career in stage and screen writing. (Linda J.)
- † Please pray for my cousin, Bob H., once more as his diagnosis is now stage 4A cancer. (Sally)
- ☉ Happy Birthday Pops in heaven. We love and miss your feisty spirit. (Tanya & Lela)
- ☉ My friends, Kelly and Marty, welcome their fourth child in four years. All is well, and Joseph Daniel is a very healthy boy! (Zach)
- ☉ So thrilled! My friend, Dean, received a new heart last week and is doing fantastic. (Zach)



Celebrating Birthdays

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 – Sunday 9 a.m. @ HOPE UCC Adult Quest will start again on September 9, 2018.

The classes will address scripture interpretation as well as topical issues in today's world including TEDx lectures.

If you have a specific topic you would like to explore, please contact me and we will add it to the class agenda.

KID'S QUEST – Sundays during Worship Kid's Quest will start again on September 9, 2018.

HOPE UCC's Christian Education for children. Teaching kids about Community, Scripture, Values and Service through participatory learning.

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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 September 12, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

September 9, Sunday 	Adult Quest Starts This Week (9 a.m.) Meets in the Library at HOPE UCC. Please see article for more information. Kids' Quest Begins (During Worship) HOPE UCC's Christian Education for children.
September 9, Sunday 	The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.) We're excited to be meeting again! Please free to bring a friend to any of our Youth group meetings. A calendar of events will be coming soon with upcoming meetings and outings.
September 9, Sunday 	Ministry Council Meeting (Following Worship)
September 9, Sunday 	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 .
September 12, Wednesday 	Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.
September 16, Sunday 	HOPE UCC Annual Church Picnic (After Worship) We'll gather again at Herrick Park (west picnic area) for our usual food, fun and games. See article for details.
September 18, Tuesday 	Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.
September 19, Wednesday 	Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.
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September 26, Wednesday 	Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.
September 30, Sunday 	Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him More details to be announced.
October 2, Tuesday 	Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.
October 3, Wednesday 	Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.
October 7, Sunday 	Neighbors in Need UCC Annual Offering (During Worship) Supporting ministries of justice & compassion throughout the U.S. including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice & advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice & Witness Ministries.
October 7, Sunday 	The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)