

Love...the Greatest Commandment

Love. The greatest commandment in the Bible. A word that means so much. A word that has been burned by society. And, a word with many meanings.

To some, love is a good word, but to others it is a bad word. Going through abuse, assault, and bad experiences, love used to be a bad word to me. I never fully trusted the words, "I Love You". It took a while until I really trusted those who said it.

But was it worth it? To trust? To love? Yes. I say it was. It may be hard, but worth it. Good things come out of love.

So, give it a shot. Love someone who really needs it. For God says, "Love your neighbor as yourself".

Lili Halder

HOPE UCC Youth



News & Notes

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!!!**

Hakuna Matata means "No worries"!

This year, our Advent theme will bring together the stories of our faith and the music of *The Lion King*. Stay after service on Sunday, December 2 for a showing of the Disney movie. Bring your brown bag lunch. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.



Notice from HOPE UCC Registrar

Please join us **Sunday, November 4**, after service for a quarterly congregational meeting where we'll reflect on our past celebrations, do some budget reviewing, and look to next year.

PADS – Assistance Needed



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)

Stewardship Sunday Celebration Luncheon

On Sunday, November 25, HOPE UCC will host Stewardship Sunday during worship and have a celebration luncheon afterwards. Linda James will be coordinating this event and will be needing your help to organize and prepare the meal. Please contact Linda James (ldj7900@sbcglobal.net or 630-877-7943) if you can assist her with this special occasion.



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!

Here are the upcoming scriptures, in case you'd like to read in advance:

November 4 – Matthew 13:1-9, November 18 – Matthew 5:13-16, December 2 – Luke 21:25-36, December 16 – Luke 3:7-18

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.



Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for Ryan, Sally's grandson. He is scheduled to have a pacemaker placed in Dallas. (Zach)
- † Prayers needed for our nephew, Dylan, who was in a very serious car accident this week. Prayers for healing for all four boys involved. (Shannon & Melody)
- † Let's pray for courage and comfort for those dealing with cancer. For strength and patience for their caregivers. Three cheers for those who've come out the other side whole (sort of) and healthy. (Mary A.)
- † Please pray for one of my co-workers, Sandra, who is going to be having some more tests for her cancer. Keep her in your prayers as she fights the battle. (Mark G.)
- † Prayers for Michael and Terry, as they open their hearts and home for Little Man's brother. Prayers for their new journey. Give them patience, strength, laughter, and massive amounts of love. May this be the final permanent home these boys. (Terry & Michael)
- ☺ Thanks for the friendship of those who are there for us and our Little Man. (Michael & Terry)
- ☺ Josh is celebrating three years of sobriety and healthy management of their mental health. We are so joyful for them! (Erin C.)



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

Our topic for this Sunday is "The Gift of Emotional Courage" by Susan David.
We will have a discussion after watching this presentation.

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 30, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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>
<p>November 18, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>November 20, 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 21, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>November 22, Thursday</p> 	<p>Happy Thanksgiving! HOPE UCC Office will be closed.</p>