



HOPE

The weekly newsletter of

God is Still Speaking,
HAPPENings

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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This past Sunday the Missional Budget was distributed, and we hope and pray that it gives support to what you already know: HOPE is a vibrant, vital, and growing faith community that is doing wondrous things in God's name. As you consider your time, talent and treasure pledges for 2019, we encourage you to have faith in the ways that your investments in HOPE will grow over the coming year and will continue to grow over time. Your investments will not only lead to transformation in your own life, but in the lives of your fellow faith-journey travelers – those who have already found their way to HOPE and those yet to arrive.

It is our hope that we can all find ways to be generous stewards of the gifts that have been entrusted to us as we all have great resources from which we draw; though, our individual purses of time, talent and treasure are each unique and different. While it is clear that we are each already drawn toward a spirit of generosity, it is proven that taking the time to consider your gifts and intentionally pledge your support will encourage you to be even more generous than you may have imagined possible.

To be good stewards of the environment, we have moved our pledging online. * Please take a moment to visit our website to fill out your 2019 pledge information:

sharehope.org/pledge

As we pledge our support, we express our hope for HOPE, and our trust that God is doing great things through us and through HOPE's ministries. We are so grateful to have your support. Join us on November 25, 2018 for a grand celebration!

In Dedication,

Your Stewardship Team

Tim Higgins, Molly Hankins, Linda James, Les Pierce, and Pastor Lucas

* Paper copies are available by request. Please contact Pastor Lucas

News & Notes

Holiday Gift Card Sales



Special weekly gift card orders will begin on Sunday, November 18, and will be offered for four weeks - through Sunday, December 9. Please click [HERE](#) to print an order form, or pick one up at the front desk. Print the form, place your order, and turn it in each Sunday with your payment (cash or checks made payable to HOPE UCC). Your cards will be available for pick up the following Sunday after your order is placed. If there is a card you want that is not on the list, please contact Gail at HOPE UCC (hope@sharehope.org or 630-922-0470) and she can check to see if it is offered. Remember HOPE UCC is accepting gift cards for the Share the Spirit program. Share the Spirit gift cards will be accepted at HOPE until Sunday, December 2. Questions about ordering gift cards? Contact Jeanne Smith or Gail at HOPE for more information.

Stewardship Sunday Celebration Luncheon

On **Sunday, November 25**, join in the fun of a Chili Cook-Off! Make your favorite kind of chili: vegetarian, chicken, Cincinnati, beef & bean, no-bean, etc. If you're not into chili, join the kids eating hot dogs and chips. We could also use cornbread or muffins, salads, and desserts. An award will be given for the best chili – as decided by our panel of non-bribeable judges!!! Sign up in the lobby. Please contact Linda James (ldj7900@sbcglobal.net or 630-877-7943) for more information.



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.

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 18 – Matthew 5:13-16, **December 2** – Luke 21:25-36, **December 16** – Luke 3:7-18

PADS – PORK CHOP DINNER

Wow!! Are HOPE Partners and friends an incredible bunch!!! All of the volunteer needs for our upcoming PADS dinner were taken on the first Sunday!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!!



Should you still want to help, contributions to HOPE's Mission fund will assist in defraying the cost of the food purchased. Please use the envelopes in the "Sign-In" booklets and write "PADS" and your name on the outside. Thanks! If you have any questions, please contact Nick Dempsey.

Polar Express is heading to HOPE UCC!

Get your PJ's ready and come jump on **THE POLAR EXPRESS**. The movie comes to HOPE UCC on **Saturday, December 8** with doors opening at 6 p.m. The "train" leaves at 6:30 p.m. Cost will be \$5 per person with a \$15 max per family. If you're planning on attending this interactive event, you'll be put on a wait list until payment is received. Only 90 seats available on this train and payment locks you in to your ticket. Payment is due by December 2. **ALL ABOARD!!!**



HOPE UCC FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

THE
POLAR EXPRESS
INTERACTIVE

please plan on wearing your pajamas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8th
Festivities begin at 6 pm, movie starts at 6:30 pm.
1701 Quincy Avenue, Suite 27, Naperville, IL 60540

\$5 per person/\$15 cap per family

PURCHASE TICKETS
by December 2nd to reserve your seat on the Polar Express
hope@sharehope.org or call #630.922.0470

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The Polar Express ROUND TRIP

People's Resource Center: Share the Spirit Holiday Toy Drive

HOPE and People's Resource Center (PRC) are working together to make the holidays hopeful and brighter for low-income DuPage County residents this holiday season. Each year, PRC collects children's gifts to be distributed to client families during the annual Share the Spirit drive. This year, over 800 client families will be invited to pick out gifts for their kids through PRC's Share the Spirit program. With your support, PRC can help provide a little bit of joy and hope through the annual Share the Spirit Program.

Here's how you can help:

1. We will be collecting new and unwrapped toys, books, hats/mittens etc. and gift cards until **Sunday, Dec. 2nd**. The gift cards will be given for the teenage children. Requested gift cards are Kohl's, Target, Walmart, Old Navy. Each family will also receive a grocery store gift card when they come in to shop for their toys. **Remember to order our gift cards and you will be giving to both HOPE and Share the Spirit.**
2. We will be providing volunteers on the distribution days at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. There will be positions for all abilities—from wrapping gifts to being a personal shopper with the families coming through. The date is to be announced.

If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Lane at shannonlane30@aol.com or Jolene Fiscella at j.fiscella@abcgloba.net. If you would like more information on the amazing work of PRC, check out their website at <http://www.peoplesrc.org>.



Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for Lily H. She is going through some hard times. Please keep her in your prayers and let her know how much she is loved. (Linda J.)
- † Prayers needed for my grandson, Alex. Skateboard accident, a break on both arms behind the elbow. (Linda J.)
- † Please pray for those of us who are seeking space for grief, sadness, anger, or loss.
- † Let's pray for John, my friend Carrie's 15-year-old son. The doctors cannot figure out what is causing his illness. He is in the hospital and is down to 88 pounds. (Zach)
- † Prayers needed for my friend, Stacey, who is ill. (Zach)
- † Let us pray for a student at the school where I work. He is struggling with identity issues without a lot of support. Staff are doing their best, but prayers are needed! (Katie M.)
- † We are grateful for a clean bill of health for Nathan's and Josh's mother after her ultrasound, and ask for continued prayers for their father, as he heals from his knee replacement. (Erin)
- † Thanksgiving for doctors and specialists, and family support. Also HOPE UCC, where we are there for each other. (Sally)
- † Let us pray for my nephew, Aiden. His school had to call an ambulance this week because he could not control his outbursts. Aiden realizes he gets out of control but says he can't help it because his mind is thinking so quickly. (Tony)
- † Prayers for a safe and fun New York City Marathon for all runners. May my neighbor, John M., have a great race and P.R. (Tanya)
- † Please pray for our Illinois National Guard, who are being deployed overseas to Afghanistan.
- † Let's pray for Karon and Katie. Karon took a spill and hit her face. She ended up in the E.R. but is at home healing now. (Mark G.)
- † Prayers for me, as we start our tech week for the play that opens this weekend. (Mark G.)
- © Happy 40th birthday to Ed H.! We love you, Dad! (Henry and Julie H.)



Celebrating Birthdays

11/11 Gail Bassett
11/13 Danielle David
11/20 Mary Alessandri
11/23 Jeanne Smith
11/25 Genevieve Hankins
11/26 Henry Hapke

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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Tuesday - Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of
HOPE Happenings is November 13, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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>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>November 14, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
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<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>Ministry Council Meeting (Following Worship)</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>
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<p>November 25, Sunday</p> 	<p>Stewardship Sunday Celebration & Luncheon @ HOPE UCC (Please see article for more information.)</p>
<p>November 28, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
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