I like to walk as many of you know. Fall is my favorite time of the year. It is a time of transition from the heat of the summer to nature’s profusion of color and cooler temperatures. The sky seems to be clearer and the sun is at a new angle that allows light to play off the leaves not seen at other times of the year. There is also an aroma that is unique to this time of transition. We are fortunate to live near the Morton Arboretum. This is a place I go to as part of my “oneness” with nature. The Arboretum becomes my refuge from the daily concerns of life in to an atmosphere of “quite time” and serenity. Walk alone or with that special person or persons in your life. I always come away with a sense of renewal and awe for the whole of creation. Below are two poems that speak to this extraordinary event in our lives written by - © Patricia L. Cisco – Please enjoy and find some time to take a walk in the woods.

**Sing to Me, Autumn** - Published: September 2016
Sing to me, Autumn, with the rustle of your leaves.  
Breathe on me your spicy scents that flow within your breeze.  
Dance with me, Autumn, your waltz that bends the boughs of trees.  
Now tell me all the secrets you’ve whispered to the seas.  
Sleep with me, Autumn, beneath your starlit skies.  
Let your yellow harvest moon shimmer in our eyes.  
Kiss me, Autumn, with your enchanting spellbound ways  
That changes all you touch into crimson golden days.  
Love me, Autumn, and behold this love so true  
That I’ll be waiting faithfully each year to be with you.

**Autumn’s Majesty**
Sun with his artistic touch,  
streaks skies of blue with rosy blush,  
trimming Oak and Maple too,  
crimson reds with yellow hue.  
Birch and Hemlock, purple and gold,  
apples, pumpkins bright and bold,  
burns by day and cools by night,  
cloaking trees in fiery might.  
Wispy winds and tumbling leaves,  
cypress scents within the breeze,  
stars eves and harvest moon,  
sets the stage for crickets’ tune.  
As spiders spin their tapestry  
and crickets sing in symphony,  
their final song of destiny,  
it’s clear for all the world to see,  
Autumn’s vibrant majesty!

Les Pierce  
HOPE UCC Ministry Council Treasurer
News & Notes

Friday Night Flick - *Professor Marston and the Wonder Women*

Friday, October 19th at 7 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Come for the movie, stay for the spirited discussion after the show. The event is FREE!! No preregistration needed, just show up!! Enjoy popcorn and candy, bring your own beverages! **This film is rated R due to adult content.**

Storyline:
The movie details the unconventional life of Dr. William Marston, the Harvard psychologist and inventor who helped invent the modern lie detector test and created Wonder Woman in 1941. Marston was in a polyamorous relationship with his wife Elizabeth, a psychologist and inventor in her own right, and Olive Byrne, a former student who became an academic. This relationship was key to the creation of Wonder Woman, as Elizabeth and Olive's feminist ideals were ingrained in the character from her creation.

New Adult Quest Opportunity at 9 a.m.!

Every other Sunday, Pastor Lucas will be leading a new Adult Quest series at 9 a.m. - Bible Study. Now, let me assure you this is not your normal, boring, dusty, Bible Study. We'll be delving into the focus passage for the morning and exploring some of the background, context, and surrounding knowledge that will help you get even more out of the sermon and a bit deeper into the stories of our faith tradition. Try it...you might like it!

Below is one of the upcoming scriptures in case you would like to read it in advance:  Sunday, October 21 - Luke 11:1-4

Worship Leader Training

Guess what...I realized this summer that I haven't invested much effort in assisting folks with the tools, tricks, and guidance to feel comfortable and excel in the important role of leading our Sunday morning gatherings - our worship leaders, scripture readers, children's time leaders, and prayer readers. I had just assumed that people already knew, would figure it out, or we'd play it by ear. Turns out that doesn't work as well long-term as one might hope. Oops! Sorry about that!

So, this summer I developed a "training" (if you will) that goes over some of the basics of large group worship leadership and some of the more nuanced pieces of how to flourish in that role. I'll be offering this "training" one more time and I ask all the folks who are currently filling these roles and anyone who is interested in possibly joining the fun to come on the below date. All are welcome! Please RSVP to Pastor Lucas via email @ pastor@sharehope.org.

Sunday, October 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (snacks provided) - please RSVP by October 14

Are you an informed voter?

Are you ready for the upcoming mid-term election? Do you know the candidates? Do you have opinions about the issues and want to discuss which candidates will represent you well? Are you a first-time voter? Or do you just want to chat about the election?

If any of these questions resonate with you, then come join in a conversation after church on Sunday, October 28th - the Sunday before the election on November 6th. Becky McCabe will facilitate, but everyone should come ready to have a dialogue about the election, candidates and issues. All are welcome. **Even if you can’t join us, please remember to vote on November 6!!!**
SAVE THE DATE for Polar Express

Polar Express is heading to HOPE UCC! Clear your calendar for Saturday, December 8 and an evening to remember. Tickets will go on sale November 4.

New HOPE UCC T-Shirts – Get Yours Today!

Our new shirts look fabulous! A variety of child and adult sizes still available for a suggested donation of $15 to HOPE UCC. T-shirts are great to wear to all HOPE UCC events, i.e. Jesus Has Left the Building, HOPE UCC Annual Picnic, Aurora Pride Parade, GameShow Palooza, etc.

October 3, 2018

Ms. Laurie Fosen
HOPE United Church of Christ
1701 Quincy Avenue, Suite 27
Naperville, IL 60540

Dear Laurie,

“360 Youth Services is an invaluable resource for young adults who find themselves lost and alone.”

- August

Because of you, August, a former resident from our transitional housing program, is able to make such powerful statements. We want to thank you for donating paint, supplies, and the labor to paint one of the Transitional Housing apartments. Your generosity makes it possible for 360 to surround our youth and their families with resources essential for their futures.

Because of you, our children are overcoming such challenges as depression and bullying; our kids are equipped to make positive choices regarding drugs and alcohol, and influence others to do the same; and our youth faced with homelessness are welcomed into a compassionate home with the support they need to become self-sufficient.

Each of our 360 programs provides a vital link in the healthy development of our youth, and your support helps us bring these programs to life. The manner in which many of these young people come to 360 is heartbreaking, but thanks to you and your generosity, how they leave is heartwarming. We are extremely grateful for your commitment to our young people.

Again, thank you. We are deeply appreciative of your support.

With warmest regards,

Harley Jones
Chief Executive Officer

Jason Allenbernow
Development Director

Since no goods or services were provided to you in exchange for this gift, the entire amount of your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The FEIN for 360 Youth Services is 36-2936229. Please keep this letter as your receipt, and again, many thanks to you.
Sharing Joys & Concerns
Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

† Let us pray for everyone to know that we are all equal. Different, yes, but still people. There should be no shame in who you are. God created you to be you.

† Pray for continued good health for my nephew as he works through depression and addiction. (Anonymous)

† Please pray for Cooper, our furry family member. May his ears heal quickly and completely so we can remove his uncomfortable head dressing and avoid surgery...We love you, buddy! (The Zillmers)

† Let’s pray for Jackie T. Please guide her doctors to find a treatment to rid her of vertigo-like symptoms. Please also grant her a “good” day today so that she may attend and enjoy her granddaughter’s baby shower. (The Zillmers)

† My top surgery will, hopefully, be scheduled soon. Praise God that my insurance will cover it all. Please pray for me as I try to find someone to help during recovery, because my mom can’t come. (Parker Hall)

† Prayers for Jolene as she continues her recovery from being hospitalized this week. (Zach)

† LaRissa O. as she travels to the Philippines. (Mark G.)

† Let us pray for peace for my friends, John, Ann, and J.P., as their son and brother, Brian, 36 years old, lost his battle with cancer. (Anna)

† Peace – end of LaQuan school’s shut down early. Peace – my priest got fired – searching for God again. Joyful – Thank God for HOPE UCC! (Bea)

† Let us pray for the United States. At a time where you think we couldn’t be more divided, it seemingly got worse. Please let us find common ground and heal. (Trott)

† Prayers needed for the people affected by the natural disaster in Indonesia. All the lives lost. (Mark)

☺ Thanks for the support of our HOPE family over the past few weeks as we’ve traveled to care for family. (Tim & Marie)

☺ Celebrations in the McCabe/St. Angelo family! Becky’s mother-in-law had her 99th birthday yesterday. She is amazing and will vote! Tina and Becky became great-aunts as their brother’s daughter had a baby boy, Theo.
Celebrating Birthdays
10/10  Jane Dempsey
10/13  Linda James
10/27  Jane Trotta
10/29  Wes Hankins
10/29  Jay Hruska

If we’ve missed your birthday, please email HOPE’s Office Manager at HOPE@shareHOPE.org.

ADULT QUEST – Sunday 9 a.m. @ HOPE UCC
Please see article for more information regarding Adult Quest @ HOPE UCC.

KID’S QUEST – Sundays during Worship
HOPE UCC’s Christian Education for children. Teaching kids about Community, Scripture, Values and Service through participatory learning.

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Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of HOPE Happenings is October 17, by 2 p.m.

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

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   If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact Pastor Lucas.  |
| October 16, Tuesday | Worship Ministry Meeting @ HOPE UCC (10 a.m.)  |
| October 16, Tuesday | Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)  
   Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.  |
| October 17, Wednesday | Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
   Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.  |
| October 18, Thursday | 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.  |
| October 19, Friday | HOPE UCC Movie Night (Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – Movie at 7 p.m.)  
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| October 31, Wednesday | Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
   Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.  |
| November 4, Sunday | Congregational Meeting @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship)  |
| November 4, Sunday | The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)  |
| November 6, Tuesday | Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)  
   Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.  |
| November 7, Wednesday | Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)  
   Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.  |