

Random thoughts for this week...

I really liked the Children's Time last Sunday – nice job, Erin – and so many kiddos!!! The sermon was good, too. ☺

Wasn't it great to see so many kids in church on Sunday – and people we haven't seen for a while? Community is so important. I think HOPE does community really well.

It is already Wednesday...how did that happen? Our son turned 43 last Monday – **how did that happen?**

Nick Dempsey does an amazing job with PADS. He and Janey are gone to Florida for a few months and so Tina and I are "in charge" for this quarter. He left us incredibly organized directions and plans. We are very impressed. Tina has taken on the brunt of the work this week. I think I will have to take her out for meatloaf sometime soon.

I'm running for School Board and it is crazy. I'm startled by some voters - How can people not like me when they don't even know me? I guess that is better than knowing me and not liking me!

I am meeting a lot of new people through my school board campaign. I am sitting down with people I don't know, who assume a lot about me and who don't want to vote for me. It's strange but enlightening. I think I will learn a lot about my community and about myself.

Running for political office teaches you a tremendous amount about civics, the law and the Constitution. I think we all need more "learnin'" on these critical components of democracy - especially our elected officials.

And I feel really bad for the Bears' kicker. I know he makes \$9M – but I still feel really bad. Though baseball spring training is coming up – and football will be a thing of the past.

The government shutdown is a mess – what happened to governing vs politicking? Our other son is impacted by it – but he has resources (Ken and me). I can't imagine how many families are getting through this. It is impacting beyond federal workers – those who provide services to those workers and they will never get back the lost income.

Women's March in Geneva on January 19th – my little resistance group is sponsoring it – and there is a ton of work that goes into it. We are a hard-working group of older women – and we get things done. Hope you will join us.

Have you noticed the sun is up longer? January means moving - we are moving back to summer. And wonderful Mother Earth keeps doing her thing....

Have a wonderful week, you all.



Becky McCabe

HOPE UCC Past Ministry Council Moderator

News & Notes



Open Mic Night @ HOPE UCC

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.

HOPE UCC Annual Congregational Meeting

Following Worship on January 27, HOPE UCC will hold its Annual Meeting. During this meeting, the HOPE partners will vote on the 2019 Budget and Ministry Council nominees. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Cook Book Fundraiser



Have you ever wondered how Jeanne & Trott make Corn Chowder taste so good?! Or what is in Dave's winning Chili?! Or what makes Linda's "Christmas Crack" so addictive?! Have you ever asked, "Who made THAT?" and "Where's the recipe?" at a HOPE UCC pot luck?! Well the craving ends here with a chance for HOPErs to share their culinary greatness!

Over the next several months, we will be collecting recipes from the congregation... Each month will have its own theme... The intent is to compile these recipes and construct a cook book to be sold as a fundraiser for HOPE UCC and its missions - and just in time for Christmas 2019!

For the month of January, "Appetizers" will be the theme... Please bring your favorite crowd-pleasing appetizer recipe to church on any Sunday in January or submit via email to Dee Zillmer, deeliriousone@aol.com THANK YOU!

Excited to "share the table" one step further!

These HOPE UCC 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. Next get-together is February 21. Hope to see you!
- Rainbow Faith – As a ministry of HOPE UCC, we are committed to being welcoming, inclusive, affirming, and loving of all who wish to join. Some of us are brand new to reentering the life of a church, others of us are skeptical of faith, and others of us are still fearful after the hurt the church has caused us. This is a place where all, no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, are welcome to be present, build relationships, and wonder, question, and explore your faith. Please join us on January 13 for our next meeting from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Landing – HOPE's Youth Ministry's mission is to foster a loving and safe environment for young people that nurtures the discovery of their own identity as a person of faith. Invites relationships between youth and their larger faith community and; that encourages wondering about their connection to the complex and changing world around them. Next meeting is Sunday, January 13 following Worship.



Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for Les P. on his journey to recovery. He has moved to a subacute rehab center. May his therapy continue to improve his movements. (Barb & Bill Z.)
- † Please pray for me. I am just at the point where I have taken enough and need to walk away from a family member. I need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to do this. It's all beyond being able to be resolved. (Zach)
- † Prayers needed for Susanne S. Her father was taken by ambulance to the ER. (Mark G.)
- † Pray for my friend, Antony, and his family. His son died by suicide. Also pray for this crazy world in general. (Nicole)
- † Let's pray for our friend, Pat, and her family. Her mom passed away. Prayers for comfort. (Shannon & Melody)
- † I am feeling very challenged with showing kindness to someone in my social circle. Please pray for my patience and compassion towards them. (Erin C.)
- † Prayers for the family of my ex-sister-in-law, Sandi, who just went home to heaven to be with her husband. (Sally B.)
- † Let us pray for the family of my friend, Dan. His father was just placed in hospice. (Zach)
- † Pray for me. I'm going back to work this week after eight weeks off for recovery. (Parker)
- ☉ Celebrating! Becky M.'s family is celebrating her run for District 303 School Board. Becky's dedication to education and children will make a difference! (Tina)
- ☉ Prayers of thanks that my son, Derek, found a place in California to move to in February. Now to find an agent. (Anna)
- ☉ Grateful for time spent with family and loved ones throughout the holiday season. Thankful for recent reports of positive healing for Mom's art! Lastly, celebrating Jackie's presence in church today! (The Zillmers)
- ☉ Thanksgiving for celebrating 20 years with my lovely partner, Melody. She is the best thing that ever happened to me! (Shannon)
- ☉ Hurray for Jackie Thurston! (HOPE UCC Family)
- ☉ Congratulations to my friend, Ryan, whose first nephew (Jameson) was born this week. (Erin)



Celebrating Birthdays

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 – @ 9 a.m. HOPE UCC

Adult Christian Education

January 13 (Led by Don Fosen)

January 20 (Leader TBD)

January 27 – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 (Led by Pastor Lucas)

February 3, 10 and 17 – (Led by Erin Cooley and Jon Chambers)

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 January 15, by 12 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<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>
<p>February 3, Sunday</p> 	<p>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</p>
<p>February 5, 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>February 6, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>February 10, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
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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