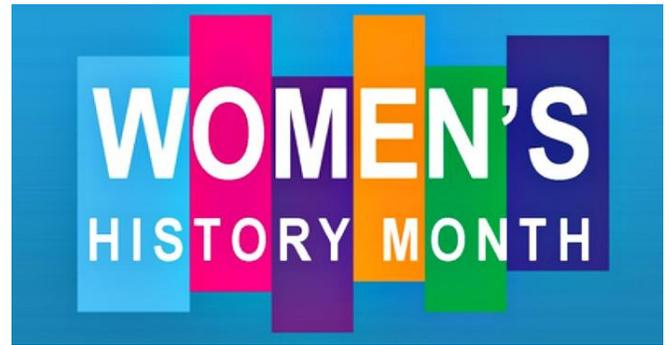


## It's Women's History Month??

I'll be honest: I had no idea March was Women's History Month. When I was asked to write an article for the HOPE Happenings, incorporating my experiences of being a mom, working full-time, and also going to school to complete my degree to tie in with Women's History Month, I agreed without thinking too much about it. I proceeded with the rest of my week as usual. But, now it's later, and I spent quite a bit of time this past weekend reflecting on how I felt about how I did last week as a working woman, a mom, a student, and a wife. And the more I thought about it, the more guilt I felt. I thought about all the mornings I rushed Henry out the door to get him to before-school-care because I had early appointments for work. I thought about the meals I prepared for my family, which definitely lacked in creativity, and often taste, because I'm not the greatest cook. I thought about the dinners I skipped eating with my family after preparing it because I had to finish up my work for the day. I thought about all the times I snapped at Ed and Henry because I was taking my bad day or stress out on them.



You know what? Being a woman is hard! I know I'm not the only woman out there who feels she has to carry the weight of the world on her shoulders. I have regular conversations with friends who are constantly stressed, trying to be everything to everyone. I give my friends the same advice that I suppose I should take myself:

- Take some time for yourself! Go do something you enjoy.
- You and your spouse could probably use a night out alone. Get a babysitter and go out on a date!
- You should schedule a couple days off work.
- You can't do it all. Time to delegate some responsibilities

I am going to try to take my own advice and accomplish at least one of these suggestions this week. If you find you are struggling, I suggest you do the same!

*Julie Hapke*  
HOPE UCC Partner

# 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](mailto:deeliriousone@aol.com) THANK YOU! Excited to "share the table" one step further!

## **Meet Us for Brunch!**

Join us Sunday, March 24, for brunch at Courtyard Banquets (35200 Illinois Route 59, Warrenville). All you can eat with an endless amount of choices for \$14.95.



## **Jesus Has Left the Building & We're Following Him**

Join us March 31 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Ready Set Ride in Plainfield. We will be helping with some spring touchup jobs around the horse stables! Come with us for a fun time to give back to a great organization that does so much for their community and helping those with special needs! Remember, this event takes the place of Worship Service that Sunday.

## **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.



## **Kids' Quest Project – Will you help?**

During Lent we remember Jesus through giving up something (sacrifice) and/or taking on something (service). Kid's Quest would like to ask your help by doing both. Anyone who is willing and able to sacrifice 57 cents/day (\$26.22 for the Lenten season) or some larger or smaller amount is asked to take a contribution basket and return it on Easter Sunday. The Kid's Quest group will work with Pastor Lucas to identify local charities whose service we can assist with the contributed funds after Easter.



We are doing this in memory of Hattie May Wiatt, a girl whose 57 cents, following her death, led to a fundraising effort that built a Sunday School building that was big enough for all children, and that ultimately became the beginning of Temple University. Baskets will be located on the table in the Sanctuary.

## **Dear PADS Volunteers!**

Thank you so much for contributing to our dinner for our PADS homeless guests. They greatly enjoyed our grilled turkey dinner. It was devoured! We served 45 guests and 10 volunteers. Because of your generous support of HOPE's PADS mission through your cooking, turkey slicing and donations, we were able to accommodate such a large crowd well. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

*Becky McCabe and Tina Wetzel*



## **Sharing Joys & Concerns**

### **Please keep these people & events in your prayers:**

- † Let us pray for favorable results next weekend! (Anonymous)
- † Please remember those that have died from drug overdoses and those of us who must remember the senseless shame of a wasted life. (Dan K.)
- † Please pray for my family as we make financial decisions and plans for the future. (Erin C.)
- † Prayers for Dan K. and his family in a time of sadness.
- † Let's pray for those suffering from hatred and victims of the resulting violence in New Zealand. Our hearts break for you. (Sally B.)
- † Prayers for the Muslim community in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- † Please pray for our friends with new knees – Mary K. and Ann S. – Speedy recovery! (The Zigtermans)
- † Let us pray for strength and continued healing for Les P. (The Zigtermans)
- † Prayers for healing for Les P., Mary K., Jane D., Mark G., Robb W., and all suffering with pain that we don't know about. (Anna)
- ☺ Very proud of my sister, Becky, being endorsed by the Daily Herald for school board. (Tina)



## Celebrating Birthdays

03/20 Linda Ley  
03/22 Janelle Manderino  
03/22 Dee Zillmer  
04/10 Les Pierce  
04/12 Quinn Revoldt  
04/12 Harper Revoldt  
04/13 Anthony Lieggi  
04/17 Tony Ozzauto  
04/21 Lela Lauricha  
04/21 Tim Higgins  
04/22 Zach Jarabeck  
04/27 Shannon Lane

If we've missed your birthday, please email  
HOPE's Office Manager at  
[HOPE@shareHOPE.org](mailto: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

<b>Pastor</b>	Lucas King
<b>Moderator</b>	Erin Cooley
<b>Des. Moderator</b>	Dan Keil
<b>Past Moderator</b>	Mike Manderino
<b>Treasurer</b>	Les Pierce
<b>Des. Treasurer</b>	Lela Lauricha
<b>Secretary</b>	Barbara Roethel
<b>Registrar</b>	Jane Trotta
<b>Community Life</b>	Shannon Lane
<b>Education</b>	Marie Higgins
<b>Pastor-Parish</b>	Tim Higgins/Jay Hruska
<b>Marketing &amp; Communications</b>	Jenn Revoldt
<b>Missions</b>	Jolene Fiscella
<b>Resource &amp; Operations</b>	Nick Dempsey
<b>Worship</b>	Mary Kroening
<b>Librarians</b>	Les & Jackie Pierce
<b>Photo Archive</b>	Anna Ahonen
<b>Webmaster</b>	Jenn Revoldt

# 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.

### HOPE United Church of Christ

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**Office Hours:**  
**Tuesday - Thursday - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Deadline for additions or corrections to the next issue of  
HOPE Happenings is March 26, by 12 p.m.**

**Announcements for Sunday due by Wednesday of each week.**

**Thanks!**

# UPCOMING EVENTS @ HOPE UCC

<p>March 21, Thursday</p> 	<p><b>Women Out to Lunch (Noon)</b>          Join the women of HOPE on the third Thursday of each month. Lively conversation, great food &amp; 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><b>HOPE UCC Ministry Council Retreat @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)</b></p>
<p>March 24, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Let's Do Brunch! (Following Worship)</b>          Join fellow HOPErs for brunch at Courtyard Banquets (3S200 Illinois Route 59, Warrenville). All you can eat with an endless amount of choices for \$14.95.</p>
<p>March 24, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.) (CANCELLED)</b></p>
<p>March 24, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Rainbow Faith @ HOPE UCC (1-3 p.m.)</b>          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: <a href="http://www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/">www.meetup.com/Rainbow-Faith-LGBTQ-Christians/</a>          If you have questions, would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact <b>Pastor Lucas</b>.</p>
<p>March 27, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>          Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>March 31, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Jesus Has Left the Building and We're Following Him (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)</b>          We will be helping at Ready Set Ride with some spring touchup jobs around the horse stables! Join us for a fun time to give back to a great organization that does so much for the community and helping those with special needs! Remember, there will be no Worship service that Sunday.</p>
<p>April 2, Tuesday</p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b>          Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p>April 3, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>          Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>April 5, Friday</p> 	<p><b>Lisa Sanders Concert @ HOPE UCC (7 p.m.)</b>          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.</p>
<p>April 7, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>Confirmation Classes Continue @ HOPE UCC (9 a.m.)</b></p>
<p>April 7, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>The Landing (Youth Ministry) @ HOPE UCC (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.) (CANCELLED)</b></p>
<p>April 10, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>          Meets at Quincy's Restaurant, 1112 E. Ogden Avenue, Naperville.</p>
<p>April 14, Sunday</p> 	<p><b>One Great Hour of Sharing – UCC Special Collection (During Worship)</b></p>
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<p>April 16, Tuesday</p> 	<p><b>Evening Explore Your Faith (7 p.m.)</b>          Meets at HOPE UCC, Naperville, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.</p>
<p>April 17, Wednesday</p> 	<p><b>Explore Your Faith Breakfast (7:30 a.m.)</b>          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.)

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## 2019 TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY

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What To Expect at the Event:

- CELEBRATION!
- Nationwide Screening of the Series- "America in Transition", facilitated by Karari Olvera.
- Participate in a panel discussion with members from the Transgender community to learn about the challenges and hopes for the future.
- Become an advocate and use your voice to support Transgender rights!

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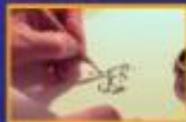
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