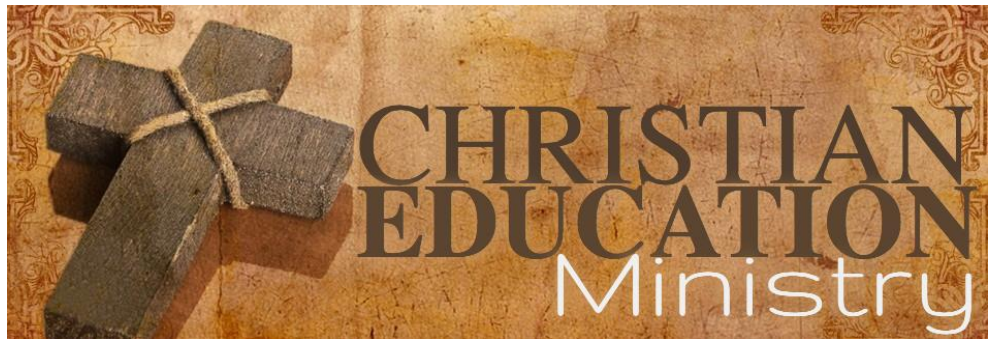


Christian Education @ HOPE UCC

HOPE Christian Education ministry strives to create and offer a variety of learning opportunities for people to expand their thinking and faith. For young people, as well as those who are young at heart, learning includes a safe space to discuss, listen, question, and devise individual answers. HOPE's various Christian Education ministry programs provide opportunity to build community, worship, and offer transformation on a personal and global level. CE helps us understand how our faith informs our actions. Wrestling with questions of faith, and understanding how we see faith, translates into the actions that we each take. CE allows each person to help formulate their respective ideas.



"Some churches have "Sunday School." At HOPE UCC, the education ministries are called QUEST as we recognize that all are on a journey when it comes to our faith. The Quest program provides opportunities to further our individual faith journey...accompanied by others." Recently saw the start of our 2018-2019 Sunday morning programs with Kid's Quest, The Landing, and Adult Quest all up and running. Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning discussion groups are ongoing. A workshop regarding Safe Spaces: Mental Health Support in Faith Communities was sponsored by HOPE UCC.

Some education opportunities are provided with the support of HOPE volunteers, while others include participating in events within the larger community. Two sessions of Embracing Safe Church training/discussion have taken place recently. Thanks to those who have attended. If there is anyone else interested in volunteering with youth we will be glad to set up a training time.

The goal of CE is to explore ideas of faith, challenge your thinking, and expand your perspective. If you're interested in doing that, there's a place for you in HOPE's Christian Education opportunities.

Marie Higgins

HOPE UCC Christian Education Ministry Chair

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.!

Quest

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 upcoming scripture 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 as soon as possible

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!!!

PADS – Assistance Needed

Dear Friends,

We're looking forward to another year of providing great dinners for our PADS guests. I will be out of town for the better parts of two of the four meals HOPE will provide. As a result, I am looking for someone to volunteer to assist me leading HOPE's PADS program this year. Please let me know if you are interested or would like additional information as to what help is needed.

Thank you!

Nick Dempsey (pndempsey@aol.com, Cell: 630 235 0342, Home: 630 357 5434)



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.



Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Pray for the recovery of my grandson, Ryan. He suffered a cardiac arrest in his dorm this morning (Tuesday), and is in ICU at Dallas Presbyterian Hospital. (Sally B.)
- † Please pray for Jolene, as she is home from the hospital, but was back in the ER. She has had more tests, and they still cannot pin down a diagnosis to treat. (Zach)
- † Let's pray for my brother-in-law, Roger, who is recovering from his injuries sustained in a car accident in DeKalb. (Zach)
- † Prayers needed for Rhys. He's home sick with a fever and rash. Please pray for a quick recovery and for him to perk up back to his happy self. (Danielle)
- † Prayers for the people trying to put their lives together again in Florida after Hurricane Michael. (Mark G.)
- † My beautiful friend, Jenny, died after a long battle with cancer. I am so grateful for her life. Please pray for her husband, children, and sister as they mourn her. (Erin)
- ☺ Thanks for the prayers and good wishes. Bill is doing well. He's recovery is progressing. He finally gave up the walker! (Barb Z.)
- ☺ Thanksgiving! My grandson and new granddaughter, Tyler and Sam Bice, who finally tied the knot yesterday in a beautiful ceremony that included their grandma! (Sally)



Celebrating Birthdays

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.

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

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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Office Hours:
Tuesday - Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of
HOPE Happenings is October 23, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>October 18, 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>October 19, Friday</p> 	<p>HOPE UCC Movie Night (Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – Movie at 7 p.m.) Please see article for more information.</p>
<p>October 21, Sunday</p> 	<p>Worship Leader Training @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)</p>
<p>October 21, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>October 28, Sunday</p> 	<p>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</p>
<p>October 28, 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>October 31, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>November 4, Sunday</p> 	<p>Congregational Meeting @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship)</p>
<p>November 4, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>November 6, Tuesday</p> 	<p>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.) Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p>November 7, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>November 9 – 12</p> 	<p>Pastor Lucas – Out of Office</p>
<p>November 11, Sunday</p> 	<p>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</p>
<p>November 11, Sunday</p> 	<p>Ministry Council Meeting (Following Worship)</p>
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<p>November 14, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>November 15, 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>