

Happy New Year!

The dawn of the new year brings opportunities for reflection and resolutions. I think it also brings an opportunity for reaffirmations. While we try and look forward and set goals through resolutions, it is also powerful to reaffirm the commitments we make both individually and as a congregation. The New Year can be a time to reaffirm our commitments to equity, inclusion, justice, and love. I saw this posted on social media and thought these statements serve as both reaffirming and resolutions.

i am no victim of life; i shape change.
we are not victims of circumstance; we shape change.

i practice what i want to become.
we practice what we want to create.

i am a microcosm of all the possible justice, liberation,
pleasure and honesty in the universe, and i act
accordingly.

i remember that i exist only in relationship to other people
and systems.

i accept that i cannot change others, but i can hold
standards for my own life.

i willingly engage in and support transformative justice
processes for accountability and getting in right
relationship.

i create more possibilities in the face of scarcity thinking.

i act from and towards love.

We at HOPE can also reaffirm our commitments to:

- Be open and affirming
- Unite personal faith with social justice
- Engage in prayer with peacemaking
- Combine spirituality with action

What ways can we expand these actions? How can we be more intentional both individually and collectively? Starting with reaffirming our beliefs and principles, we can have the best 2019 we can.

Michael Manderino

HOPE UCC Ministry Council Moderator

News & Notes

PADS - We Still Need Help Please!

HOPE will be providing dinner for the PADS homeless families on Wednesday, January 9th. We still need some help!!

We need:

Three volunteers to prepare a 9x13 pan of Bacon-Macaroni & Cheese (pans with recipes will be available at HOPE this Sunday)

- Donations to help pay for meatloaf ingredients and the vegetables, salad, rolls, mild, relishes, etc. that go into making this a complete meal.

Please sign-up on the sheet on the PADS Board out front. For any questions, please contact either one of us.

Thank you!!!

Becky McCabe and Tina Wetzel



SAVE THE DATE! Open Mic Night @ HOPE UCC

Save the date – On January 25, we want to showcase you and your gifts. Calling all singers, dancers, comedians, writers and other great talents! We provide the mic and a piano, you provide your preferred media. More details will be announced.

These groups meet regularly... Join us!

- Explore Your Faith Breakfast – Meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. Join us at Quincy's Restaurant, Naperville for fellowship and discussion.
- Evening Explore Your Faith – Meets twice a month at HOPE UCC. Join us at 7 p.m. for conversation and fellowship. Next meeting will be on January 15.
- Women Out to Lunch – Gatherings are on the third Thursday of the month at noon at Giordano's Pizza, Naperville. Great food and camaraderie.



Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for the families of HOPE, both birth and chosen, especially those with unmet needs. (Sally)
- † Prayers for all those struggling during the holiday season. Prayers for comfort.
- † I am feeling very touched and fortunate by all the love and encouragement my HOPE family has been showing me lately. I love you all! (Erin C.)
- † Please pray for my sister, Liz. She was hospitalized with chest pains related to her cancer. She is home now, but with many restrictions. (Barb Z.)
- † Thanks for continued healing for our nephew. He has progressed to a liquid diet and the wound vac was removed. (The Higgins)
- † Let us pray for Georg H., father of Laurie H., that he finds some resolution to his G.I. issues. (Sally)
- † I am thankful to have gotten through surgery this past week. Grateful to be doing well and here today. Thanks everyone for prayers and support. (Jolene F.)
- † Prayers for Zach and Kaleb as they travel back to Chicago and Phoenix after Christmas with their dad, Edward, and his new husband, David. (Mark)
- † Prayers for peace for the families of cousin Mary Clare and friend Carol M., who both passed away within the past four days. (Anna)
- † Let us pray for the family of Penny M., who was found dead in her home. She was a very dear friend of my sister, Rose. (Zach)
- ☺ Prayers for Julie Hapke. We are celebrating the 10th anniversary of Julie's 30th birthday. (Ed & Henry)
- ☺ The joy of Christmas – the love of friends – the hope for tomorrow through the people of HOPE.
- ☺ Joy! Today is my son's and my nephew's birthdays. May 2019 be one of good health and many positive opportunities. (Anna)
- ☺ Prayers for my niece who is celebrating her birthday today! She was the first niece or nephew born into our family. (Uncle Mark)
- ☺ Congratulations, Bea Polverini, who was featured in Chicago magazine! (Mark)
- ☺ Thank you to Dan David and Jon Chambers for the beautiful art in the back of the sanctuary. Your gifts have transformed our gathering space. (HOPE UCC Partners)
- ☺ So happy that Jolene is with us today!



Celebrating Birthdays

01/04 Ravinia Zillmer
01/05 Antoinette Evans
01/08 Anna Ahonen
01/18 Jackie Pierce
01/22 Emily Fosen
01/24 Milo Cooley
01/25 Bill Zigterman
01/27 Becky McCabe

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, January 13 & 27 @ 9 a.m. HOPE UCC

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:
January 13 – Luke 3:15-22, **January 27** – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

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 January 8, by 12 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>January 6, Sunday</p> 	<p>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</p>
<p>January 9, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>January 9, Wednesday</p> 	<p>PADS Dinner @ First Congregational UCC, Naperville (6 p.m.)</p>
<p>January 13, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>January 13, 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>January 15, 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>January 16, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>January 17, Thursday</p> 	<p>Women Out to Lunch (Noon) – CANCELLED – Next gathering will be February 21 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>January 20, Sunday</p> 	<p>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</p>
<p>January 23, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>January 25, Friday</p>	<p>Open Mic Night @ HOPE UCC (7 p.m.) Please see article for more info.</p>
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<p>January 27, Sunday</p> 	<p>Annual Congregational Meeting (Following Worship)</p>
<p>January 30, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Saturday, January 19, 2019
10:00am
Kick-off: Kane County Courthouse Parking Lot
100 South Third Street, Geneva IL

JOIN US

Fox Valley Illinois' Women's March is led by women but is for everyone. When women rise, we bring our communities with us, and our march is bringing together people from all backgrounds, faiths, genders, ethnicities, disabilities, sexualities, ages, and immigration statuses to affirm our shared humanity and pronounce our bold message of self-determination and unity.

All who share Fox Valley Illinois' Women's March values are welcome to participate.

- 10:00am - Gather for rally at Kane County Courthouse Parking Lot/West Side
- 10:30am - March steps off on to Third Street, near James Street
- 11:00am - March ends on Third Street, near South Street
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REGISTER HERE: [Fox Valley Illinois' Women's March Registration](#)

Registration on Facebook is appreciated, not required.

DONATE HERE: [Fox Valley Illinois' Women's March Donation](#)

If you are able, please consider making a donation. We need your help to cover the costs incurred in bringing you a safe and enjoyable march. With your donation to Fox Valley's Women's March, you are investing in a locally-organized march. The march is not affiliated or financially supported by the National Women's March.

TRANSPORTATION: [Metra Train Schedule](#)

Union-Pacific West, Geneva Stop, is conveniently located within a 5 minute walk to Kane County Courthouse.

PARKING: [Parking downtown Geneva](#)

Organizers: We Can Lead Change-Fox Valley and Kane County Coalition.

Partnered with Mutual Ground Domestic & Sexual Violence Services.

Follow the event on Facebook for updated march information:

[We Can Lead Change Fox Valley Facebook](#)

Contact: womensmarchfoxvalley.il@gmail.com