

The Danger of Silence

As this week begins the season of Lent, we enter a time for reflection and action. When I was growing up Lent was often about what you gave up, pop candy, meat on Fridays. Yet, for me, those acts didn't make me think about Easter that much. It was more of an expectation or an act. Conversely, a Lenten act may be to do something instead of give something up. Personally, I have struggled to think about what I can do that is more enduring rather than be a 40-day expectation or act. A few years ago, a friend shared a spoken word poem by Clint Smith III who is an educator, author, and activist. The poem is called *The Danger of Silence* in which he reflects on his choice one Lent to give up his voice. This year as I ponder and reflect on the meaning of Lent, this poem has been a persistent voice in my head. A performance of the poem can be viewed here:

https://www.ted.com/talks/clint_smith_the_danger_of_silence?language=en

Mike Manderino

HOPE UCC Past Ministry Council Moderator



News & Notes

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!

Baby, it's STILL cold outside! Time for comfort food! For the month of March, "Casseroles" will be the theme - easy to make, easy to enjoy! Please bring your favorite crowd-pleasing casserole recipe to church on any Sunday in March or submit via email to Dee Zillmer, deeliriousone@aol.com THANK YOU! Excited to "share the table" one step further!

WORSHIP Ministry Thanks You!

Thank you so much for sharing your extension cords, griddles, frying pans, crock pots, tongs, and flippers for the HOPE Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday Pancake dinner!

It was a lot of fun to cook together. It's amazing to see the various pancake techniques for buttering, "syruping", and stacking or side-by-siding. We enjoyed the provided "tunes" and best of all is the chance to visit and get to know people. And of course, the pancake eating isn't too bad either!

We appreciate your willingness to help make a special evening possible!!!

Have a good day!

HOPE UCC Worship Committee

*Mary Kroening, Anna Ahonen, Ellen Brady,
Marie Higgins, & Tony Ozzauto*



HOPE UCC Game Night

Back by popular demand! Mark your calendar! March 9 will find you at the Higgins' home for GAME NIGHT 2019! Family friendly evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack and a willingness to play a game or two!

Meet Us for Brunch!

Join us Sunday, March 24, for brunch at Courtyard Banquets (3S200 Illinois Route 59, Warrenville). All you can eat with an endless amount of choices for \$14.95.



Lisa Sanders in Concert (April 5 @ 7 p.m.)

Mark your calendars! Award-winning singer-songwriter, Lisa Sanders with Brown Sugar Hayes in concert at HOPE UCC! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$10/per person / \$20/per family.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Please keep these people & events in your prayers:

- † Jane D., who broke her arm at the shoulder. Surgery went well, but there is still pain. Prayers for her as she recovers. She and Nick will head home once she can travel. (HOPE UCC Family)
- † Ron P. (Danielle's Dad), has dementia and it seems to be rapidly taking its toll on his mind. He is forgetting who his wife is more and more often. Pray that we can keep him and my mom safe as we make decisions about their future. (Danielle)
- † Jayme D., Dan & Danielle's sister-in-law is 34 weeks pregnant. Pray for a safe and healthy delivery of her baby girl, as Jayme is struggling with gestational diabetes and ICP, a pregnancy induced liver problem. There is an increased chance of stillbirth with these two conditions combined. (Danielle)
- † Allison G. (Danielle's sister), to find work as she tries to re-enter the workforce after 20 years of being a full-time homeschooling mom.
- † Pray for Larry, who had a stroke recently. (Zach)
- † Let's pray for those with seasonal anxiety and depression. Let them know times will change and so will life. (Anonymous)
- † Cordaro Donte S., as he mourns the passing of his grandfather. He was in *Sister Act* with me. (Mark G.)
- † Phyllis & Valerie – Crystal is at peace. God has taken her home. Keep them in your prayers at this difficult time. (Mark G.)
- † Prayers for my friend, Joyce, as she flies to Texas and Florida to visit her family. (Mark G.)
- † Derek's friend, Johnny, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He's only 37 with two small girls. (Anna)
- † Prayers of peace/healing hearts for my friend, Sarah, whose 8-year old granddaughter passed away ten days ago from cardiac arrest from the flu. (Anna)
- † My Aunt Val unexpectedly passed away. Please pray for her family during this time, for safe travels for her siblings and my grandparents as they travel to Michigan, and for me as I go home this week and see that side of the family for the first time in about three years. A handful of them do not know I am trans or about my transition. Prayers for my anxiety and that I can focus on remembering my aunt and not worrying about what others think of me. (Parker)
- † My parents as they struggle to see me as Sam, and for willingness for both of us to recognize our differences but find a way to communicate love. (Sam V.)
- † My friend, Jim D., who is dealing with prostate cancer. (Sally B.)
- † Prayers for the members of the Methodist Church who are struggling. (Sally B.)
- † My friend, Deb, as she flies back to Florida. She was here for our friend, Ray's (RJ) funeral. He had a stroke at work. Please pray for his kids, as well. (Mark)
- † Edward and David as they fly back. They were here to visit his cousin, who is in hospice for her passage to heaven. (Mark)
- † Prayers for rest and peace and grace. I'm exhausted from work. Feels like I need a break. (Sam V.)
- † It's been a long week. Family is hard. Life is a bit hard right now. Struggling to be OK. (Parker)
- † Dee's dad, frustrated with health issues and circumstances...Please offer him your calmness, help him accept taking one day at a time, and recognize that family is here to support him as best they can. (The Zillmer Family)
- † My physician and friend, Aaron L., who is seriously ill and recovering from surgery. (Nello A.)
- † Cousin Danny's quadruple bypass went well. Now he starts the long road to recovery. Prayers are appreciated. (Barb Z.)
- † Jacob B., 25 years in heaven. I love you, Papa! (Tanya B.)
- ☺ Grateful that I'm healing from a nasty virus. Grateful for the love and support from friends, grateful for gift from God that is useful at work. Thanks, God! (Bea)
- ☺ Thanks for the VERY talented bakers – you were appreciated by all of Gene's family and friends. We are blessed with your generous gifts. (Barb Z.)
- ☺ Prayers of thanks for Derek getting all settled and comfortable in L.A. Chuck and I are all moved into our new home. (Anna)
- ☺ With a grateful heart and excitement, Baby L. was born! Mom and baby doing well! (The Zillmer Family)
- ☺ Please celebrate with me! Nello A., the oldest member of our HOPE community turned 83! (Mary A.)
- ☺ Prayers of thanks for my son's movie, *The Transcendents*, is making its way around the world. The website is getting more and more likes, which helps the film. (Anna)



Celebrating Birthdays

03/11 Teri Manderino
03/20 Linda Ley
03/22 Janelle Manderino
03/22 Dee Zillmer

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	Erin Cooley
Des. Moderator	Dan Keil
Past Moderator	Mike Manderino
Treasurer	Les Pierce
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Worship	Mary Kroening
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Quest

ADULT QUEST – @ 9 a.m. HOPE UCC

Adult Christian Education

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 March 12, by 12 p.m.**

Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.

Thanks!

UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>March 9, Saturday</p> 	<p>HOPE UCC Game Night @ Higgins' Home (7-9 p.m.) See article for more info.</p>
<p>March 10, Sunday</p> 	<p>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>March 10, 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>March 13, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
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<p>March 17, Sunday</p> 	<p>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</p>
<p>March 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>March 20, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>March 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>March 23, Saturday</p> 	<p>HOPE UCC Ministry Council Retreat @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)</p>
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<p>March 27, Wednesday</p> 	<p>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>March 31, Sunday</p> 	<p>Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him Details TBA.</p>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Children's *Spring* Resale

ANYONE CAN SELL...ANYONE CAN SHOP!

Saturday, March 9th
7:00am - 1:00pm

\$1.00

Admission for Adults

Dupage County Fairgrounds
Main Exhibit Hall
2015 Manchester Rd, Wheaton

Cash or Credit Cards* Accepted

*Service fee will apply

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Questions Contact:

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