



Thanksgiving is such a great holiday. We all have said it at some point - it is such great idea - to be thankful and eat pie!! A time to be together with no presents - just food and being with those we love and care about.

This year I encourage you to spend some time telling and listening to stories. Ask those around the table one of the following questions. Be sure to listen to the little ones as much as the “experienced at life” ones. Maybe video tape a story or have someone draw the story as it is being told. Enjoy the time together - you are not only hearing memories, but you are making them as well.

1. Name one thing about someone in the room that you really appreciate.
2. If you had \$100 to spend on someone here at the table, who and what would it be?
3. What traditions, rituals or habits do you have at Thanksgiving?
4. Is there a family heirloom at the Thanksgiving table? What its story?
5. If you could eat only one food from this meal this year, what would it be?
6. Name five things that make you happy today.
7. Tell us a memory of eating at your grandparents’ house.
8. What is one thing that you would like to accomplish in the next year?
9. If you could share Thanksgiving dinner today with one person in history who would it be? Why? (Note: it can be a relative)
10. If you could invent a holiday, what would it be called and what would you celebrate?

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!!

Becky McCabe

HOPE UCC Past Ministry Council Moderator

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

News & Notes

Holiday Gift Card Sales



Weekly gift card orders will be offered 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 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 25	Sunday, December 2
Sunday, December 2	Sunday, December 9
Sunday December 9	Sunday, December 16

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!!! Please contact Linda James (ldj7900@sbcglobal.net or 630-877-7943) if you'd like to participate or 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.



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.

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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OF CHRIST

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>.

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!



A BIG PADS THANK YOU!!!!

Thanks to all the volunteers and contributors who made last Wednesday's PADS grilled pork chop dinner such a success!!! We served a large group of 48 guests and about a dozen volunteers. This was one of the largest crowds we've fed in quite a while! Everyone really enjoyed the meal! Your efforts were truly appreciated!!!

Special thanks to Barbara Roethel, Linda James, Mary Kroening, Barb Zigterman, Linda Smith, Tina Wetzel, Erin Cooley and Jill and Jay Hruska for providing the dinner. Les Pierce, Becky McCabe, Tina Wetzel, and Jane Dempsey for helping with the cooking and in the kitchen. Also, a big THANKS to those who made a monetary contribution. THANKS TO ALL!!!!!!

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for my cousin, Bob H., who has just had a feeding tube inserted. His esophageal cancer will not allow food to pass, and he is down to 116 lbs. (Sally B.)
- † Safe traveling and peace for families during this Thanksgiving week.
- † Please pray for me, as I am having laser surgery on my right eye to stop the bleeding. (Zach)
- † Prayers for my daughter, Jessica and her family, as they mourn the loss of two beloved family pets. (Linda S.)
- † Peace for my friend, Angie and her family, as dad was just brought home in hospice care. (Anna)
- † Prayers for good health for my son and nephew. (Anna)
- † I need your prayers. Keep my voice strong for my last performance of the play "You Can't Take It with You" and thank you to my fellow HOPErs who attended. (Mark G.)
- † Let us pray for the people of California, who are still battling the wildfires and the aftermath. (Mark G.)
- † Prayers for Parker as he heals from his surgery. (Rainbow Faith Group)
- † Please pray for Aiden, Tony's nephew. Doctor has told us to watch closely. He has suicidal tendencies. (Tony)
- † Let us pray for Rhys. His casts are OFF! Pray that his skin continues to heal, and his progress with walking continues. (Danielle D.)
- † Prayers to please heal our Cooper, so he can be a "puppy" again. (The Zillmers)
- ☉ Praises for another birthday for Dan D. Our family is so lucky to have you! Happy birthday! We love you! (Danielle D.)
- ☉ Let us celebrate as Mary Alessandri is turning 80 years old. We love you, Mary! You are such a treasure! (Zach)
- ☉ Grateful for the gift of Jackie T. in our lives, as HOPE family, and as friend. What a unique, witty, fun, and loving soul so full of wisdom. (The Zillmers)



Celebrating Birthdays

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
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Past Moderator	Becky McCabe
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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 "Freedom of Speech and Controversy".

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:
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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**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of
HOPE Happenings is November 27, by 2 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>November 22, Thursday</p> 	<p>Happy Thanksgiving! HOPE UCC Office will be closed.</p>
<p>November 25, Sunday</p> 	<p>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</p>
<p>November 25, 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 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>
<p>December 2, Sunday</p> 	<p>Hakuna Matata means "No worries"! 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>
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<p>December 4, 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>December 5, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>December 8, Saturday</p> 	<p>The Polar Express is coming to HOPE UCC (Doors open @ 6 p.m.) (Please see article for more information.)</p>
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<p>December 12, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>December 16, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>December 18, 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>December 19, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>December 20, 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>