

New Year, Same Us

I enjoy New Year's resolutions; I almost always make some, and often even achieve them! This year I had a few: a number of books I wanted to read, some habits I wanted to kick, some others I wanted to develop. But the biggest resolution I made was this: I want to look back more.

Sometimes I wonder if I don't focus overmuch on the future. There's so much I want to accomplish in my life, it's tempting to keep my eyes glued to the horizon, waiting for the next big thing that's coming. But as I looked out into a fresh new year, full of chances for growth and change, something stopped me. Before I charged into a "New Year, New Me" mentality, I wanted to look back on the things that happened to me during the year that had ended. I wanted a chance to enjoy the memories I'd made.

Lucky for me, I got a chance to do so – not only on a personal level, but also on a communal level when I volunteered to prepare the slideshow for the upcoming HOPE UCC annual meeting. I combed back through all the photos we took during worship and Jesus Has Left the Building and community life activities, picking through them to try to create a composite image of how we spent our year as a church.

Do you know how we spent it?

We spent it smiling. We spent it engaged and loving. We spent it marching and eating and laughing and teaching and learning and sharing. We spent it together.

As we move into the new year and talk about what's in store for HOPE in 2019, I'm excited for what's to come – because I know, by looking back on all your smiling faces, that no matter what we do, it's going to be wonderful.

Erin Cooley

HOPE UCC Designated Ministry Council Moderator



News & Notes



Open Mic Night @ HOPE UCC

On **January 25**, come see the talent! Join us for HOPE's Open Mic Night! Twelve talented acts will perform on Friday at 7 p.m. The event is free!!! Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Tell your friends and family members to come to support you. Children must be supervised by an adult.

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!

Adult Quest

Join Adult Quest on February 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 9 a.m. as we delve into the messages churches send to their members through art, worship, and more. What does it tell the body of Christ to provide inclusive representation of the Holy Family? What does it tell the body of Christ when worship services in the western world incorporate non-Western practices? Come prepared for a fun, informative, and interesting discussion!



SOUPer Bowl Sunday



HOPE UCC's SOUP POTLUCK will be on **Sunday, February 3**, following church service. Bring your favorite soup to share. Community Life will provide bread, desserts and drinks. HOPE's mini fundraiser football squares will be sold for \$2 each, max five squares per person. Bring a can of soup for Loaves and Fishes. The goal this year is to collect 53 cans of soup!

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 February 5.
- Women Out to Lunch – Gatherings are on the third Thursday of the month at noon at Giordano's Pizza, Naperville. Great food and camaraderie. The 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 27 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 27 following Worship.




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Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Let us pray for an easy and calm asylum interview on Wednesday, January 30. This church has helped me tremendously in finding peace. After four years of waiting, I connected with God again and he listened to my prayers. (Marija N.)
- † I am so grateful to be in a church and community that intentionally focuses on inclusion and diversity. Our younger partners will grow to be kind and appreciative of those who are different. (Becky)
- † Prayers for Patti, who is struggling with cancer. Please pray for her and her family as she starts treatment this week. (Erin C.)
- † Prayers for a complete recovery and healing for Jill H. and Pastor Lucas' mother. (Anna)
- † Prayers of guidance for us to find a townhome for us to move in at the end of February. (Anna)
- ☺ Yay! Mom is officially out of her arm brace! (The Zillmers)



Celebrating Birthdays

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 27 - Don Fosen
February 3 - Erin Cooley and Jon Chambers
February 10 - Erin Cooley and Jon Chambers
February 17 - Erin Cooley and Jon Chambers
February 24 - Pastor Lucas

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 29, by 12 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>January 25, Friday</p> 	<p>Open Mic Night @ HOPE UCC (7 p.m.) Please see article for more info.</p>
<p>January 27, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>January 27, 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 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 3, Sunday</p> 	<p>SOUPer Bowl Sunday @ HOPE UCC (Following Worship) Please see article for more information.</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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<p>February 13, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>February 17, Sunday</p> 	<p>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</p>
<p>February 17, Sunday</p> 	<p>New Partner Class @ HOPE UCC (11 a.m.)</p>
<p>February 19, 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 20, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>February 21, 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>February 21-March 5</p> 	<p>Office Manager Out of Office</p>