

## News & Notes

### 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-bribable judges!!! Sign up in the lobby. Please contact Linda James ([ldj7900@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ldj7900@sbcglobal.net) or 630-877-7943) for more information.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:hope@sharehope.org) or call #630.922.0470

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ROUND TRIP

Don't forget to fill out your 2019 pledge card soon! Visit: [www.sharehope.org/pledge](http://www.sharehope.org/pledge)

## Holiday Gift Card Sales



Weekly gift card orders will begin this 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 on 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](mailto:hope@sharehope.org) or 630-922-0470) and she can check to see if it is offered. Questions about ordering gift cards? Contact Jeanne Smith or Gail at HOPE for more information.

Here are a few ideas for purchasing and maximizing the amount of rebate that HOPE UCC receives:

- Share the Spirit (collected through December 2, please see article below) – Donate gift cards such as grocery stores, Target, Old Navy, or Kohls
- Share order forms with family, friends, and co-workers. Collect the forms and checks (made payable to HOPE UCC) and submit them to HOPE UCC
- Buy Amazon gift cards to shop on smile.amazon.com or amazon.com
- Purchase gift cards for those who serve you...letter carriers, hair stylists, teachers, or neighbors
- Buy gift cards for food shopping, gas cards for travel, or restaurant cards for dining out

Submit Order By:	Pick-Up Date @ HOPE UCC
Sunday, November 18	Sunday, November 25
Sunday, November 25	Sunday, December 2
Sunday, December 2	Sunday, December 9
Sunday December 9	Sunday, December 16

## 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.



## Christmas Carol Sing-Along (9:45 a.m.)

Join us before Worship at 9:45 a.m. during Advent (**December 2, 9 and 16**) for a Christmas Carol Sing-Along.

## 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](mailto:shannonlane30@aol.com) or Jolene Fiscella at [j.fiscella@abcglobal.net](mailto:j.fiscella@abcglobal.net). If you would like more information on the amazing work of PRC, check out their website at <http://www.peoplesrc.org>.

## Blue Christmas Service – December 21 (7 p.m.)



Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died; it may be a time that has always been difficult. The constant refrains on radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost. The anguish of the death of a loved one can make us feel alone in the midst of the celebrating and joy. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness; we need to know that we are not alone. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.

## Christmas Eve Service @ HOPE UCC (5:30 p.m.)

We will have our Christmas Eve worship service 5:30 p.m. with a Carol Sing beginning at 5:15 p.m. The service will include an Instant Christmas pageant and will end with cookies and hot chocolate. Please bring some cookies if you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share!



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**(This is the spot to share your personal announcements.  
Submit items to the HOPE UCC Office by Tuesday, 2 p.m.)**

mark Geiger's play



by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman

### Nov. 9-11 and 16-18, 2018

**Lincoln Center, 935 Maple Avenue, Downers Grove, IL**

Friday and Saturday at 8pm, Sunday at 2pm

Box Office: 630-415-3682 or [groveplayers.org](http://groveplayers.org)

**Adult: \$20, Senior: \$17, Student: \$17**

Tickets also available at Lincoln Center or Evelyn Jane Boutique, 1008 Curtiss St. in Downers Grove



## **Sharing Joys & Concerns**

### **Please keep these people & events in your prayers:**

- † Let us pray for all the veterans who have given their lives as we honor them today. Keep all those who served in your prayers as well.
- † Prayers for Parker, who will be going through his life-changing surgery. Keep him and Sam in your prayers. Safe surgery and quick healing. (Mark and the Rainbow Faith group)
- † Pray for me...I'm having top surgery on Tuesday! Pray for calm and peace heading into surgery, patience during recovery, and for all the awesome people helping me during recovery. (Parker)
- † Let's pray for all the people (and animals) of California who are affected by the wildfires. Keep all the firefighters safe. (Mark G.)
- † Pray for John, who is the son of my friend Carrie. He is hospitalized again and continues to lose weight. He is 15 years old and 85 pounds. Trying to find a diagnosis and treatment. (Zach)
- † Please pray for May, my friend Nicole's mother. She fell two months ago and has had multiple infections and surgeries. She is in and out of the hospital and is currently an inpatient. (Zach)
- † Prayers for our cousin who is struggling with her health and other personal issues. Prayers for her own strength. Prayers that we know how to support her. (Shannon & Melody)



## Celebrating Birthdays

11/18 Dan 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](mailto: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

This Sunday's topic is a TED X talk entitled "It's Worth Listening to People You Disagree With".

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

## 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 November 20, by 2 p.m.**

**Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.**

**Thanks!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p><b>November 14, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>PADS Dinner @ First Congregational UCC, Naperville</b> (Please contact Nick Dempsey for more information.)</p>
<p><b>November 15, Thursday</b></p> 	<p><b>Women Out to Lunch (Noon)</b> Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month. Lively conversation, great food &amp; 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><b>November 18, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Ministry Council Meeting (Following Worship)</b></p>
<p><b>November 18, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</b></p>
<p><b>November 20, Tuesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b> Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p><b>November 21, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b> Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>November 22, Thursday</b></p> 	<p><b>Happy Thanksgiving! HOPE UCC Office will be closed.</b></p>
<p><b>November 25, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</b></p>
<p><b>November 25, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (1-3 p.m.)</b> 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: <a href="http://www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/">www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/</a> If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact <b>Pastor Lucas</b>.</p>
<p><b>November 25, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Stewardship Sunday Celebration &amp; Luncheon @ HOPE UCC</b> (Please see article for more information.)</p>
<p><b>November 28, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b> Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>December 2, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>Hakuna Matata means "No worries"!</b> Our Advent theme will bring together the stories of our faith and the music of The Lion King. Stay after service for a showing of the Disney movie. Bring a brown bag lunch. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.</p>
<p><b>December 2, Sunday</b></p> 	<p><b>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</b></p>
<p><b>December 4, Tuesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b> Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p><b>December 5, Wednesday</b></p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b> Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p><b>December 8, Saturday</b></p> 	<p><b>The Polar Express is coming to HOPE UCC (Doors open @ 6 p.m.)</b> (Please see article for more information.)</p>